

MINUTES
Special Public Session Meeting
Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners

October 28, 2020

The Virginia Port Authority ("VPA") Board of Commissioners convened a special electronic meeting held via the Zoom platform on October 28, 2020, at 1:30 p.m..

This electronic meeting is assembled during a declared state of emergency when it is impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operation of the public body in accordance with Item 4-0.01.g of Chapter 1283 of the 2020 Amendments to the 2019 Appropriation Act.

Chairman John Milliken called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and announced that it was a special meeting to appoint a new Executive Director for the Virginia Port Authority, to replace John F. Reinhart, who is retiring in March 2021. The Chairman asked Mrs. McNulty to conduct a roll call of VPA Board members. He explained that the public attendees registered for the Zoom open meeting were too many to call on (a list of attendees is attached).

VPA Board Members Participating:

John G. Milliken, Chairman
F. Blair Wimbush, Vice Chairman
John C. Asbury
Jennifer D. Aument
J. William Cofer
Manju S. Ganeriwala, State Treasurer
Eva Teig Hardy
Joni L. Ivey
Val S. McWhorter
Faith B. Power
Louisa M. Strayhorn
Deborah C. Waters

Board Member Absent:

Stephen Moret (Mr. Moret attended the 2:00 Press Conference that followed today's meeting.)

VPA Staff Participating:

John F. Reinhart, CEO and Executive Director
Sarah McCoy, General Counsel
Rodney W. Oliver, Chief Financial Officer
Joseph Ruddy, Chief Innovation Officer
James (Jay) Stecher, Chief Marketing Officer
Monica Sturgis, Chief Human Resources Officer
Cathie Vick, Chief Development and Government Affairs Officer
Debra J. McNulty, Secretary to the Board
Jodie Asbell, Senior Executive Assistant and Assistant Secretary to the Board

VPA-Information Technology (IT) Support:

Lung Cheng, Director, Information Technology
Kelly Taylor, IT Technician
Matt Dudley, IT Technician

Virginia International Terminals, LLC (VIT) Staff Participating:

Thomas D. Capozzi, Chief Sales Officer
Kevin Price, Chief Operations Officer

Guests:

The Hon. Shannon Valentine, Secretary of Transportation
Stephen A. Edwards, CEO, TraPAC (incoming CEO and Executive Director of VPA)

Chairman Milliken welcomed Secretary Valentine and acknowledged John Reinhart and The Port of Virginia (POV) Colleagues. The Chairman remarked that everyone is looking forward to the day when we can all gather together for Board meetings.

Motion to Convene an Electronic Meeting

At 1:32 p.m., and at the direction of Chairman Milliken, Vice Chairman Wimbush made a motion to convene an electronic meeting pursuant to the requirements of Item 4-0.01.g of Chapter 1283 of the 2020 Amendments to the 2019 Appropriation Act, to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operation of the Virginia Port Authority.

Chairman Milliken affirmed that the motion to convene an electronic meeting carried and was seconded by Commissioner Asbury. He then asked Mrs. McNulty for a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

Ayes: 12 (Milliken, Wimbush, Asbury, Aument, Cofer, Ganeriwala, Hardy, Ivey, McWhorter, Power, Strayhorn, Waters)

Nays: 0

Absent During Vote: 1 (Moret)

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At this time, Chairman Milliken asked for a motion on Resolution 20-19.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Wimbush, seconded by Commissioner Strayhorn, the Board unanimously (12-0) moved to adopt Resolution 20-19, appointing Stephen A. Edwards as CEO and Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority.

The motion carried and Chairman Milliken asked for a roll call vote at this time.

Ayes: 12 (Milliken, Wimbush, Asbury, Aument, Cofer, Ganeriwala, Hardy, Ivey, McWhorter, Power, Strayhorn, Waters)

Nays: 0

Absent During Vote: 1 (Moret)

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Chairman Milliken asked if the Search Committee would like to make a few comments in support of the motion.

Vice Chairman Wimbush announced that it was his honor to present the motion. He mentioned that the Search Committee interviewed a lot of candidates and that the newly

appointed CEO and Executive Director that the Board appointed today is the best person for the position.

