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WSTC Meeting

March 26, 2024

Agenda Item 4.

Amendment to WSTC By-Laws

Overview

The current WSTC By-laws need to be updated to reflect Administration policies related to the WMATA Principal Director appointment. WSTC most recently amended the By-laws in December 2023 to correspond with the 2018 changes to the Board of Directors seat policy.

Approved Amendment

Section II, Paragraph 2 of the By-laws currently reads:

The Governor shall appoint two (2) members with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland. One member shall be a resident of Montgomery County and one member shall be a resident of Prince George's County. One of those appointees shall serve as a Commission appointee to the WMATA Board of Directors and a Principal Director. The other Commission appointee to the WMATA Board of Directors and Principal Director shall be the Maryland Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee.

This Amendment would clarify the period of appointment of a Commissioner as a Principal Director to the WMATA Board based on the discussion in December 2023. Section II, Paragraph 2 would be amended to read:

The Governor shall appoint two (2) members with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland. One member shall be a resident of Montgomery County and one member shall be a resident of Prince George's County. One of those appointees shall serve as a Commission appointee to the WMATA Board of Directors and a Principal Director. **The Commission appointee to the WMATA Board of Directors shall rotate every four years between a Montgomery County resident and a Prince George's County resident, with the term of the new Commission appointee to the WMATA Board of Directors commencing on July 1 of the relevant year.** The other Commission appointee to the WMATA Board of Directors and Principal Director shall be the Maryland Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee.

A footnote following "relevant year" would be provided to read:

As of March 2024, the next rotation of the Commissioners would occur on July 1, 2025, with the four-year rotation beginning thereafter, as the current Commission appointee to the WMATA Board of Directors is a Prince George's County resident, whose term of service began July 1, 2021, such that the term of the succeeding Montgomery County resident as the Commission appointee to the WMATA Board shall begin on July 1, 2025.

Staff Analysis

Staff recommends adoption of the Amendment as written.