



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: June 15, 2022

In Control: Governance Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Clerk

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Debbie Racca-Sittre

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

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

SUMMARY:

The Governance 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.

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.