

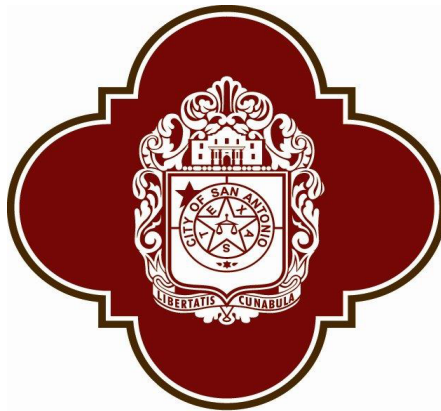
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022

VIA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

SEEKING REAPPOINTMENTS (2)



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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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VIA METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Clerk

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

Reappointments to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Trustees (2 seats)

SUMMARY:

The Governance City Council Committee will interview the two Trustees appointed as the Union Representative and the Representative of Transportation Disadvantaged on the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Trustees to consider their reappointments as they have remained in holdover status since December 31, 2021.

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: 12/31/2022
- Robert L. Comeaux, Boardmember, term expired: 12/31/2021, in holdover status
- Athalie D. Malone, Secretary, term expired: 12/31/2021, in holdover status
- Javier Parades, Board Member, term expiration: 12/31/2022
- Melanie Aranda Tawil, Boardmember, term expiration: 12/31/2022

On January 14, 2021, Robert L. Comeaux was appointed as a VIA Trustee for the remainder of an unexpired term of office ending December 31, 2021. Mr. Comeaux is now seeking reappointment for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

On January 14, 2021, Athalie D. Malone was appointed as a VIA Trustee for the remainder of an unexpired term of office ending December 31, 2021. Ms. Malone is now seeking reappointment for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

ISSUE:

Board 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:

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

City of San Antonio Boards and Commissions

VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority

Board of Trustees

Term: Two Years Staggered

Term Limit:

Liaison: Debra Longoria (210) 299-5873

Name	Representing	Date Appointed	Date Reappointed	Date 2nd Reappointed	Date Expires
Laura Cabanilla	At Large	Jan 14, 2021			Dec 31, 2022
Robert L. Comeaux	At Large	Jun 30, 2016	Apr 12, 2018	Jan 14, 2021	Dec 31, 2021
Union & Transportation Disadvantaged Rep.					
Athalie D. Malone	At Large	Sep 12, 2019	Jan 14, 2021		Dec 31, 2021
Javier Paredes	At Large	Jan 14, 2021			Dec 31, 2022
Melanie A. Tawil	At Large	Jan 14, 2021			Dec 31, 2022

Ethnic/Gender Breakdown

VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority

Name	District	Ethnicity	Gender
Laura Cabanilla	At Large	A:H:W	F
Robert L. Comeaux	At Large	W	M
Athalie D. Malone	At Large		F
Javier Paredes	At Large	I:H	M
Melanie A. Tawil	At Large	H	F

Total Members: 5

GENDER			ETHNICITY		
		%			%
FEMALES	3	60.0%	B=African American:	0	0.0%
MALES:	2	40.0%	H=Hispanic:	1	20.0%
			I=American Indian/Alaska Native:	0	0.0%
			O=Other:	0	0.0%
			P=Asian or Pacific Islander:	0	0.0%
			U=Unknown:	0	0.0%
			W=Non-Minority:	1	20.0%

Gender: M=Male; F=Female

Ethnicity: B=African American; H=Hispanic; I=American Indian/Alaska Native; O=Other, P= Asian/Pacific Islander; U=Unknown; W=Non-Minority

Robert L. Comeaux

Union Representative

**Seeking
Reappointment**

Office of the City Clerk

VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority At Large Union	Application No: No: 20220128123154_12333
ELIGIBILITY	
Are you a qualified voter in the City of San Antonio?	Yes
PROFILE	
Prefix	Mr.
Last Name	Comeaux
First Name	Robert
Middle Name	Lester
Suffix	
Preferred Name	Bob
Title	
Are you a City of San Antonio resident?	Yes
San Antonio Resident Length - Years	40
In which City Council District do you reside?	09
How many years have you lived in the City Council District where you reside?	05
Address Type?	Residence
Address	.
City	San Antonio
State	TX
Zip	78232 4948
Phone Type?	Cell
Phone number	
Phone 2 Type?	Home
Phone 2 number	2107585879
Address 2 Type?	Business
Address 2	
City 2	San Antonio
State 2	TX
Zip 2	
eMail	
Employer	Retired
Job Title	Retired
Occupation	Retired
Board/Commission/Committee Name	VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority~At Large~Union & Transportation Disadvantaged Rep.~16
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	

