

**WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Date:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021

**Location:** This meeting was conducted remotely as a publicly-streamed video conference

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**MINUTES**

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	<b>Items</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	Commissioners present: Chair Christopher Hart and Commissioners Robert Bobb, Debra Farrar-Dyke, Suhair Al Khatib, Greg Hull, and Michael Rush. Alternate Commissioner present but not voting: Robert Lauby. WMSC Staff and members of the public were also present.
1.	<b>Call to Order.</b> Hart.  Hart called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by WMSC General Counsel Allison Fultz and a quorum was achieved.
2.	<b>Safety Message.</b> Richard David, Emergency Management Specialist/Safety Officer.  David advised commissioners and viewers to continue to follow public health recommendations and local orders, including those about wearing masks during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
3.	<b>Approval of the minutes of the June 29, 2021, meeting.</b> Farrar-Dyke.  Farrar-Dyke moved a motion to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2021, public meeting. Rush seconded the motion. The minutes of the June 29, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved.
4.	<b>Public Comments.</b> Hart.  Hart invited comments from members of the public who had joined the webinar audience. There were no public comments.
5.	<b>Chair’s Remarks.</b> Hart.  Hart previewed the day’s meeting, noting that it would include updates on the WMSC’s ongoing safety oversight activities, consideration of final safety event investigation reports and an update on certain Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) and Audits.

<p>6.</p>	<p><b>CEO’s Remarks.</b> David Mayer, WMSC Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>Mayer noted that the WMSC has identified areas of concern when it comes to safety certification, including findings issued in the Roadway Maintenance Machine and Automatic Train Control and Signaling audits earlier in 2021. Mayer noted that safety certification is also the process that Metrorail must follow to safely activate Silver Line Phase 2. Mayer noted that the WMSC’s required Pre-Revenue Service Review of Silver Line Phase 2 is being conducted in two parts: (1) The first part of our Pre-Revenue Service review relates to Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority’s (MWAA) construction of the project; and (2) Metrorail’s readiness to operate the line. This includes, among other things, adequate staffing and up to date training to ensure that train operators, maintenance personnel, rail traffic controllers and all other applicable Metrorail employees are fully knowledgeable about the operating and maintenance requirements of the new extension.</p> <p>Additionally, Mayer updated the commissioners on WMSC access to Metrorail’s CCTV video. On July 13, the WMSC issued a protocol requiring WMATA to provide the WMSC with any required CCTV video within prescribed time periods and establishes a physical location for WMSC staff to monitor live video as part of our regular oversight.</p> <p>Mayer also provided staffing updates, informing commissioners that the WMSC hired Natalie Quiroz as Investigations Analyst, saw Lahiru Karunaratne depart for a position outside the WMSC, and that there is an opening for a Communications Specialist.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Safety Event Investigations.</b> Natalie Quiroz, Investigations Analyst; Jemayne Walker, Subject Matter Expert (SME) for Track &amp; Structures; Bruce Walker, SME for Operations; David.</p> <p>Safety Event Investigation reports may be found at the following link:  <a href="https://wmsc.gov/oversight/reports/">https://wmsc.gov/oversight/reports/</a>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Safety Event Investigation Report W-0092</b> – Near miss of collision, Green and Yellow Lines, January 22, 2021. Bobb moved the adoption and Al Khatib seconded it. The commissioners unanimously adopted the report.</li> <li>2. <b>Safety Event Investigation Report W-0093</b> Improper movement, U Street Station, December 9, 2020. Rush moved the adoption and Hull seconded it. The commissioners unanimously adopted the report.</li> <li>3. <b>Safety Event Investigation Report W-0094</b> – Improper vehicle movement, King Street Station, February 18, 2021. Al Khatib moved the adoption and Rush seconded it. The commissioners unanimously adopted the report.</li> <li>4. <b>Safety Event Investigation Report W-0095</b> – Work vehicle derailment, Arlington Cemetery Station, March 26, 2021. Bobb moved the adoption and Hull seconded it. The commissioners unanimously adopted the report.</li> <li>5. <b>Safety Event Investigation Report W-0096</b> Collision of two rail maintenance machines, Greenbelt Rail Yard, March 9, 2021. Al Khatib moved the adoption and Farrar-Dyke seconded it. The commissioners unanimously adopted the report.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. <b>Safety Event Investigation Report W-0097</b> – Serious injury (broken hip and femur tripping over third rail), Potomac Yard Station, February 14, 2021. Bobb moved the adoption and Al Khatib seconded it. The commissioners unanimously adopted the report.</li> <li>7. <b>Safety Event Investigation Report W-0098</b> – Improper roadway worker protection, L’Enfant Plaza Station, January 25, 2021. Hull moved the adoption and Rush seconded it. The commissioners unanimously adopted the report.</li> <li>8. <b>Safety Event Investigation Report W-0099</b> – Improper roadway worker protection, Red Line, January 18, 2021. The commissioners took no action and instead directed staff to revise report to reflect what action WMATA took in connection with deliberate employee misrepresentation. The report will be brought back for consideration in the future.</li> <li>9. <b>Safety Event Investigation Report W-0100</b> – Improper roadway worker protection, U Street Station, February 5, 2021. Rush moved the adoption and Hull seconded it. The commissioners unanimously adopted the report.</li> <li>10. <b>Safety Event Investigation Report W-0101</b> – Person struck, Suitland Station, March 13, 2021. Al Khatib moved the adoption and Bobb seconded it. The commissioners unanimously adopted the report.</li> <li>11. <b>Safety Event Investigation Report W-0102</b> – Person struck and killed, Shaw/Howard University Station, March 24, 2021. Hull moved the adoption and Rush seconded it. The commissioners unanimously adopted the report.</li> <li>12. <b>Safety Event Investigation Report W-0103</b> Improper door operation, Court House Station, March 14, 2021. Bobb moved the adoption and Al Khatib seconded it. The commissioners unanimously adopted the report.</li> </ol>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Corrective Action Plans (CAPs).</b> Sharmila Samarasinghe, Chief Operating Officer.</p> <p>Samarasinghe informed commissioners that with respect to the Automatic Train Control and Signaling Audit, the WMSC has now approved six CAPs for implementation. The WMSC provided the latest feedback yesterday on revisions that are required for Metrorail’s other 10 CAP proposals related to this audit to address the audit’s findings. There are no other CAP proposals outstanding right now.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Audits.</b> Davis Rajtik, Audit Manager.</p> <p>Rajtik informed the commissioners that staff transmitted the final draft Fitness for Duty and Railcar audit reports to Metrorail for its 30-day technical reviews. Additionally, after conducting interviews in June and additional document reviews, the WMSC is developing its High Voltage and Traction Power Audit report. The WMSC also started interviews and field observations for the Fire Life Safety and Emergency Management audit.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><b>Adjournment.</b> Hart.</p> <p>Hart moved to adjourn and Rush seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.</p>