

MET GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes for Meeting of

Tuesday April 15, 2025

11 AM

Meeting held virtually via Google Meet and conference call.

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

Committee members absent:

1. There were no questions or comments regarding the draft minutes from the 1/14/25 and 2/21/25 Governance Committee meeting, which were e-mailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. **Mr. Lloyd made a motion for approval of the minutes, Mr. Burnett seconded. All voted in favor of approving the minutes from both meetings.**
2. Mr. Lloyd updated the Committee regarding the vacancies on MET's Board. With the recent passing of Trustee Greg Bowen, there are again three vacancies on the Board. All three vacancies require recommendations from Senate President Ferguson. MET also needs the Senate President Ferguson to designate another Senator to serve as ex-officio MET trustee. Mr. Lloyd indicated he will reach out to the Senate President's office regarding these matters. He asked Mr. Turgeon to provide him the contact info for Senator Ferguson's chief of staff.

Mr. Lloyd also talked about the need to add more people to MET's list of recommended trustees that we provide to the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House. He talked about adding Kirk Mantay with the Green Trust Alliance to the list. Ms. Lynch talked about adding Alice Ewen with USDA Forest Service to MET's recommended list.

3. With the passing of Greg Bowen, MET needs to elect a new Vice Chair of its Board. The Committee asked Ms. Lynch if she would consider serving as Vice Chair and she responded in the affirmative. **Mr. Lloyd motioned to recommend that the Board elect Ms. Lynch to serve as Vice Chair of MET's Board for the two-year period 6/1/25 thru 5/31/27. Mr. Burnett seconded. All voted in favor.**

Mr. Turgeon advised the Committee that MET Trustee Mark Hoffman's two-year term as the Board's Treasurer ends on May 31, 2025. Mr. Turgeon reported that Mr. Hoffman is interested in serving a second term as Treasurer. However, his second and final four-year term as Trustee ends on May 31, 2026. Mr. Hoffman would be interested in serving as Treasurer for one year until his Trustee term ends. He also pledged to recruit a successor from the Board to serve as Treasurer. **Mr. Lloyd motioned to recommend that the Board elect Mark Hoffman to serve as Treasurer of MET's Board for the one-year period 6/1/25 through 5/31/26. Mr. Burnett seconded. All voted in favor.**

4. Mr. Turgeon reported that Trustee Keith Colston may need to step off the Board before the June meeting. If so, he has proposed that Lawrence Dunmore III serve the remainder of Mr. Colston's term, which ends on 5/31/28. Mr. Dunmore serves on the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, for which Mr. Colston serves as Administrative Director, and Mr. Colston has confirmed Mr. Dunmore's strong interest in serving on MET's Board. Mr. Colston will work with the Governor's Appointment Office to effectuate the handoff to Mr. Dunmore should Mr. Colston need to step off

the Board. He will let the Governance Committee know before the June meeting. Mr. Lloyd will try to contact Mr. Dunmore regarding his interest in serving on the Board.

5. In other business, the Committee discussed MET proposing legislation for the 2026 legislative session to remove the requirement that two MET trustees serve on the Hart-Miller Island Citizens Oversight Committee. Mr. Burnett discussed scheduling an MET Board/staff field trip for some time in May or June to the new Royce Hanson Conservation Park in Montgomery County. Mr. Turgeon will schedule a new trustee orientation meeting with Alice Chalmers.

THE NEXT MET GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IS TUESDAY, May 13, 2025, AT 2 PM.