

**MINUTES**  
**Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners**  
**Growth and Operations Committee Meeting**  
**July 26, 2021**

The Virginia Port Authority ("VPA") Growth and Operations Committee ("Committee") held a meeting on July 26, 2021 in the VPA Boardroom, 600 World Trade Center, 101 West Main Street, Norfolk, VA.

Committee Members Present:

Val S. McWhorter, Chair  
Joni L. Ivey  
Deborah C. Waters

Committee Members Absent:

Stephen M. Moret

Board Members Present:

John G. Milliken, VPA Board Chairman  
John C. Asbury  
Manju S. Ganeriwala (arrived at 2:24pm)  
Aubrey L. Layne (arrived at 2:28pm)  
Edward F. O'Callaghan  
Faith B. Power  
Louisa M. Strayhorn

VPA Staff Present:

Stephen A. Edwards, CEO and Executive Director  
Rodney W. Oliver, Chief Financial Officer  
Cathie J. Vick, Chief Development and Public Affairs Officer  
Joseph P. Ruddy, Chief Innovation Officer  
Monica Y. Sturgis, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Ryenne A. Shields, Secretary to the Board  
Andrew Sinclair, Director, Federal Government Affairs  
Jason Barlow, Vice President, Contracts and Risk Management  
Daniel Hendrickson, Vice President, Asset Management and Special Projects  
Kelly Taylor, Information Technology Technician  
Matt Dudley, Information Technology Technician  
Dakota Sorter, Information Technology Technician

Virginia International Terminals, LLC Staff Present:

Kevin Price, Chief Operations Officer  
Thomas D. Capozzi, Chief Sales Officer  
Rich Ceci, Senior Vice President, Technology and Project Management

Guests:

Hon. Shannon Valentine, Secretary of Transportation  
W. Brice Fiske, Office of the Attorney General

Chair McWhorter called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

Joseph P. Ruddy conducted a safety briefing.

#### **Motion for Closed Session**

At 2:02pm, Chair McWhorter asked for a motion to go into closed session. The motion was read by Commissioner Waters as follows:

"I move that the VPA Board's Growth and Operations Committee convene a closed meeting in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act, pursuant to the requirements of §2.2-3711(A)(37), and the provisions of §62.1-132.4, to discuss proprietary information and data furnished to the VPA in confidence, including but not limited to customer and cargo contracts, agreements, or information, ship tally sheets, ship manifests, information relating to tonnages and cargoes, annual budgets; as well as metrics, analyses, and data relating to its health and safety program and terminal throughput activity, including gate, rail, and chassis usage, information technology initiatives; and pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(5), to discuss prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; and pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(6), to discuss or consider the investment of public funds relating to strategic growth initiatives and projects, where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interests of the VPA would be adversely affected."

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ivey.

#### **End of Closed Session**

At 3:20pm, the Growth and Operations Committee came out of closed session and the following resolution was read by Commissioner Waters:

"I move the following resolution.

Whereas, the Growth and Operations Committee has 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, §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Committee certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter 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 by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee."

The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Ivey and passed by a roll call vote of the Growth and Operations Committee Members and ex officio member, Chairman of the VPA Board John G. Milliken as follows:

Ayes: 4 (McWhorter, Ivey, Waters, Milliken)

Nays: 0

Absent During Vote: 1 (Moret)

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There were no members of the public present for comment and the meeting adjourned at 3:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryanne A. Shields  
Secretary to the Board