

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

February 4, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Cathy Binder, **County of King George**; Matt Kelly, **City of Fredericksburg**; Jeff Black, **Caroline County**; Tim McLaughlin, **Spotsylvania County** & Meg Bohmke, **Stafford County**

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Gregory, Hefty Wiley & Gore

STAFF: Linda Millsaps, Michele Dooling & Kate Gibson (Ms. Gibson left the meeting once Executive Committee decision to move into closed session for purpose of discussing personnel issue was approved)

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Binder called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. with a quorum present.

Ms. Gibson read the Declaration in regard to the February 4th meeting being held in a virtual and remote setting.

*** Due to the nature of the Declaration of a State of Emergency due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pursuant to Code 2.2-3708.2, this meeting is to be held by electronic communications, via the web platform GoToMeeting. The catastrophic nature of this declared emergency makes it impossible and unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location and the purpose of this meeting is to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the public body.*

**APPROVAL OF GWRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA - Meeting
February 4, 2021 (Action Item)**

Upon motion made by Mr. Kelly & seconded by Ms. Bohmke, with all concurring, the February 4th GWRC Executive Committee meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION (Action Item)

The following information was read in regard to making a motion for the GWRC Executive Committee to enter into a closed meeting session:

“I move that the GWRC Executive Committee convene in closed session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(1), to discuss a personnel matter involving the resignation of Dr. Linda Millsaps and determining plans for the Executive Director search and interim period.”

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke, who read the above statement, and seconded by Mr. Black, with all members concurring, the GWRC Executive Committee moved to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

VOTE TO CERTIFY DISCUSSION IN CLOSED SESSION (Action Item)

The following statement was adhered to by the GWRC Executive Committee at the February 4, 2021 meeting:

“I move that the GWRC Executive Committee certify that, in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion”

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke, who read the above statement, and seconded by Mr. Kelly, with all members concurring, the GWRC Executive Committee voted to certify the discussion in closed session.

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke and seconded by Mr. Kelly, with all members concurring, the Executive Committee appointed Kate Gibson to serve as Acting Executive Director to GWRC upon Dr. Linda Millsaps’ departure and until the GWRC Board takes further action.

ADJOURN GWRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – Upon motion by Mr. Kelly & seconded by Ms. Bohmke, with all concurring, the February 4th GWRC Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next regularly scheduled GWRC meeting will be held on February 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Dr. Linda Millsaps, Executive Director
(Draft Minutes prepared by JoAnna Roberson)