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At the November 12, 2009 Rail Advisory Board meeting, a motion to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2009 meeting was made by Sharon Bulova, seconded by James Keen, and approved by the Rail Advisory Board members.

Minutes

**Rail Advisory Board Meeting
Board Room
DMV Headquarters Building
2300 West Broad Street
Richmond, VA**

July 9, 2009

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:

Trenton Crewe Jr., Acting Chairman	Richard Beadles
Sharon Bulova	Dwight Farmer
James Keen	Gregory Marston
Bruno Maestri	Steven Powell
Peter Shudtz	

Charles Badger, Director, DRPT

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Minutes

A motion to accept the April 9, 2009, meeting minutes was made by Mr. Keen and seconded by Ms. Bulova. The motion carried without opposition.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda of the July 9, 2009, meeting was made by Mr. Keen and seconded by Ms. Bulova. The motion carried without opposition.

Public Comment

There were no public comments received by e-mail. Mr. Michael Testerman of RAIL Solution signed up to speak and addressed short remarks to the Board.

Acting Chair Crewe welcomed Steven Powell as a newly appointed member of the Rail Advisory Board.

Director's Update

Charles Badger, Director of DRPT, briefed the Board on the potential Virginia rail projects that will be submitted as part of the ARRA high speed rail program application process. Director Badger also announced the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approval of the Fiscal Year 2010 – 2015 Six-Year Improvement Program recommended by the RAB, as well as projects

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under the Rail Industrial Access Program. The Director also reviewed the development of the new state-funded Amtrak services.

Election of Officers

Ms. Bulova nominated Trent Crewe as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shultz. The motion carried without opposition.

Mr. Marston nominated Sharon Bulova as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Keen. The motion carried without opposition.

Board Member Orientation and Review

Nancy Auth, DRPT Agency Counsel in the Office of the Attorney General, gave a brief review of DRPT, the Rail Enhancement Fund and the Rail Advisory Board.

Presentation on High Speed Rail

Director Badger reviewed the current condition and future vision for High Speed Rail in the United States, and current and new passenger rail service in the Commonwealth. He included items related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the President's FY10 Budget.

Rail Programs Funding Update

Mr. Kevin Page, Chief of Rail Transportation for DRPT, updated the Board on the CTB adopted FY10 – FY15 SYIP for Virginia rail projects.

VRE On-Time Performance and Ridership Update

Dale Zehner of Virginia Railway Express updated the Board on the rail system's performance, ridership figures and the reduction of delays. Mr. Page presented the Amtrak report for Mr. Jay McArthur.

Norfolk Southern Crescent Corridor Project Update

Mr. Bill Schafer, Director of Strategic Planning for Norfolk Southern, reviewed the status of the Crescent Corridor project underway.

CSX Rail Enhancement Fund Projects

Mr. Quintin Kendall, Resident Vice President of State Government Affairs for CSX Transportation, updated the Board on the CSX programs and projects underway.

Information Items

Mr. Page provided an overview of the informational items provided to the Board in their notebooks.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Rail Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.