Chairman Milliken recalled that a year ago the Board began discussing the search for a successor to John Reinhart and described how the credentials for the best candidate for The Port of Virginia were developed. The Chairman described some of the credentials that also included qualities more on the “human side” such as temperament and values that were central to the success of the Port.

Chairman Milliken advised that a Search Committee was formed and a search consultant was selected with the task of assembling a list of qualified individuals who would be included in the search. The Chairman remarked on the growth of The Port of Virginia over the last seven years which he said was attributable to the leadership of John Reinhart and his staff.

The Chairman reported that a number of qualified applicants were considered and, after many Zoom meetings, the candidate list was down to three individuals who were interviewed in person by the Search Committee. Chairman Milliken advised that the final candidate was unanimously chosen by the five members of the Search Committee. Since that time, the Chairman reported that the candidate (Stephen Edwards) had met with the full Board and answered questions and had met with the Governor and Secretary, all via Zoom.

Chairman Milliken explained that the questions posed were very informative and critically important conversations for the new CEO and Executive Director with regard to the future growth of The Port of Virginia and the Commonwealth.

The Chairman thanked the members of the Board and especially the Search Committee and remarked that they should be “justifiably proud” of the selection of the new Executive Director (Stephen Edwards).

Opportunity for Public Comment

As indicated on the agenda, public comments were to be submitted to PublicComments@portofvirginia.com from 1:30–2:30 p.m. for consideration by the Board after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m. The Chairman announced that there would be a 20 minute break in the Zoom session before the start of the press conference with Governor Northam at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra J. McNulty
Secretary to the Board

VIRGINIA PORT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION 20-19

APPOINTING Stephen A. Edwards

CEO and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VIRGINIA PORT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 62.1-129, the Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners shall appoint the chief executive officer of the Authority, who shall not be a member of the Board, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners formed a Search Committee and performed a global search for the successor to John F. Reinhart, who has faithfully served as CEO and Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority since February 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, at the recommendation of the Search Committee of the Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners, Stephen A. Edwards has been recommended as the candidate to become the CEO and Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority in a special meeting assembled on this 28th day of October, 2020, that Stephen A. Edwards is hereby appointed to serve as CEO and Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority, effective January 19, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners be delegated the authority to sign a contract of employment with Stephen A. Edwards consistent with the terms reviewed by the Board of Commissioners and by the Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Stephen A. Edwards and that a copy be attached to the minutes of the Virginia Port Authority Board Meeting of October 28, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of October, 2020.



John G. Milliken
Chairman

Attest:



Debra J. McNulty, Secretary

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1	Zoom Attendee Report			
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3	VPA Special Board Meeting (1:30) + Press Conference (2:00)- October 28			
4	Panelist Details			
5	Attended	User Name (Original Name)		
6	Yes	Stephen Moret		
7	Yes	John Asbury		
8	Yes	Louisa Strayhorn		
9	Yes	Manju Ganeriwala		
10	Yes	John Milliken		
11	Yes	Governor Ralph Northam (Denise Burch)	Press Conference only	
12	Yes	Joni Ivey		
13	Yes	Jay Stecher		
14	Yes	Shannon Valentine		
15	Yes	Debbie McNulty		
16	Yes	Val McWhorter		
17	Yes	Stephen Edwards (Candidate)		
18	Yes	Matt Dudley		
19	Yes	Eva Teig Hardy		
20	Yes	Faith Power		
21	Yes	Blair Wimbush		
22	Yes	William (Bill) Cofer		
23	Yes	Jodie Asbell		
24	Yes	Jennifer Aument		
25	Yes	Deborah Waters		
26	Attendee Details			
27	Yes	Janet McGraw		
28	Yes	Klaus Gaba		
29	Yes	Alex Liverman		
30	Yes	Barbara Nelson		
31	Yes	Mike Petty		
32	Yes	Kevin Wells		
33	Yes	Jeff Fisher		

