

Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners
Growth and Operations Committee Meeting
July 27, 2015

The Virginia Port Authority (“VPA”) Growth and Operations Committee (“Committee”) held a meeting on July 27, 2015, in the VPA’s Conference Room, 600 World Trade Center, Norfolk, Virginia. Chairman Diamonstein called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The following were then in attendance:

Committee Members Present:

Alan A. Diamonstein, Chair
Jennifer D. Aument, Vice Chair
Martin J. Briley
J. William Cofer
Faith B. Power
Val S. McWhorter

Board Members Present:

John G. Milliken, VPA Chairman
John N. Pullen, VPA Vice Chairman
Gary T. McCollum
Kim Scheeler
Deborah C. Waters
F. Blair Wimbush

VPA Staff:

John F. Reinhart, CEO & Executive Director
Cathie France, Chief Public Affairs Officer
Joseph P. Ruddy, Chief Innovation Officer
James W. Noel, III, General Counsel
Matthew Barnes-Smith, Vice President, Strategic Planning
Joe Harris, Senior Director, Communications/Spokesman
Andrew Sinclair, Director, Government Affairs
Sarah McCoy, Manager, Local Government & Community Affairs
Carla Welsh, Director, Creative Services and Brand Management
Debra J. McNulty, Clerk to the Board

VIT Staff:

Shawn Tibbetts, Chief Operations Officer
Cary Hagen, Vice President, Cargo Sales
Jim Wade, Director, Breakbulk and Ro-Ro Sales
Joe O’Brien, Director, Ocean Carrier Sales

Guests:

Aubrey L. Layne, Jr., Secretary of Transportation

Mr. Ruddy conducted the safety briefing.

Motion for Closed Session

At this time, Mr. Diamonstein asked for a motion to go into closed session. The motion was read by Mr. McWhorter, “to go into closed session in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, pursuant to the requirements of §2.2-3711(A)(38), and the provisions of §62.1-132.4, to discuss proprietary information and data furnished to the VPA in confidence, as it relates to strategic planning and marketing of the Port’s terminal facilities, operations metrics and customer agreements, shipper support initiatives, rail and gate volume statistics and initiatives, ocean carrier contracts, and customer information relating to certain direct and indirect Port users, including beneficial cargo owners, shipping lines, and supply chain partners, and break-bulk throughput; and pursuant to the requirements of §2.2-3711(A)(3), discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, as well as the requirements of §2.2-3711(A)(7), consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Cofer.

End of Closed Session

At 3:30 p.m., the Growth and Operations Committee came out of closed session and the following resolution was read by Mr. McWhorter:

“Whereas, the Virginia Port Authority Growth and Operations Committee had convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Committee members that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Growth and Operations Committee hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.”

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Diamonstein and passed by a roll call vote of the Growth and Operation Committee members, Chairman, and Vice Chairman, as follows:

Ayes: 7 (Diamonstein, Aument, Briley, Cofer, Power, McWhorter, Milliken, Pullen)
Nays: 0 Absent During Vote: 0 Absent During Meeting: 0

There were no public comments and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Debra J. McNulty
Clerk to the Board