



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Board

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MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 10:45 AM

In Person Meeting

The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Finance Committee Board held an in-person meeting on April 29, 2025.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN PERSON

Patricia Doersch, Finance Committee Chair, Thelma Drake, John Delandro, Cynthia Moses-Nedd, John Watkins

Cynthia Moses-Nedd arrived at 10:49 AM; Darien Flowers joined electronically at 10:48 AM; D.J. Jordan joined electronically at 11:05 AM

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING ELECTRONICALLY

Tiffany Robinson, VPRA Board Chair; Darien Flowers, D.J. Jordan

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS LISTENING ELECTRONICALLY

Beth Rhinehart, Rich Dalton, Neal Crawford

VIRGINIA PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY STAFF

DJ Stadtler, Michael McLaughlin, Steve Pittard, Joan Verbonitz, Michael Westermann, Shannon Perry, Selma Nuhanovic, Charlie Nelson, Shirlene Cleveland, Geoff Pelletier, Jeremy Latimer, Jonathan Capek, Mary Estelle Douglas

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Patricia Doersch presided and called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. Mary Estelle Douglas called roll and confirmed an in-person quorum was present.

MOTION TO APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by John Delandro and seconded by John Watkins to approve the previous board meeting minutes from January 6, 2025. The motion was carried unanimously, with the vote in favor cast

by Patricia Doersch, John Delandro, Thelma Drake, Tiffany Robinson, and John Watkins.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

John Delandro made the following motion:

- *"I move that the Board convene in a Closed Session:
(i) pursuant to Va. Code Sec. 2.2-3711(A)(29) for the discussion of public contracts relating to VPRA's Transforming Rail in Virginia projects involving the expenditure of public funds, including discussion of the terms or scope of such contracts, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position and negotiating strategy of VPRA.*

The motion was seconded by John Watkins and carried unanimously with the vote in favor by Patricia Doersch, John Delandro, Thelma Drake, Tiffany Robinson, Darien Flowers, and John Watkins.

RECONVENE IN AN OPEN SESSION

The Chairperson reconvened the open session. Upon reconvening the meeting, John Delandro made the following statement:

"We are now going to take a roll call vote, and I ask that each member indicate their agreement with the following:

To the best of my knowledge, during the Closed Meeting, the only matters heard, discussed, or considered were those matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and only those public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened."

The roll was then called, and all members indicated their agreement with the statement. Patricia Doersch, John Delandro, Thelma Drake, Darien Flowers, D.J. Jordan, Cynthia Moses-Nedd, Tiffany Robinson, and John Watkins indicated agreement.

FY2026 VPRA BUDGET

Presented by: Shannon Perry

Michael Westermann previewed a Bylaws Amendment regarding delegating authority. More information will be provided at the May Board meeting.

Shannon Perry reviewed the FY26 Budget. A comparison between FY25 and FY26 budgets was reviewed. Capital budget changes were noted, and Management Reserve information was shared.

Patricia Doersch asked for a review of what we are voting on today and what will be provided to the

board regarding proposals going into the upcoming Board meeting, and Steve Pittard responded.

A motion was made by John Delandro and seconded by Cynthia Moses-Nedd to approve the recommendation of the FY26 VPRA Budget for consideration by the VPRA Board. The motion was carried unanimously, with the vote in favor cast by Patricia Doersch, John Delandro, Thelma Drake, Darien Flowers, D.J. Jordan, Cynthia Moses-Nedd, Tiffany Robinson, and John Watkins.

ADJOURNMENT

Patricia Doersch adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m. All presentations to the Finance Committee and meeting video can be found at <http://vpra.virginia.gov/about/board-meetings>.

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VPRA BOARD MEMBER REQUEST TO CHAIRPERSON FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION

I, Darrell "D.J." Jordan hereby notify the chairperson of my intent to, and do hereby
(Name)

request to, participate remotely from Falls Church, VA using electronic communication
(Remote Location)
means during the public meeting of VPRA Finance Committee Meeting scheduled on
(VPRA Board, or name of VPRA committee)

April 29, 2025 for the following reason:
(Date)

- I have a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents my physical attendance; or
- a medical condition of a member of my family requires me to provide care that prevents my physical attendance; or
- my principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location; or
- I am unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter, which is

_____¹
(Identify with specificity the nature of the personal matter)

This request is (for the chairperson to select):

- APPROVED
- DENIED

This form constitutes the record of notice, request, and approval or disapproval required for remote participation pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3708.3 and shall be recorded in the corresponding minutes of the VPRA Board or the name of the VPRA committee.

Signed by:
Tiffany Robinson 4/1/2025
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Chairperson Signature

¹ Remote participation based on a "personal matter" may not exceed the greater between two times and 25% of meetings, in each case, during a specific calendar year with respect to a specific public body. Meetings of the full VPRA Board and meetings of each committee will be measured independently.

VPRA BOARD MEMBER REQUEST TO CHAIRPERSON FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION

I, Darien Flowers hereby notify the chairperson of my intent to, and do hereby
(Name)
request to, participate remotely from Arlington, VA using electronic communication
(Remote Location)
means during the public meeting of VPRA Finance Committee scheduled on
(VPRA Board, or name of VPRA committee)
04/29/2025 for the following reason:
(Date)

- I have a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents my physical attendance; or
- a medical condition of a member of my family requires me to provide care that prevents my physical attendance; or
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Signed by: Tiffany Robinson 4/29/2025
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 Chairperson Signature

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