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34	Yes	Alicia Wasdin		
35	Yes	James Berry		
36	Yes	Jason Barlow		
37	Yes	John Chandler		
38	Yes	Joshua Clark		
39	Yes	Jeff Underwood		
40	Yes	Tony Salino		
41	Yes	Britni Sherrill		
42	Yes	Jason Snow		
43	Yes	Luann Cotter		
44	Yes	Anja Sparenberg		
45	Yes	Spencer Gilbert		
46	Yes	Rich Langley		
47	Yes	Rich Ceci		
48	Yes	Heather Grinstead		
49	Yes	Carter Mize		
50	Yes	MEDIA: Jimmy LaRoue		
51	Yes	Scott Whitehurst		
52	Yes	Kimberly Hall-Deans		
53	Yes	John Lawson		
54	Yes	Franz Olivar		
55	Yes	Ron Green		
56	Yes	Chris Milliken		
57	Yes	MEDIA Michael Gooding		
58	Yes	Sandi Jackson		
59	Yes	Rob Johnson		
60	Yes	Vanessa Evans		
61	Yes	Justin Wakeman		
62	Yes	Lisa Bishop		
63	Yes	Mike DiVirgilio		
64	Yes	Joe Harris		
65	Yes	Greg Bloom		
66	Yes	Antonio Amado		

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67	Yes	Mary Reinhart		
68	Yes	Wina Giddens		
69	Yes	Tom Christman		
70	Yes	Kate Andrews		
71	Yes	Amy Wight		
72	Yes	Susan Stanley		
73	Yes	Lauren Creech		
74	Yes	Shaune Thomas		
75	Yes	Peter Trocchiano		
76	Yes	MEDIA/Mark Szakonyi		
77	Yes	Joe McDonald		
78	Yes	Jeanne Heilman		
79	Yes	Steven Mooney		
80	Yes	Bon Hope		
81	Yes	Yolanda Brown		
82	Yes	Joyce Cox		
83	Yes	Lisa Byrum		
84	Yes	Sabine Collins		
85	Yes	Deborah Dowdle		
86	Yes	Melissa Fularon		
87	Yes	Michele Grubbs		
88	Yes	Brianna Stierley		
89	Yes	Meg Mergenmeier		
90	Yes	Daniel Webb		
91	Yes	Karla Allen		
92	Yes	Raleigh Robinson		
93	Yes	Andrew Sinclair		
94	Yes	Randy Plotkin		
95	Yes	Tara Emam		
96	Yes	Vance Griffin		
97	Yes	Lucretia Chapman		
98	Yes	Keith Brady		
99	Yes	Joe Quatt		

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100	Yes	Joanne Jenkins		
101	Yes	James Cusick		
102	Yes	Carla Welsh		
103	Yes	Jackie Campbell		
104	Yes	Nelson Courser		
105	Yes	Beth Neville		
106	Yes	Chris Gullickson		
107	Yes	MEDIA Paul Avery		
108	Yes	Sara Burnett		
109	Yes	Mary Ann Miller		
110	Yes	Ron Wuerth		
111	Yes	David White		
112	Yes	David Hunt		
113	Yes	Stephen Griffin		
114	Yes	MEDIA/Kimberly Pierceall		
115	Yes	Rebecca Killen		
116	Yes	Gavin Cranford		
117	Yes	Tim McNamara		
118	Yes	Tiffany Green		
119	Yes	Joseph OBrien		
120	Yes	Douglas Powers		
121	Yes	Aaron Katrancha		
122	Yes	Russell Held		
123	Yes	Andy Corcoran		
124	Yes	Kara Matzko		
125	Yes	Laura Smith		
126	Yes	Daniel LeGrande		
127	Yes	Tatyana Thomas		
128	Yes	Patricia Puller		
129	Yes	Gregory Edwards		
130	Yes	Nina Malone		
131	Yes	Lynda Wilson		
132	Yes	Robbie Robinson		

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133	Yes	Stefan Vecerdea		
134	Yes	Rob Cannizzaro		
135	Yes	Claire Krull		
136	Yes	Maria Burroughs		
137	Yes	Carl Warren		
138	Yes	MEDIA / Gordon Rago		
139	Yes	Dan Hendrickson		
140	Yes	John Clark		
141	Yes	Stefan Vecerdea		
142	Yes	Betty Long		
143	Yes	Ara Cain		
144	Yes	Kim Olson		
145	Yes	Terry Chenault		
146	Yes	Ally Forde		
147	Yes	Lisa Nelson		
148	Yes	Betty Princen		
149	Yes	Shirley Bergstrom		