



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** October 16, 2024

**In Control:** Governance Committee Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Office of the City Clerk

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Debbie Racca-Sittre

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of an applicant to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Trustees.

**SUMMARY:**

The Governance Committee will interview the applicant to consider their appointment. Should they be appointed, they will serve a term of office ending December 31, 2025.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

VIA manages and operates the Metropolitan Transit Authority within Bexar County, Texas. VIA is governed by a Board of Trustees with 11 appointees: five appointed by the San Antonio City Council, three appointed by the Bexar County Commissioners Court, two appointed by Suburban Mayors, and the Chair of the Board is elected by the Board Members. Board members serve staggered two-year terms and may serve up to four terms. Members must be qualified voters residing within the VIA Metropolitan Transit service area.

Currently, all of the At-Large seats are filled. Appointed At-Large Members include:  
Laura Cabanilla, Executive Committee, term expiration: 12/31/2024  
Robert L. Comeaux, Board Member, term expired: 12/31/2023, in holdover status  
Athalie D. Malone, Secretary, term expiration: 12/31/2025  
Javier Parades, Board Member, term expiration: 12/31/2024  
Melanie Aranda Tawil, Board Member, term expiration: 12/31/2024

As the seat to be filled is that of the board's union representative, a nomination by the Central Labor Council (CLC) is required; that nomination has been received, as has the Mayor's concurrence with the CLC's nomination.

**ISSUE:**

Board appointments require full City Council approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Office of the City Clerk will continue to promote vacancies.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The recommendations of the Governance Committee will be presented for approval by the full City Council at a future A Session.