

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, June 28, 2018**

**COMMISSIONERS**

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Marc T. Aveni	<i>City of Manassas</i>
Hon. Willie F. Bailey	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
<b>Hon. Sharon Bulova</b>	<b>County of Fairfax</b>
Hon. Kelly Burk	<i>Town of Leesburg</i>
Hon. Peter Candland	<i>County of Prince William</i>
<b>Hon. John C. Cook, NVRC Treasurer</b>	<b>County of Fairfax</b>
<b>Hon. Laurie A. Dirocco, NVRC Chairman</b>	<b>Town of Vienna</b>
Vacant	<i>Town of Dumfries</i>
<b>Hon. Libby Garvey</b>	<b>County of Arlington</b>
<b>Hon. Penelope A. Gross</b>	<b>County of Fairfax</b>
Hon. Pat Herrity	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
<b>Hon. Geary Higgins</b>	<b>County of Loudoun</b>
<b>Hon. Catherine Hudgins</b>	<b>County of Fairfax</b>
<b>Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay</b>	<b>County of Fairfax</b>
<b>Hon. David Meyer</b>	<b>City of Fairfax</b>
<b>Hon. Martin E. Nohe</b>	<b>County of Prince William</b>
<b>Hon. Sheila Olem</b>	<b>Town of Herndon</b>
<b>Hon. Redella S. Pepper</b>	<b>City of Alexandria</b>
Hon. Frank J. Principi	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Phyllis J. Randall	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
<b>Hon. Jeanette Rishell</b>	<b>City of Manassas Park</b>
Hon. Kathy L. Smith	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
<b>Hon. David Tarter, NVRC Vice-Chairman</b>	<b>City of Falls Church</b>
<b>Hon. John Vihstadt</b>	<b>County of Arlington</b>

**STAFF PRESENT**

Robert Lazaro	<i>Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Gina Kesselmann-Smith	<i>Management Analyst</i>
Normand Goulet	<i>Director, Environmental Services</i>
Corey Miles	<i>Coastal Resources Program Manager</i>
Rashmi Puranik	<i>Federal Grants Data Analyst</i>
Julie Riddle	<i>HOPWA Contract Monitor / Resource Specialist</i>
Michelle Simmons	<i>Director, Human Services</i>
Tylee Smith	<i>Human Services Planner</i>
Debbie Spiliotopoulos	<i>Senior Environmental Planner</i>
Peggy Tadej	<i>Director, Military Affairs</i>

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Monica Boehringer	<i>City of Manassas</i>
Chris McGough	<i>City of Falls Church</i>
Ellen Volo	<i>Fairfax County Government Relations</i>

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman DiRocco called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members present or absent were noted for the record.

**DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Northern Virginia Waste Management Board Report**

Staff presented a summary of an exhaustive report undertaken with the support of local government staffs on important trends, challenges and opportunities with respect to the disposal of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris.

**Fiscal Year 2019 Budget**

Staff presented the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget to the Commission for approval.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-38 – Approval of by-law amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.

**Background:**

The Nominating Committee proposed an amendment to the Bylaws that will increase the number of months a Chairman or Vice Chairman may serve when first elected to complete the unexpired term of a predecessor.

Specifically, this amendment increases, from six to eleven, the number of “extra” months a Chairman or Vice Chairman may serve when assuming an unexpired term. It does not change the opportunity for a Chairman or Vice Chairman to then serve up to two additional years, if the incumbent subsequently is elected to serve a full one-year term of his own, and one additional full term, as is normally provided.

According to the current Bylaws, proposed amendments must be presented in writing to the Commission at a regular meeting, but are not subject to a vote until the next Commission meeting. A majority of all members of the Commission is required to adopt any proposed amendment to the Bylaws.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P18-39 – Adoption of budget for Fiscal Year 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulova and carried unanimously.

**Background:**

The Commission considers a Preliminary Budget each fall for the upcoming fiscal year. In accordance with the Commission’s budget policy, the Executive Director has prepared a draft Annual Budget and Programs for Fiscal Year 2019.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR FY 19**

At the May 2018 Commission meeting the Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2019. Officers serve a one-year term.

Honorable Laurie DiRocco (Town of Vienna) – Chairman  
Honorable David Tarter (City of Falls Church) – Vice Chairman  
Honorable John Cook (Fairfax County) – Treasurer

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the slate of officer stated above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vihstadt and carried unanimously,

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for May 2018 and the following:

- LED Street Lighting Study Area Tour
  - NVRC coordinated a visit by regional local government staff to view Arlington County's LED street light demonstration area. Tour provided opportunity to view lighting in neighborhoods to see impact of different styles and temperatures of lighting.
- Alternative Fuel Vehicles
  - NVRC was pleased to partner with Virginia Clean Cities to host a workshop on alternative, clean fuel vehicles.
- NoVA Reps to DC Commission on Health and HIV
  - Five Northern Virginia representatives were appointed by DC Boards and Commissions on to the new **Washington, DC Regional Planning Commission on Health and HIV** (COHAH, the body which replaces the Planning Council.) Northern Virginia representatives represent various perspectives, include one local hospital system, one federally qualified health center, and two community based AIDS service organizations.
- Regional Workshop on Green Banks
  - NVRC participated in a workshop on Green Banks and how they can be utilized to help finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Localities throughout the region participated; including: Alexandria, Arlington, Howard County, Washington, D.C., Talbot County, Anne Arundel County, City of Baltimore, Salisbury, Michigan Saves, DC Green Bank and Connecticut Green Bank.
- Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan
  - NVRC was pleased to be invited to attend a reception at the Governor's mansion along with colleagues from several other PDCs regarding the watershed-wide effort to develop Phase III of the Watershed Implementation Plan.
  - NVRC is taking the lead in the Commonwealth in coordinating PDC activities.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman DiRocco mentioned the Cyber conference that took place on June 26, 2018.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of May 24, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olem and carried. Commissioner Hudgins, Commissioner Garvey and Commissioner Higgins abstained.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Gross reported on the one day Cyber conference, that took place on June 26, 2018 at George Mason University and focused on teachers and transitioning military to address the cyber security crisis in the region.

Commissioner Gross also invited all the Commissioners to attend the next Community and Military Partnership meeting on September 20, 2018 at the NVRC office location.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman DiRocco adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Executive Director

Approved by:

Laurie A. DiRocco  
Chairman