

MET GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

*Minutes for Meeting of*

Wednesday May 18, 2022

**12 PM**

***Meeting held virtually via Google Meet and conference call***

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

Committee members absent: Ken Montague

*Staff: John Turgeon*

1. Toby Lloyd called the meeting to order. The Committee reviewed the minutes from the April meeting. There were no comments or revisions.
2. Regarding the current vacancies on MET's board, Mr. Turgeon indicated he will send the list of MET's recommended trustee candidates to the Governor's Appointments Office for the purpose of filling the position vacated by Mary Burke. He will also notify the GAO that a candidate on the list, Keith Colston, who works for the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, is the top choice to fill the vacancy.
3. Gary Burnett talked about the unwillingness of MET trustee Tom Prevas to file his 2021 financial disclosure form with the State Ethics Commission. This is a requirement to serve on MET's board. The Ethics Commission alerted MET staff that Mr. Prevas does not want to file for privacy reasons. Mr. Burnett indicated he will contact Mr. Prevas to reiterate the requirement to file with the Commission, and to ask Mr. Prevas for his resignation from the board if he refuses to file.
4. Mr. Lloyd said that he and Mr. Turgeon will continue working with AAGs Talley Kovacs and Roger Medoff to complete the bylaws revisions over the summer.

Mr. Burnett and Mr. Lloyd talked about the importance of educating board members, particularly the newer trustees, about the workings of MET.

Mr. Lloyd talked about the state law governing the MET board's selection process and the bill that was submitted in this year's legislative session to simplify the process. The bill did not pass. Senator Eckardt recommended that Mr. Lloyd meet with the Senate President's office to discuss re-submitting the bill for next year's legislative session.

Mr. Burnett talked about filling vacancies in MET Committees and making sure all trustees have a committee assignment. He also talked about board meeting quorum issues and the pros and cons of in-person and virtual meetings.

Next Governance Committee meeting is Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 11 am.