

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Location: Ronald F. Kirby Training Center
777 North Capitol Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

DRAFT MINUTES

Agenda Item#	Items
	Commissioners present: Christopher Hart, Debra Farrar-Dyke, Robert Bobb, Michael Rush (alternate). Via phone: Mark Rosenker, Howard Roberts, John Contestabile (alternate) (after roll call). David Mayer was present.
1.	The Chairman called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was achieved.
2.	Safety Briefing: Dr. Mayer outlined emergency exit procedures for evacuating the Kirby Center.
3.	Public Comments: There were no comments from the public.
4.	Chair's Remarks: Chairman Hart made brief remarks. Chairman Hart welcomed the commission and public to the meeting and outlined the agenda for the meeting.
5.	CEO's Remarks: Dr. Mayer updated the Commissioners on the status of WMSC's financial oversight, noting that MWCOG continued to hold that responsibility. Dr. Mayer noted that the WMSC had submitted the FY2017 grant application and the civil rights plan to the FTA, and the grant was under review. He announced that the FTA had assigned a program manager to the WMSC and, in the week prior, WMSC staff had the first of what were intended to be monthly meetings with the program manager. Dr. Mayer noted that the WMSC had also been invited to attend the quarterly meeting held by the FTA with WMATA, and Dr. Mayer noted that he anticipated being asked to attend future meetings. Dr. Mayer noted that the WMSC provided the attendees at the FTA-WMATA meeting with a brief update of the WMSC's activities. Dr. Mayer mentioned that there would be a presentation by the FTA to the MWCOG board on June 12 concerning the completion of WMSC's certification and its expected future activities.
6.	A motion to approve the Minutes of the May 14, 2019, meeting was made and seconded.

	<u>ACTION:</u> The Minutes were unanimously approved.
	Action Items
7.	<p>Safety Event Investigations: Dr. Mayer began by outlining a May 21 pre-rush hour event during which WMATA removed its 3000-series cars from service. The prior evening, a car in motion from that series had been observed with an open door. After investigation, it was found that an electrical short had disabled mechanisms intended to prevent such an occurrence. The cars were returned to service after inspections showed no other affected components. Dr. Mayer also noted that WMATA has developed a daily pre-revenue service check for the 3000-series cars, and the WMSC conducted a recent inspection to observe this new check.</p> <p>Ms. Samarasinghe presented four safety events to the WMSC. The first (E18159) involved a work vehicle damaging a station ETS as a result of a collision. The second (E18212) concerned an employee being seriously burned while welding due to inadequate protective clothing. The third (E18365) concerned high-rail gear being improperly installed on a track vehicle causing it to derail. The fourth (E19090) involved an intoxicated customer falling from the station platform onto the rail bed, during the late night hours, where the customer was struck by an oncoming train, fatally as the operator did not see him.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> Motions to accept all four reports were made, seconded, and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Dr. Mayer provided an update on the misrouted train event he had brought to the attention of the Commissioners at its last meeting, noting the WMSC was currently reviewing WMATA's final report of the incident and expected to present it for approval at an upcoming meeting.</p>
8.	<p>Corrective Action Plans: Ms. Samarasinghe briefly outlined the three categories of CAPs among the 101 inherited from WMATA. She then described eighteen CAPs that were currently under review by the WMSC.</p>
9.	<p>Audits: Ms. Samarasinghe updated the Commissioners on the first of the triennial audits scheduled for WMATA. The WMSC has submitted an audit notification letter including a document request list to WMATA for the track and associated training audit to be conducted in July 2019.</p>
10.	<p>Resolutions: Dr. Mayer presented a Resolution delegating to the CEO the power to sign a funding agreement between the WMSC and the three local jurisdictions: Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. The agreement would be effective June 15, 2019,</p>

	<p>and begin governing the WMSC's 2021 Fiscal Year. A brief discussion took place about the details of the agreement.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u>: Motion to adopt the Resolution was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.</p>
11.	The Meeting was Adjourned.