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Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners
Growth and Operations Committee Meeting
May 9, 2022

The Virginia Port Authority (“VPA”) Growth and Operations Committee (“Committee”) held a meeting on May 9, 2022 in the Virginia Port Authority Boardroom, located at 600 World Trade Center, Norfolk, Virginia.

Growth and Operations Committee Members Present:

Val S. McWhorter, Chair
Joni L. Ivey, Vice Chair – virtual connection (joined at 2:03pm)
Eva Teig Hardy
Maurice Jones – virtual connection
Edward F. O’Callaghan
Deborah C. Waters

Board Members Present:

John G. Milliken, VPA Board Chairman – virtual connection (joined at 1:35pm)
Faith B. Power, VPA Board Vice Chair
Manju S. Ganeriwala
Aubrey Layne

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
Sarah J. McCoy, General Counsel
Ryenne A. Shields, Secretary to the Board
Rich Ceci, Senior Vice President, Technology and Project Management
Matt Dudley, Manager, Information Technology (IT Support)
Jackie Campbell, Database Analyst II (IT Support)
Anja Sparenberg, Director, Business Intelligence and Analytics
Pat Kinsman, Vice President, Offshore Wind
Michael Harris, Intern, Legal

Virginia International Terminals, LLC (VIT) Staff Present:

Joseph P. Ruddy, Chief Operations Officer
Thomas D. Capozzi, Chief Sales and Marketing Officer
Zach Clark, Director, Stevedoring

Guests:

Hon. Shep Miller, Secretary of Transportation
Brice Fiske, Office of the Attorney General

In accordance with the VPA Board of Commissioners Electronic Participation Policy, Commissioner Ivey participated by electronic connection from her personal residence in Newport News, Virginia due to a medical condition that prevented attendance.

In accordance with the VPA Board of Commissioners Electronic Participation Policy, Chairman John G. Milliken participated by electronic connection from his personal residence in Arlington, Virginia due to a medical condition that prevented attendance.

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In accordance with the VPA Board of Commissioners Electronic Participation Policy, Commissioner Maurice Jones participated by electronic connection from Washington DC due to various meetings in performance of his job duties.

Chair McWhorter called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

VPA Board Vice Chair Power introduced the guest attendance of Michael Harris, Legal intern with the VPA.

At this time, Joseph P. Ruddy, Chief Operations Officer, VIT, performed a safety briefing.

Motion for Closed Session

At 1:32pm, Committee 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 O’Callaghan and passed by a roll call vote of the Growth and Operations Committee Members and ex officio members as follows:

Ayes: 6 (McWhorter, Hardy, Jones, O’Callaghan, Waters, Power)

Nays: 0

Absent During Vote: 2 (Ivey, Milliken)

Absent During Meeting: 0

End of Closed Session

At 3:31pm, 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

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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 member 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 Hardy and passed by a roll call vote of the Growth and Operations Committee Members and ex officio members as follows:

Ayes: 8 (McWhorter, Hardy, Ivey, Jones, O'Callaghan, Waters, Milliken, Power)

Nays: 0

Absent During Vote: 0

Absent During Meeting: 0

There were no members of the public present for comment and the meeting adjourned at 3:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryanne A. Shields
Secretary to the Board