

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, May 25, 2023**

**COMMISSIONERS**

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

**Hon. Walter L. Alcorn**  
Hon. Victor S. Angry  
**Hon. Andrea O. Bailey**  
Hon. Kenny A. Boddye  
**Hon. Tyrone Brown**<sup>1</sup>  
Hon. Kelly Burk  
Hon. John T. Chapman, *NVRC Chairman*  
Hon. Linda J. Colbert  
**Hon. Matt de Ferranti**  
**Hon. Libby Garvey**  
Hon. Alyia Gaskins  
**Hon. Sylvia Glass**  
**Hon. Penelope A. Gross**  
Hon. Pat Herrity  
Hon. Rodney L. Lusk  
**Hon. Sheila A. Olem, NVRC Vice Chairwoman**  
**Hon. Dalia A. Palchik**  
**Hon. Catherine Read**  
Hon. Jeanette Rishell  
Hon. Koran T. Saines  
**Hon. Kathy L. Smith, NVRC Treasurer**  
**Hon. David Tarter**  
Hon. James R. Walkinshaw  
**Hon. Mark Wolfe**

**County of Fairfax**  
*County of Prince William*  
**County of Prince William**  
*County of Prince William*  
**Town of Dumfries**  
*Town of Leesburg*  
*City of Alexandria*  
*Town of Vienna*  
**County of Arlington**  
**County of Arlington**  
*City of Alexandria*  
**County of Loudoun**  
**County of Fairfax**  
*County of Fairfax*  
*County of Fairfax*  
**Town of Herndon**  
**County of Fairfax**  
**City of Fairfax**  
*City of Manassas Park*  
*County of Loudoun*  
**County of Fairfax**  
**City of Falls Church**  
*County of Fairfax*  
**City of Manassas**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Robert Lazaro  
Linda M. Tenney  
Gina Kesselmann-Smith<sup>2</sup>  
Normand Goulet<sup>3</sup>  
Jill Kaneff  
Chris Landgraf  
Michelle Simmons  
Debbie Spiliotopoulos  
Peggy Tadej

*Executive Director*  
*Deputy Director*  
*Management Analyst*  
*Environmental Services Director*  
*Regional Demographer/Analyst*  
*Military Installation Resiliency Project Manager*  
*Human Services Director*  
*Solid Waste Program Planner*  
*Director of Community and Military Partnerships*

**OTHERS**

Carrie Finn  
Tangela Innis<sup>4</sup>  
Sarah Richards  
Andrea Sweight

*Arlington County*  
*Town of Dumfries*  
AECOM  
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<sup>1</sup> Joined virtually – with Chairman’s approval

<sup>2</sup> Joined virtually

<sup>3</sup> Joined virtually

<sup>4</sup> Joined virtually

CALL TO ORDER Vice Chairwoman Olem called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

PRESENTATION **Military Installation Resilience Review Project – Final Report**

Commissioners received a presentation on the final report of the Military Installation Resilience Review Project.

**Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail Corridor Analysis and Dashboard Overview**

Commissioners received a presentation from Jill Kaneff of the NVRC team on the PHNST Corridor Analysis and Dashboard project.

ACTION ITEMS Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-29– Accepting military installation resilience review report. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission has conducted a regional Military Installation Resilience Review project in coordination with the military bases in our region and local government partners. The study followed six primary phases: project initiation; data collection; threats and vulnerability analysis; strategy development and refinement; implementation factors; and draft and final report. The process evaluated extreme heat, coastal flooding, inland flooding, energy demand, winter weather, wind, drought, and wildfire hazards.

The outcome is 129 strategies that go beyond climate hazards to address issues related to emergency management, regional connectivity, and access that emerged during the planning process. The strategies aim to break down silos and improve coordination and information sharing between the installations and counties so that future technical analyses and the development of infrastructure solutions to combat climate change are coordinated among federal and local partners and result in shared benefits. The resolution officially accepts the report.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-30 – Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the desegregation of the United States military. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9981 stating that “It is hereby declared to be the policy of the President that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin.” Executive Order 9981 also established the President’s Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services to examine and improve military rules, procedures, and practices to integrate the segregated military.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-31 – Recognizing the 75<sup>th</sup> Women’s Armed Services Integration Act. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

President Truman signed the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act on June 12, 1948, which legally permitted women to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces in a number of official capacities. Previously, women serving in the military could enlist as volunteers in clerical positions or work as nurses, the act allowed women to serve in all four branches of the military, including the recently formed Air Force.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-32 – Resolution in support of Reagan National and Washington Dulles International Airports and in opposition to changes to the perimeter rules serving the airports. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

Legislation has been submitted in Congress that would change the perimeter rule at Reagan National Airport undermining the balance of operations at both Reagan National and Washington Dulles International Airports and as such having a negative economic impact on the region. The resolution expresses its support for the airports and in opposition to changes in the perimeter rule.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Gross reported that the Nominating Committee will present via email a slate of officers to be nominated to serve on the NVRC the coming year. The vote to confirm the nominees will take place at the Commission’s June meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for April 2023 and the following:

- Mapping Medicaid Expansion
  - Jill Kaneff, NVRC’s Senior Regional Demographer, mapped the Medicaid Expansion data for the region. More than 170,000 residents of the region receive health care services from Medicaid expansion which went into effect January 2019.
  - Map also includes data on health care services such as cancer, diabetes, COPD and other items.
- International cooperation and Exchange
  - NVRC’s Executive Director and Dr. Dale Medearis were pleased to meet with a delegation from the State Legislature from the State of Hesse in Germany. The three members of the legislature were part of a study tour organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. Discussions included items regarding the energy transition, digital economy and other related topics. The City of Frankfurt is the largest city in Hesse.

