

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

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RESOLUTION OF THE VIRGINIA PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY BOARD

November 19, 2024

MOTION

Made by: Charles Payne Seconded by: John Watkins

Action: Motion carried, unanimously

<u>Title: Authority to Execute \$729 Million Fed-State Partnership Cooperative Agreement with</u> Federal Railroad Administration

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-292(A)(14) of the Code of Virginia empowers the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority ("VPRA"), *inter alia*, to accept federal grants; and

WHEREAS, VPRA applied for and has been awarded \$729,000,000 of federal financial assistance (the "FSP Federal Funding") in support of Phase 2 of VPRA's Transforming Rail in Virginia Program pursuant to a *Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program for Fiscal Year* 2022, Volume 87 No. 234 (December 7, 2022) and Amendment Volume 88 No. 23 (February 3, 2023); and

WHEREAS, the FSP Federal Funding will be administered by the Federal Railroad Administration ("**FRA**") under a cooperative agreement using FRA's standard grant terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the VPRA Executive Director to finalize and enter into a cooperative agreement between VPRA and FRA for the FSP Federal Funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the VPRA Executive Director to finalize and execute a cooperative agreement between VPRA and FRA, in a form he deems acceptable, under which FRA will supply the FSP Grant Funding in support of Phase 2 of VPRA's Transforming Rail in Virginia Program.

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