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Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Board

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RESOLUTION OF THE VIRGINIA PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY BOARD

October 26, 2020

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Moorman Seconded By: Ms. Bulova

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Adoption of By-Laws

WHEREAS, the 2020 General Assembly, through Virginia Code Section 33.2-288, established the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (“Authority”) to promote, sustain, and expand the availability of passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth and to increase ridership of such service by connecting population centers with passenger and commuter rail service and increasing availability of such service; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-292(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia empowers the Authority to make and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of bylaws by the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Board (“Board”) is necessary for the Board to take certain actions to commence the activities of the Authority in carrying out the Authority’s statutory duties; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed bylaws which have been reviewed and approved by the Virginia Office of the Attorney General for legal sufficiency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves and adopts the attached bylaws for its use.

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VPRA Board Decision Brief

Adoption of Virginia Passenger Rail Association Board Bylaws

October 26, 2020

Item: Section 33.2-292. Powers of the Authority enumerates powers of the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (Authority), including power to “Make and adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations.”

Context: Certain activities, including the adoption of bylaws, are necessary as start-up activities for the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA). The bylaws presented for Board consideration incorporate the powers enumerated and authorized by the 2020 General Assembly per Section 33.2-291 of the Code of Virginia.

Having bylaws in place will enable the Board to elect, appoint, and employ certain roles necessary to stand-up the authority. The bylaws call for election of a Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. After adoption of the bylaws, the Board may elect the above positions, including the Treasurer position, to enable DRPT staff to initiate a banking relationship on behalf of the Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution for the proposed bylaws.

Action Required by VPRA Board: Approval of the attached resolution.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.