

VPRA Board Decision Brief

Adoption of Virginia Passenger Rail Association Board Bylaws

October 26, 2020

Item: Section 33.2-292. Powers of the Authority enumerates powers of the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (Authority), including power to “Make and adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations.”

Context: Certain activities, including the adoption of bylaws, are necessary as start-up activities for the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA). The bylaws presented for Board consideration incorporate the powers enumerated and authorized by the 2020 General Assembly per Section 33.2-291 of the Code of Virginia.

Having bylaws in place will enable the Board to elect, appoint, and employ certain roles necessary to stand-up the authority. The bylaws call for election of a Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. After adoption of the bylaws, the Board may elect the above positions, including the Treasurer position, to enable DRPT staff to initiate a banking relationship on behalf of the Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution for the proposed bylaws.

Action Required by VPRA Board: Approval of the attached resolution.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.