



Board of Directors – Full Board

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

Location: via Teleconference & In-Person
Stateroom A & B
Raleigh Marriott City Center
500 Fayetteville St., Raleigh NC 27601

Attendance

Members Present

Secretary Boyette, Robert Teer, Montell Irvin,
James Walker, Mary Clayton

Members Present Via Phone/ Teleconference

Sam Hunt, Scott Aman

Members Absent

Call to Order, Declaration of Quorum, Ethics Statement Review– Secretary Boyette, Chair

Discussion Summary

Chairman Boyette called the meeting of the Turnpike Authority Board of Directors to order at 1:00 PM on Monday, November 15, 2021 and conducted a roll call.

Members Present: Secretary Boyette, Robert Teer, Mary Clayton, Montell Irvin, Sam Hunt (via phone), James Walker, Scott Aman (via phone), Chuck Travis, outgoing Vice Chair Perry Safran.

Secretary Boyette declared a quorum with members present.

Secretary Boyette read the Ethics Statement advising all members of the Board that may have any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict, to refrain from participation in that particular item and to file the proper paperwork with the Logann Perry, Secretary to the Board.

Secretary Boyette read the following “In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, Executive Order No. 2 issued on January 12, 2009, and N. C. G. S. §143B-350, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. “To comply with this statement and the State Ethics Law, I ask whether any Board member has a known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board today.”

“If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict when the item appears on the agenda for consideration, refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved and sign before our notary the Declaration that has been provided to you for such purpose.”

Actions Taken

Information only, no action required.

Approval of August 18, 2021, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Secretary Boyette, Chair

Discussion Summary

Secretary Boyette stated that the August 18, 2021 meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and if there are no questions, he would accept a motion.

Actions Taken

A motion to approve the August 18, 2021 minutes as distributed was made by Mr. Robert Teer and seconded by Mr. Montell Irvin.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Opening Comments – Secretary Boyette, Chair

Discussion Summary

Secretary Boyette shared brief opening comments with the Board of Directors. NC Quick Pass will be celebrating its 10th anniversary next month! . Since opening in 2011, we have opened the Triangle Expressway, Monroe Expressway, and the I-77 Express Lanes, with two more projects under construction. NC Quick Pass now serves over 4 million customers every year and I am proud of all the good work going into making this program such a success.

Honoring Rodger Rochelle's service

Since joining NCDOT in January 1992 Rodger Rochelle has been a true leader in our organization. He has dedicated 30 years to the state State of North Carolina and during his tenure. He's made a monumental impact on the department and state through the massive, multi-dimensional projects he's led through the years.

He has facilitated projects that are leaving a with a monumental positive impact for generations of North Carolinians.

Thank you, Rodger for your leadership and dedication. You are leaving a better Department of Transportation, Turnpike Authority, and infrastructure system because of all your hard work.

Honoring Vice Chair Safran

Chairman Boyette shared that Vice Chair Safran was one of two inaugural members of the Turnpike Authority Board of Directors during the 2001-2002 session of the General Assembly when the Turnpike Authority was established.

The other inaugural member was our own Robb Teer. The Secretary asked Board member Teer if he would like to make comments. Board member Teer made remarks on behalf of the legacy of service provided by Vice Chair Safran during his tenure on the board.

Secretary Boyette along with JJ Eden, Executive Director, honored Mr. Perry Safran, longtime board member and Vice Chair of the Board, along with and Mr. Rodger Rochelle with Service and Road Gang Awards for their dedication to the NC Department of Transportation, NC Turnpike Authority, and transportation in the State of North Carolina.

Actions Taken

Information only, no action required.

Executive Director Comments – JJ Eden, Executive Director

Discussion Summary

JJ Eden welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their time. He shared brief opening comments to the Board of Directors.

2021 has been a great year for NC Turnpike. We have all worked together to accomplish some truly remarkable feats:

- We launched pilot programs with GoToll, PayByCar, and Amazon.

- The Monroe Expressway was recognized with the best use of Technology Award from AASHTO.

- We received national recognition with two awards from the Government Finance Officers Association.

- NC Quick Pass has issued over 1 Million transponders to customers.

The Turnpike team has continues to work hard in 2021 and I am grateful for everyone's dedication.

Actions Taken

Information only, no action required.

Vice Chair Election – Secretary Boyette, Chair

Discussion Summary

Secretary Boyette opened the floor to nominations for the Vice Chair position of the NC Turnpike Authority Board of Directors.

Mr. Robert Teer nominated Mr. James Walker to the Vice Chair position.

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Newly elected Vice Chair Walker made a nomination of the following officers:

Secretary Boyette as Chair of the NC Turnpike Board of Directors
Mr. Robert Teer as Secretary-Treasurer of the NC Turnpike Board of Directors
Mr. Robert Teer as NC Turnpike Board of Directors Finance Committee Chair
Mr. Montell Irvin as NC Turnpike Board of Directors Operations Committee Chair

Actions Taken

The board took the following actions:

Board member James “Jim” Walker as Vice Chair of the NC Turnpike Board of Directors was approved unanimously following a motion by Mr. Robert Teer, seconded by Mr. Montell Irvin. .

The board approved a unanimous bundle vote on the following actions: Secretary Boyette as Chair, Mr. Robert Teer as Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Robert Teer as Finance Committee Chair, and Mr. Montell Irvin as Operations Committee chair following a motion by Vice Chair Walker
The motions were approved unanimously.