- More International Visitors
  - Great discussion about urban sustainability and transatlantic exchanges of best practices with Member of the German Bundestag, Kai Whittaker. NVRC staff led Mr. Whittaker on a tour of the Alexandria waterfront, Alexandria Community Remembrance program, and Alexandria Renew water infrastructure project. In addition, Dr. Medearis provided a tour of the Alexandria waterfront and related sustainability projects with a delegation of local government officials from Germany (including Stuttgart Region). They were joined by Mayor Wilson, NVRC Chair John Chapman, Vice Mayor Amy Jackson and City Manager Jim Parajon. Many thanks to Arlington County for providing time to meet with the delegation as well.
  
- Sharing our MIRR Project
  - Chris Landgraff, NVRC's MIRR Project Manager, provided a briefing before the American Planning Association at the Federal Planning Division Workshop in San Diego.
  
- Weatherization Programs
  - Community Housing Partners Energy Solutions has published new brochures on their single family and multi-family weatherization programs. CHPES is the authorized implementor of weatherization efforts in Northern Virginia.
  - Depending on age and/or income the weatherization programs are at no cost to the residents. The brochures are downloadable on our energy web site.
  
- World Press Freedom Day
  - NVRC's Executive Director was pleased to attend a Washington Post Live event on World Press Freedom Day. Humbling to hear from the Reziain family (both imprisoned by the Iranians) and from a panel of journalists who have either been jailed, beaten or threatened. The morning ended with an interview with Secretary of State Antony Blinken on not only the importance of freedom of the press, but our country's continued commitment to the freedom of the people of Ukraine.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chairwoman Olem did not have anything to report.

COMMUNITY & MILITARY  
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE  
REPORT

Commissioner Gross reported that the most recent Community and Military Partnership meeting that took place on May 18, 2023, was once again a great success. The agenda included the following:

**10:00 - 10:05 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- Co-Chairs Penny Gross, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Victor Angry, Prince William County Board of Supervisors

**10:05 – 10:50 AM MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCY REVIEW  
FINAL UPDATE**

- Andrea Sweigart, Principal, AECOM
- Christopher Landgraf, NVRC

**10:50 – 11:20 MILITARY BASE COMMANDER RESPONSE TO MIRR  
AND CONCURRENCE**

- COL. Joseph Messina, Garrison Commander Fort Belvoir
- COL. David Bowling, Base Commander, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall
- Col. Michael L. Brooks, Commanding Officer, MCI National Capital Region Marine Corps Base Quantico

**11:20 – 11:30 AM TOTAL MILITARY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE  
(TMCA) WORKFORCE UPDATE**

- Mike Batt, Vice President, Talent Fairfax County Economic Development Authority

**11:30 – 11:45 AM DEI and EXECUTIVE ORDER 9981 RESOLUTION**

- **Aimee Stoddard, EveryMind - DEI**
- **Dr. Will Rowe – Resolutions for 9981**
- **Alex Burden, Truman Library Institute – Civil Rights Symposium**

**11:45 – 11:55 ENGAGEMENTS WITH NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
STAKEHOLDERS**

- Charlie Perham, Matrix Design Group, Inc.

**11:55 – 12:00 PM ACTION ITEMS & PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

**12:00 – 12:30 PM NETWORKING**

**12:30 – 1:00 PM LUNCH** provided by Matrix

**1:00 – 1:30 PM COMMUNITY SWOT ANALYSIS WITH ELECTED  
OFFICIALS**

**1:30 – 3:00 COMMUNITY SWOT ANALYSIS WITH COMMUNITY  
AND COUNTY PERSONNEL**

Action Items:

- NVRC to continue to work with MIRR stakeholders to develop a project implementation plan and ensure due diligence on infrastructure security per input from Supervisor Andrea Bailey.
- NVRC to accept project funding from the State at the next Commission meeting.
- Lt Col Dexter from JBM-HH to provide REPI support letter.
- TMCA to work on obtaining information on the number of hires from career fairs per input from Supervisor Penny Gross
- All need to get the word out that military spouse licenses do transfer in Virginia.
- NVRC to develop an organizational chart showing components of the Community, Military, and Federal Facility Partnership of Northern Virginia. This should be provided to Matrix Design Group as part of the SWOT analysis.

Commissioner Gross invited everyone to attend the next Community and Military Partnership meeting on July 20, 2023, 10am-3pm in person.

Invited guests for the July 20 meeting are:

- The Honorable Sheila Casey – Executive Director – Designate, Joining Forces Initiative
- Sharene Brown – Spouse of General Brown, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Founder of the Five & Thrive Initiative

Remaining Schedule for 2023 is as follows:

- 21 September
- 16 November

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of April 27, 2023. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairwoman Olem adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Executive Director

John T. Chapman  
Chairman