



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 33

**Agenda Date:** March 7, 2024

**In Control:** City Council A Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** Office of the City Clerk

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Debbie Racca-Sittre

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Board Appointments

**SUMMARY:**

Ordinance approving the following At-Large Appointees to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Trustees for the remainder of the term of office as indicate below.

- A. Reappointing Laura Cabanilla for the remainder of a term of office to expire on December 31, 2024
- B. Reappointing Javier Paredes for the remainder of a term of office to expire on December 31, 2024
- C. Reappointing Melanie Tawill for the remainder of a term of office to expire on December 31, 2024
- D. Reappointing Athalie Malone to the Representative of Transportation Disadvantaged seat for the remainder of a term of office to expire on 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.

The current composition of the Board of Trustees is as follows:

- At-Large - Laura Cabanilla
- At-Large - Robert L. Comeaux (ineligible for reappointment due to term limit)
- At-Large - Athalie D. Malone (Transportation Disadvantaged Category)
- At-Large - Javier Paredes
- At-Large - Melanie Aranda Tawil

On February 21, 2024, the Governance Committee met and interviewed three applicants and read the statement of one applicant who could not appear in person for the four At-Large seats. After the interview phase was concluded, the Committee Members recessed into Executive Session to deliberate and thereafter reconvened in open session to announce their recommended candidates to forward to the full City Council for approval at the A Session meeting on March 07, 2024.

**ISSUE:**

Board and Commission appointments require full City Council approval.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

In order to proceed with the direction of the Governance Committee, the Office of the City Clerk recommends approval of the VIA Metropolitan Transit Board of Trustees reappointments.