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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION

Monday, September 28, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Location: 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg VA 22401, GWRC Board Room

GWRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jeff Black – **Caroline County;** Susanna Finn, Jannan Holmes - **City of Fredericksburg**; Cathy Binder, David Sullins - **King George County**; Deuntay Diggs, Darrell English, Pamela Yeung (Alternate) **– Stafford County**; Lori Hayes, Drew Mullins **- Spotsylvania County**

GWRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Long – **Caroline County**; Joy Crump (Alternate) – **City of Fredericksburg**; Gerald Childress (Alternate), Chris Yakabouski (Alternate) – **Spotsylvania County;** Crystal Vanuch (Alternate) – **Stafford County**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jeff Black – **Caroline County;** Jannan Holmes - **City of Fredericksburg**; Cathy Binder - **King George County**; Darrell English **– Stafford County**; Lori Hayes **- Spotsylvania County**

STAFF: Leigh Anderson, Chip Boyles, Michele Dooling, Kate Gibson, Brianna Heath, Sam Shoukas, Carson Woodruff

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Trillane Burlar (Safeguard Spotsy); Jeff Eastland (Stafford County); Christine Hoeffner

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Black called the GWRC meeting to order at 6:00 pm. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and then Mr. Boyles took the roll and indicated a quorum was present for the GWRC Board meeting and Executive Committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE EXEUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA: Ms. Binder made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Executive Committee agenda. Ms. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: Ms. Holmes made a motion to approve the September 14, 2026, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ms. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Mr. English moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Hayes seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE GWRC AGENDA: Ms. Binder made a motion, seconded by Mr. English. The motion passed unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Diggs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Holmes. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

Public Comment in Person
Jeff Eastland, a Stafford County resident, provided public comment on the impact data centers have on the region, and specifically, Stafford County.

Presentations
Mr. Boyles introduced Mr. Woodruff, a new GWRC employee, to the board members.

OLD BUSINESS:

GWRC Resolution 27-01 FY28 Local Government Funding Request (ACTION ITEM)
Ms. Gibson presented Resolution 27-01 to board members. Ms. Hayes made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Holmes seconded. The motion carried following a roll-call vote, with Mr. English and Mr. Sullins voting in opposition.

GWRC Resolution 27-03 Vanpool Alliance Section 5307 Funding Project List (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Boyles presented Resolution 27-03 to board members. Ms. Hayes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diggs. The motion passed unanimously.

GWRC Resolution 27-04 Award Legislative Consultant Contract (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Boyles presented Resolution 27-04 to board members. Ms. Holmes made a motion to approve the resolution.

Ten-Minute Recess
Mr. English made a motion to take a ten-minute recess. Ms. Hayes seconded. The motion carried.

Mr. Mullins seconded to approve Resolution 27-04. The motion carried following a roll-call vote, with Mr. English and Mr. Diggs voting in opposition.

Discussion of Regional Data Center Equipment and Computer Tax Rate

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Mr. Boyles led a discussion with board members. Mr. Boyles made a note that this agenda item will remain on the agenda until a recommendation is made.

GWRC FY26 Annual Report (ACTION ITEM)

MS. Gibson presented the draft FY26 GWRC Annual Report to board members. Ms. Hayes made a motion to approve the FWRC FY26 Annual Report. Mr. English seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Finn recused herself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Boyles presented the new business agenda items to the Board, including the Intergovernmental Support Agreement with Quantico, the Executive Director's Report, Correspondence, and Intergovernmental Reviews.

COMMISSION MEMBER DISCUSSION: An opportunity was provided for commission members to collaborate and engage in open discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Diggs moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Hayes seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The September 28, 2026, George Washington Regional Commission Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Chip Boyles, Executive Director
(Approved minutes prepared by Cheyenne Courtney)