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Board of
Directors Act
of 2012

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IV-B, Chapter 11,
Title 9
New
§ 9-1108.11

To establish requirements for appointment and service on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors Act of 2012”.

Sec. 2. Requirements for appointment and service on the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

(a) A person who is appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("Board") shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) The person shall not have been an employee of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("WMATA") within one year of appointment to the Board.

(2) The person shall have experience in at least one of the following areas:

- (A) Transit planning;
- (B) Transportation planning;
- (C) Land use planning;
- (D) Transit or transportation management or other public-sector management;
- (E) Engineering;
- (F) Finance;
- (G) Public Safety;
- (H) Homeland security;
- (I) Human resources;
- (J) Law; or
- (K) Knowledge of the WMATA region's transportation issues.

(3) The person shall be a patron of services provided by the WMATA.

(4) The person shall serve a 4-year term with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms.

(5) Persons appointed to the Board shall file an annual report with the Council on or before April 30 of each calendar year. The report shall include:

- (A) The dates of attendance at WMATA Board meetings;
- (B) The reason for not attending a meeting;
- (C) Dates and attendance at other WMATA- related public events; and
- (D) An affirmation of the member's use of the bus, rail, or paratransit

services of the WMATA since submission of the previous report.

(b)(1) For the purpose of transitioning to a composition of staggered terms, initial appointments to the Board shall be made on July 1, 2013, as follows:

- (A) A principal member shall be appointed for a term of 4 years;
- (B) An alternate member shall be appointed for a term of 3 years;
- (C) A principal member shall be appointed for a term of 2 years; and
- (D) An alternate member shall be appointed for a term of one year.

(2) Thereafter, members shall be appointed for 4-year terms.

(3) Appointments, including appointments for the completion of an unexpired term, for fewer than 3 years shall not count for the purposes of term limits.

(c) To prevent extended vacancies on the Board, each person appointed may continue to serve until replaced or reappointed, for a period not to exceed 12 months.

(d) Each person appointed to the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Council and may be removed for any reason, including failure to adhere to the requirements of this act.

Sec. 3. The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011, effective April 27, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-124; D.C. Official Code § 1-1161.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 101(47)(D.C. Official Code § 1-1161.01(47)) is amended by adding a new subparagraph (G-1) to read as follows:

Amend
§ 1-1161.01

“(G-1) Members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors appointed pursuant to section 1 of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, approved November 6, 1966 (80 Stat. 1324; D.C. Official Code § 9-1107.01);”.

(b) Section 224(a)(1) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.64(a)(1)) is amended by striking the phrase “except Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners” and inserting the phrase “except Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners and members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors appointed pursuant to section 1 of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, approved November 6, 1966 (80 Stat. 1324; D.C. Official Code § 9-1107.01)” in its place.

Amend
§ 1-1162.24

(c) Section 225(a) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.65(a)) is amended by striking the phrase “Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners” and inserting the phrase “Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners and members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors appointed pursuant to section 1 of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, approved November 6, 1966 (80 Stat. 1324; D.C. Official Code § 9-1107.01)” in its place.

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§ 1-1162.25

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.