

MINUTES
Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners
Executive Search Committee Electronic Meeting
September 21, 2020

The Virginia Port Authority (“VPA”) Executive/Search Committee (“Committee”) held an electronic meeting via the Zoom platform on September 21, 2020.

This electronic meeting is assembled during a declared state of emergency when it is impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location, to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operation of the public body in accordance with Item 4-0.01.g of Chapter 1283 of the 2020 Amendments to the 2019 Appropriation Act.

Chairman Milliken called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and asked Mrs. McNulty to confirm that the public conference line was connected and to conduct a roll call of Board members and others who were on the call. The following were present:

Search Committee Members Calling In:

John G. Milliken, VPA Board Chairman
F. Blair Wimbush, VPA Board Vice Chairman
Faith B. Power, Chair, Finance and Audit Committee
Val S. McWhorter, Chair, Growth and Operations Committee
Jennifer D. Aument, Vice Chair, Growth and Operations Committee

VPA Board Members:

John C. Asbury
J. William Cofer
Manju S. Ganeriwala, State Treasurer
Eva Teig Hardy
Joni Ivey
Louisa M. Strayhorn
Deborah C. Waters

VPA Board Member Absent:

Stephen Moret

VPA Staff:

John F. Reinhart, CEO and Executive Director
Debra J. McNulty, Secretary to the Board
Jodie Asbell, Sr. Executive Asst. to Mr. Reinhart & Asst. Secretary to the Board

Motion to Convene an Electronic Meeting

At 5:15 p.m., Vice Chairman Wimbush made a motion to convene an electronic meeting pursuant to the requirements of Item 4-0.01.g of Chapter 1283 of the 2020 Amendments to the 2019 Appropriation Act, to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operation of the Virginia Port Authority.

Chairman Milliken then explained the factual basis for the motion, as follows:

“It is necessary for the Executive/Search Committee to convene an electronic meeting today to discuss information that is integral to the continued operations of this Port; specifically, to continue the critical mission of interviewing and evaluating candidates for the future leadership of The Port of Virginia.”

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aument and unanimously carried.

Ayes: 5 (Milliken, Wimbush, Aument, Power, McWhorter)

Nays: 0

Absent During Vote: 0

Absent During Meeting: 0

Certification of Closed Session convened on July 27, 2020, in accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712.B

At this time Vice Chairman Wimbush made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Search Committee had convened a closed meeting on July 27, 2020, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee recessed the July 27 meeting and continued closed sessions on August 5 and August 6, in accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712.B; and

WHEREAS, §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Search Committee certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee."

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Power and Mrs. McNulty conducted a roll call of the Executive Search Committee members.

Ayes: 5 (Milliken, Wimbush, Aument, Power, McWhorter)

Nays: 0

Absent During Vote: 0

Absent During Meeting: 0

Chairman Milliken then made the following public notice announcement as allowed by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712.B: **The Search Committee will be meeting at one or more undisclosed times and undisclosed locations within the next 15 days for the sole purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority.**

Opportunity for Public Comment

Chairman Milliken asked if there were any members of the public on the call and to identify themselves for comment. There were no members of the public participating.

At this time, Vice Chairman Wimbush offered a motion to convene a **closed meeting** in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act, pursuant to the requirements of §2.2-3711(A)(1), the personnel exemption, to discuss personnel issues relating to the Executive Director search. The motion was seconded by Mr. McWhorter and unanimously carried.

Ayes: 5 (Milliken, Wimbush, Aument, Power, McWhorter)

Nays: 0

Absent During Vote: 0

Absent During Meeting: 0

At this time Mrs. McNulty confirmed that the public conference line was disconnected. The Executive (Search) Committee proceeded in closed session. Certification of the closed session will be conducted at the next meeting of the public body.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra J. McNulty
Secretary to the Board