The City of San Antonio strives for boards and commissions to be representative of our diverse community. Providing the following demographic information is voluntary, and will only be used for statistical and reporting purposes.	
Race/Ethnicity (Please select all that apply):	White/Non-Hispanic
Gender	Male
Age:	65 to 74
Do you identify as a sexual minority (such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, etc)?	No
QUESTIONS	
If this board position requires residency within Bexar County, the City of San Antonio city limits or within a particular council district, do you meet those residency requirements?	Yes
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own currently have any direct or indirect financial interest in any contract(s) with the City, including subcontracts?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own seek a contract(s) with the City in the foreseeable future?	No
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any sale to the City of any land, materials, supplies, or service?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members of any businesses that you or they own seek or take part, either directly or indirectly, in any sale of land, materials, supplies, or service to the City in the foreseeable future?	No
Does your employer or an employer of your immediate family members have a contract with the City?	No
Do you or any of your family members currently serve or in the past year served as an administrative aide to a Councilmember?	No
Do you currently serve in any elected or appointed public government office?	Yes
Please list office, board or commission, your position in that entity and term of service	Trustee - VIA Metropolitan Transit Board of Trustees
Are you a member and/or officer and/or employee of any boards, commissions, corporations, non-profit entities, agencies, or other entities?	Yes
Give the title and dates of any position which you have held in such organization:	Trustee of San Antonio AFL CIO Central Labor Council since 2015. Member of Archdiocese of San Antonio Justice and Peace Commission, 1991 - 2006 Member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community Parish Council, 2004 2006 Vice President of Alta Vista Neighborhood Association, 2002-2004. VIA Metropolitan Transit Board of Trustees, 2016 to present. Dates are approximate
Do you receive any compensation for service on this entity(ies)?	Yes
If yes, please describe compensation, for example - \$20 per meeting.	VIA Metropolitan Transit - \$50/meeting.

Do you intend to seek election or appointment to any public office or board or commission in the foreseeable future?	Yes
Please list the office, board, or commission and status of your application to that position.	Reappointment to the VIA Board of Trustees.
Have you ever been hired for a position with the City of San Antonio?	No
Describe your Educational history.	Bachelor of Science in Political Science (minor in History) from University of Houston in 1970. Attended University of Texas in 1969 while working for the Legislature during session. Associate of Arts Degree from Lee Jr. College in Baytown in 1968 where I was inducted into Lee College Hall of Fame. Graduated from Mother of Good Counsel Seminary in Warrenton, MO in 1966.
Describe your Professional History & Certification designations (Current and historical).	39 years of advocacy and representation of union members, including problem solving in the workplace, resolving differences, etc. with the Retail Clerks Union (later merged into the United Food and Commercial Workers Union), the National AFL CIO as an Asst Regional Director for four states, to the Texas American Federation of Teachers, and finally the San Antonio Alliance of Teachers and Support Personnel
Describe your Volunteer Experience & Community Service	Have led several school bond elections campaigns and participated in many school and city bond campaigns. Headed up the "Pat Clayworth Scholarship Fund", and other actions for the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association. Leader of the "Save Miguels Home" project which has changed city policy very involved in the ATD election in November of 2020.
Please provide a brief narrative outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to this board or commission:	To advance transportation in San Antonio.
APPLICATION SIGN-OFF	
As a board, commission, or committee member, you will be asked to adhere to: Code of Ordinances, City of San Antonio, Part II, Chapter 2, Article IX, Sec 2 534 All board and commission members must file a Financial Disclosure Report with the Office of the City Clerk upon appointment, and annually thereafter, throughout the member's term. Failure to file a Financial Disclosure Report within the time required by the City's Ethics Code will be considered an automatic removal.	
I understand that if any member of the public makes a request for information included in this Application for Appointment, most of the information must be disclosed under the Public Information Act. I understand that the City of San Antonio will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of highly private matters by seeking an Attorney	Acknowledged

