

APPROVED

At the July 10, 2008 Rail Advisory Board meeting, a motion to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2008 meeting was made by Sharon Bulova., seconded by Trenton Crewe, Jr. and approved by the Rail Advisory Board members.

Minutes

**Rail Advisory Board Meeting
Discovery Room
Science Museum of Virginia
2500 West Broad Street
Richmond, VA
May 16, 2008**

Note – At the direction of the Board and the Director of DRPT, these summary minutes will reflect Action Items and Informational Requests to the Agency from the Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wiley Mitchell Jr., Chairman
Richard Beadles
James Keen
Gregory Marston

Trenton Crewe, Vice Chairman
Sharon Bulova
Bruno Maestri
Peter Shutz

Matthew Tucker, Director, DRPT

MEMBER ABSENT:

Dwight Farmer

Call to Order

The Rail Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Mitchell.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda of the May 16, 2008 meeting was made by Mr. Shutz and seconded by Mr. Crewe. The motion carried without opposition.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion to accept the April 9, 2008 minutes was made by Mr. Crewe and seconded by Mr. Keen. The motion carried without opposition. Ms. Bulova abstained due to absence at the last meeting.

Public Comment

There were no public comments received by e-mail nor did anyone sign up to speak.

Director's Update

Director Tucker noted that the Virginians for High Speed Rail Annual Meeting would be across the Rotunda beginning at 11:30 a.m. He was scheduled as one of the speakers and requested the meeting to move quickly through the agenda.

Director Tucker updated the Board on the Statewide Rail Plan, the draft version of which is due in July 2008. He requested members of the Board to forward their concerns, suggestions and comments to him by June 1, 2008.

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Rail Enhancement Fund Proposed Program of Projects

Kevin Page, Chief of Rail Transportation, presented the projects that the agency is recommending to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for Fiscal Years 2009 - 2014 under the Rail Enhancement Fund. Mr. Page reviewed the changes from the proposed Six Year Program of Projects given to the Board at the April meeting. The Board received the final program in their pre-meeting packet.

The Chairman noted that in recommending these projects, the Board understands that as the Rail Plan projects are developed, DRPT will bring specific projects to the Board for recommendation.

Ms. Bulova moved to recommend the Program of Projects, seconded by Mr. Shudtz and Mr. Keen. The motion carried without opposition. Mr. Beadles abstained.

Report of the Guidelines Committee

The final version of the Rail Advisory Board Handbook was presented by Ms. Bulova and Mr. Crewe. The document is based on a similar handbook established for the Commonwealth Transportation Board. A motion to accept the handbook was made by Ms. Bulova, seconded by Mr. Crewe and passed without opposition.

Confirmation of November Meeting Date

The members were asked to check their schedules and confirm the November 13, 2008 date for the last meeting of the year. All members consented to the date. The schedule for 2009 will be set at the November meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. The next meeting of the Rail Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room in the DMV Headquarters Building, 2300 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA.