

MET GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

*Minutes for Meeting of*

Tuesday March 12, 2024

**1 PM**

***Meeting held virtually via Google Meet and conference call.***

Committee members present: Toby Lloyd (Chair), Lori Lynch, Greg Bowen, Gary Burnett, Nathan Volke, John Turgeon (MET Director, non-voting)

Also present was MET's counsel Talley Kovacs, Asst. Attorney General

1. Mr. Lloyd asked the committee if anyone had questions about the minutes of the 1/16/24 committee meeting, which were e-mailed to the committee members prior to the meeting. Mr. Volke indicated that he was present at the meeting. Ms. Lynch indicated that she was not present. Mr. Turgeon noted that he will correct the minutes accordingly. There were no other questions or comments. **Mr. Lloyd made a motion for approval of the minutes, and Nathan Volke seconded. All voted in favor of approving the minutes.**
2. Mr. Lloyd began the meeting with discussion of the nomination by House Speaker Jones of Crystal Chissell to fill one of MET's trustee vacancies. An up-to-date bio for Ms. Chissell was e-mailed to the committee prior to the meeting. Mr. Lloyd said he had a recent phone conversation with Ms. Chissell to discuss her nomination. Mr. Lloyd indicated that she is very interested in serving on the MET board. She has a strong interest in and considerable experience working on environmental issues. Mr. Lloyd in their conversation emphasized in-person meeting attendance. He stated his support for electing Ms. Chissell to the MET board. **Mr. Bowen made a motion to recommend that the MET board elect Ms. Chissell as trustee. Ms. Benjamin seconded the motion. All voted in favor.** Mr. Turgeon will send an e-mail to the full MET board with this recommendation from the Governance Committee and ask for a response of Yes or No for each trustee on the Committee's recommendation.
3. Mr. Lloyd discussed the other trustee vacancies (one trustee to be nominated by the Senate President and an ex-officio designee each from the House Speaker and Senate President) that need to be filled. Mr. Lloyd reached out to the member of the House of Delegates that serves his community to request assistance in getting these vacancies filled. Mr. Turgeon will reach out again to these respective offices as well. The committee discussed two upcoming vacancies when Mr. Prevas and Ms. Richards step off the MET board at the end of May. Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Turgeon will work on trying to get those vacancies filled prior to the end of May.
4. Mr. Lloyd talked about someone he knows who might be interested in serving on the board. He will have a further discussion with this person, a former Navy SEAL, to gain more info.
5. Mr. Lloyd talked about open meetings act training for MET committee chairs. Ms. Kovacs indicated this is important for closing meetings when needed. There was discussion about requirements for annual disclosure filings with the Ethics Commission for both board and staff. Ms. Kovacs also discussed Public Information Act requirements for both board and staff.

NEXT MET GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IS TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024, AT 11 AM.