General's opinion in accordance with the Public Information Act. I understand that it may not be legally possible to maintain the confidentiality of such information, and I hereby release the City of San Antonio, and its agents, employees and officers, from any and all liability whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Public Information Act or any other law requiring its release.	
I recognize that I am an applicant for VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority~At Large~Union & Transportation Disadvantaged Rep.~16, as a City of San Antonio board or commission that is more than advisory in nature. As a city officer, I understand that I, my immediate family members, and any business in which I and/or they hold a 10% or greater ownership interest will be prohibited from seeking or accepting contracts with the city for the duration of my service on this board. I further understand that this restriction will extend with regard to many types of discretionary contracts for a period of one year after leaving city service.	Acknowledged
OATH: I have read and understand the guidelines set out in this application. The foregoing statements are true, accurate, and complete. I agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in my disqualification for appointment.	Acknowledged
Enter Your Name	Robert L. "Bob" Comeaux
Date of submission.	1/28/2022
The Texas Public Information Act provides that each government official may choose whether to allow the public access to the information in the custody of the City that contains your home address, home telephone number, or reveals whether you have family members. Please note that this does not apply to business addresses, which are subject to public disclosure. If an open records request is filed requesting to view or obtain records that contain your personal information, the City will take steps to protect your personal information as authorized by the Texas Public Information Act, but only if you have elected to protect personal information.	
I want the public to have access to my Home Address.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Home Telephone Number.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Social Security Number.	No
I want the public to have access to my Emergency Contact Information.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Family Information.	Yes
Please attach any additional information, such as a current resume, using the Attachments panel at the bottom of this page.	

Athalie D. Malone

Representative of Transportation Disadvantaged

**Seeking
Reappointment**

Office of the City Clerk

VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority At Large	Application No: No: 20211012114806_11934
ELIGIBILITY	
Are you a qualified voter in the City of San Antonio?	Yes
PROFILE	
Prefix	Ms.
Last Name	Athalie
First Name	Malone
Middle Name	D
Suffix	
Preferred Name	
Title	
Address Type?	Residence
Address	
City	San Antonio
State	TX
Zip	78220
Phone Type?	Cell
Phone number	
Phone 2 Type?	
Phone 2 number	
eMail	
Employer	
Job Title	Accountant
Occupation	Payroll Administration/ Human Resources
Board/Commission/Committee Name	VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority~At Large~16
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
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Race/Ethnicity (Please select all that apply):	Black or African American
Gender:	Female
Age	45 to 54
Do you identify as a sexual minority (such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, etc.)?	No
QUESTIONS	

If this board position requires residency within Bexar County, the City of San Antonio city limits or within a particular council district, do you meet those residency requirements?	No
Are you a City of San Antonio resident?	Yes
San Antonio Resident Length - Years	42
In which City Council District do you reside?	02
How many years have you lived in the City Council District where you reside?	42
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own currently have any direct or indirect financial interest in any contract(s) with the City, including subcontracts?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own seek a contract(s) with the City in the foreseeable future?	No
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Does your employer or an employer of your immediate family members have a contract with the City?	No
Do you or any of your family members currently serve or in the past year served as an administrative aide to a Councilmember?	No
Do you currently serve in any elected or appointed public government office?	No
Are you a member and/or officer and/or employee of any boards, commissions, corporations, non profit entities, agencies, or other entities?	Yes
Give the title and dates of any position which you have held in such organization:	VIA Board 2019 present
Do you receive any compensation for service on this entity(ies)?	Yes
If yes, please describe compensation, for example - \$20 per meeting.	\$50 per meeting
Do you intend to seek election or appointment to any public office or board or commission in the foreseeable future?	No
Have you ever been hired for a position with the City of San Antonio?	No
Describe your Educational history.	Bethume Cookman University, 3 years Business Administration
Describe your Professional History & Certification designations (Current and historical).	Accounting Clerk , Human Resources Clerk in private and ecumenical center of San Antonio.
Describe your Volunteer Experience & Community Service	Residence Council 2014-president White Cane Palnning Committee, Chair, 2014-present

	National Federation of the Blind, past President 2012-2016, current member San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind, Lion's Club 2016 present City of San Antonio, Disability Access Advisory Committee, 2013 2021
Please provide a brief narrative outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to this board or commission:	I am seeking re-appointment to the board. I beleive I will be a continued assest as I am a full-time customer of VIA and a person with a disability. Along with my bussiness background, I will bring a fresh and unique perspective to the board. I will bridge the gap of the community of riders, people with disabilities and the VIA Transportation System.
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OATH: I have read and understand the guidelines set out in this application The foregoing statements are true, accurate, and complete I agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in my disqualification for appointment	Acknowledged

Enter Your Name	Athalie D. Malone
Date of submission.	10/12/2021
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I want the public to have access to my Home Telephone Number.	No
I want the public to have access to my Social Security Number	No
I want the public to have access to my Emergency Contact Information.	No
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