

MET GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes for Meeting of

Tuesday August 23, 2022

11 AM

Meeting held virtually via Google Meet and conference call

Committee members present: Toby Lloyd - *Chair*, Lori Lynch, Greg Bowen, Megan Benjamin, Senator Eckardt

Committee members absent: Gary Burnett, Ken Montague

Staff: John Turgeon

1. Toby Lloyd called the meeting to order. The Committee agreed to put off discussing the first item of the meeting agenda -- to review the Trustee nominations from the Governor's Appointment Office (GAO) -- until Gary Burnett joins the meeting later.
2. Mr. Lloyd and John Turgeon discussed the existing vacancies on the MET board. In addition to the vacancy to be discussed at today's meeting for which we have nominations from the GAO, there are two other vacancies. The Speaker of the House will need to provide nominations to MET for one of the vacancies, and the Senate President will need to submit nominations for the other vacancy. There will also be two upcoming ex-officio trustee vacancies as Senator Eckardt and Delegate Gilchrist will be stepping off the board by the beginning of next year. Mr. Lloyd talked about setting up individual meetings with both the Speaker's and Senate President's offices to discuss filling the vacancies.
3. Mr. Lloyd referred to the new Governance Committee charter that was e-mailed to the committee members last week along with the meeting agenda. He discussed that he and Mr. Turgeon worked with OAG on developing the revised language and format for the charter. He said new charters for all MET's standing committees were being developed with assistance from OAG as part of the MET by-laws revisions. The committee charters will be included as addenda to the revised by-laws. **Senator Eckardt moved to approve the Governance Committee charter as presented, Mr. Bowen seconded the motion, all voted in favor.**
4. Mr. Lloyd provided an update on the on-going by-laws revisions process. He and Mr. Turgeon have been working with OAG on this project, and they plan to have the revised draft by-laws completed for the Governance Committee to review at their next meeting in October.
5. Mr. Lloyd has been trying to get in touch with MET trustee Ken Montague to discuss his future on the board. Mr. Montague has not participated in over two years. He also indicated that MET has asked trustee Tom Prevas to make his annual submittal to the State Ethics Commission, which is a requirement of serving on the board. We asked that he do so by the end of this month. All trustees are required to submit in April of each year. Mr. Lloyd also

informed the board that committee member Lori Lynch will be working on new trustee education/orientation activities.

6. Mr. Lloyd returned to the first item on the meeting agenda. Mr. Burnett was not able to attend this meeting. Mr. Lloyd discussed the three nominations from the GAO that are under consideration by the Governance Committee to fill one of the vacancies on the board. They are Keith Colston of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, Julia King, Ph.D., from St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Craig Highfield of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. The new trustee would be serving out the remainder of the term of Mary Burke who stepped off the board in May of this year. The committee discussed the considerable merits of each of the three nominees, who were all from the list of recommended trustees provided by MET to the GAO earlier this summer. It was also discussed that the candidates not chosen to fill the current vacancy could be picked to fill future vacancies where a nomination from the GAO is needed. **Senator Eckardt motioned to recommend that the board select Keith Colston as the new trustee, Lori Lynch seconded, and all voted in favor.**

Next Governance Committee meeting is Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 11 am.