Operations Committee Report – Montell Irvin, PE, Operations Committee Chair

Discussion Summary

Mr. Montell Irvin updated the board with a report on the Operations Committee meetings that have been held since the last Board of Directors meeting in August. Since the Board meeting in August, the Operations Committee has met once.

At the October 21st meeting, the Operations Committee received presentations on the following:

- o 2022 Triangle Expressway Toll Rates
- o 2022 Monroe Expressway Toll Rates
- o An update on Complete 540 construction
- o NCDOT Project Development Support
- o An update on i-485 Express Lanes

Actions Taken

Information only, no action required.

Finance Committee Report – Robert Teer, Finance Committee Chair

Discussion Summary

Mr. Robert Teer updated the board with a report on the Finance Committee meetings that have been held since the last Board of Directors meeting in August. Since the Board meeting in August, the Finance Committee has met once.

At the October 20th meeting, the Finance Committee received presentations on the following:

- o NCTA Debt Policy
- o Monroe Expressway TIFIA Refunding
- o 2022 Triangle Expressway Toll Rates
- o 2022 Monroe Expressway Toll Rates
- o An update on Complete 540 construction and spending
- o 2022 Finance Committee meeting date schedule.

Actions Taken

Information only, no action required.

Finance & Budget Update – David Roy, Chief Financial Officer

Discussion Summary

Mr. David Roy updated the board on Turnpike Finance and Budget operations. This included an update on the NCTA Debt Policy Report, Monroe Expressway TIFIA Refunding, and the 2022 Triangle and Monroe Expressway Toll Rates.

Mr. Roy's complete presentation can be found at the end of the meeting minutes.

Actions Taken

Information only, no action required.

Roadway Operations Update – Dennis Jernigan, PE, Deputy Chief Engineer for Highway Operations

Discussion Summary

Mr. Dennis Jernigan presented a Roadway maintenance and operations update to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Jernigan's full presentation can be found on end of the meeting minutes.

Mr. James Walker inquired if there was any variation on tractor trailer usage during the pandemic. Mr. Jernigan explained that there was actually an increase in tractor trailer usage at this time.

Secretary Boyette inquired if there were any supply chain issues or concerns during this time. Mr. Jernigan explained that he was unsure of at this time.

Actions Taken

Information only, no action required.

Chief Engineer's Update – Rodger Rochelle, PE, Chief Engineer

Discussion Summary

After a brief meeting intermission, Mr. Rodger Rochelle provided a brief update to the Board of Directors. Mr. Rochelle's full presentation can be found at the end of the meeting minutes.

Actions Taken

Information only, no action required.

Program Development Update – Andy Lelewski, PE, Director of Program Development

Discussion Summary

Mr. Andy Lelewski provided the Board with a Program Development update, which included updated I-485 Express lanes construction photos and drone video. Mr. Lelewski's full presentation can be found on at the end of the meeting minutes.

Mr. Lelewski introduced Mr. Brian Davis to provide the Board on Division 10 Construction updates.

Mr. Montell Irvin inquired of any supply chain issues. Mr. Lelewski explained that at this time, there were no supply chain issues, and did not foresee any issues in the future. Tolling procedures have not yet been taken over by the Authority, that will happen late next year. This time will give the Toll Technology team plenty of time to prepare for any issues.

Actions Taken

Information only, no action required.

Toll Technology & Customer Service Update – Manish Chourey, Chief Technology Officer

Discussion Summary

Mr. Manish Chourey provided a Toll Technology & Customer Service Update, which included an update on technology project timeline projections. Mr. Chourey's full presentation can be found at the end of the meeting minutes.

Mr. Robert Teer inquired as to the what the 2019 growth can be attributed to. Mr. Chourey stated that that would be the opening and usage of Monroe Expressway and I-77 Express Lanes. Mr. Irvin inquired if that was based solely on transponder usage, Mr. Chourey stated yes.

Mr. Charles Travis inquired if a transponder was needed to participate in the PayByCar program. Mr. Chourey explained that there would be an in-vehicle radio transmission.

Mr. Travis inquired is any other states and roads participated in this program. Mr. Chourey stated that Florida and Georgia also participate in this program.

Actions Taken

Information only, no action required.

Communications & Marketing Update – Kimberlee Poulton, Marketing & Communications Director Logen Hodges, Marketing & Communications Manager

Discussion Summary

Ms. Kimberlee Poulton and Mr. Logen Hodges provided the Board of Directors with an update on Turnpike Communications and Marketing.

Ms. Poulton and Mr. Hodges' presentation can be found at the end of the meeting minutes.

Actions Taken

Information only, no action required.

2022 Meeting Dates – Secretary Boyette, Chair

Discussion Summary

Secretary Boyette stated that the 2022 Meeting dates for the NC Turnpike Board of Directors, Finance Committee, and Operations Committee were released to the Board. Please submit any scheduling conflicts, comments, or inquiries to Board Secretary Logann Perry.

Actions Taken

Information only, no action required.

Adjourn – Secretary Boyette, Chair

Discussion Summary

A motion to adjourn the November 15, 2021 Board of Directors meeting was made by Secretary Boyette,

Secretary Boyette adjourned the November 15, 2021 NC Turnpike Board of Directors meeting at 3:30 PM.

Actions Taken

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Secretary Boyette adjourned the November 15, 2021 NC Turnpike Board of Directors meeting.