

**WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023

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

These minutes serve as a guide to the video recording of the meeting available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2rzfeh-5Q&pp=ygUmd2FzaGluZ3RvbiBtZXRYb3JhaWwgc2FmZXR5IGNvbW1pc3Npb24%3D>. Commissioner questions and comments are fully captured in the video recording.

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**MINUTES**

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	<b>Items</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	Commissioners present: Chair Christopher Hart and Commissioners Robert Bobb, Suhair Al Khatib, and Michael Rush. Alternate Commissioner Robert Lauby was participated as the second Virginia commissioner. Commissioner Debra Farrar-Dyke was absent.
1.	<b>Call to Order.</b> Hart.  Hart called the meeting to order at 12:43 p.m. Roll call was taken by WMSC Counsel Brackett Smith, and a quorum was achieved.
2.	<b>Safety Message.</b> Richard David, Emergency Management Specialist/Safety Officer.  David discussed distracted driving because April is distracted driving awareness month.
3.	<b>Approval of the minutes of the March 7, 2023, Public Meeting.</b> Hart.  Hart moved for approval of the minutes of the March 7, 2023, Public Meeting. The minutes of the March 7, 2023, Public Meeting were unanimously approved.
4.	<b>Public Comments.</b> Hart.  Hart invited comments from members of the public who had joined the webinar audience. William Jackson spoke about automatic train operation (“ATO”) and two other commenters were stopped from because they made threatening and racist comments.
5.	<b>Chair’s Remarks.</b> Hart.

	Hart previewed the day’s meeting, noting it would cover the WMSC’s ongoing safety oversight activities and consideration of final safety event investigation reports.
6.	<p><b>CEO’s Remarks.</b> David Mayer, Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>Mayer spoke in detail about what the meeting would cover and additionally discussed the resignation of a train operator who was caught violating procedure by operating a train in ATO while it was in passenger service. He also mentioned the WMSC is looking into a fatality on the Red Line that occurred the week prior to the meeting.</p>
7.	<p><b>7000 Series Railcar Update.</b> Sharmila Samarasinghe, Deputy CEO and Chief Operating Officer</p> <p>Samarasinghe told commissioners that the WMSC continues to work with WMATA on an updated Return to Service plan and detailed the proposed changes.</p>
8.	<p><b>Audits.</b> Ashley Rhodes, Program Coordination Specialist.</p> <p>Rhodes said the WMSC is working on draft reports of the Structures Audit and Roadway Maintenance Machine Audit for submission to WMATA for comment. She further said interviews were nearly completed for the Automatic Train Control and Signaling Audit.</p>
9.	<p><b>Corrective Action Plans (CAPs).</b> Ashley Rhodes, Program Coordination Specialist.</p> <p>Rhodes noted that since the March 7 public meeting, the WMSC has closed 11 CAPs and approved 10 Metrorail CAP proposals for implementation. There were 124 open CAPs as of the meeting date.</p>
10.	<p><b>Safety Certification Status Report.</b> Tino Sahoo, Subject Matter Expert, Traction Power.</p> <p>Sahoo discussed projects that require WMSC concurrence prior to Metrorail activating them in passenger service, including the new Potomac Yard Station, Metrorail’s possible initiation of ATO, automatic door operation, and the future 8000 Series railcars.</p>
11.	<p><b>Safety Event Investigations.</b> Adam Quigley, Investigations Manager; Natalie Quiroz, Investigations Analyst.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. W-0210 Derailment at Greenbelt Rail Yard – September 10, 2022 – <a href="#">Download PDF</a></li> <li>2. W-0211 Evacuation for Life Safety Reasons of Gallery Place Station November 23, 2022 – <a href="#">Download PDF</a></li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. W-0212 Evacuation for Life Safety Reasons of Southern Avenue Station on November 21, 2022 – <a href="#">Download PDF</a></li> <li>4. W-0213 Evacuation for Life Safety Reasons at Pentagon City Station – November 29, 2022 and December 17, 2022 – <a href="#">Download PDF</a></li> <li>5. W-0214 Evacuation for Life Safety Reasons of Metro Center Station on December 7, 2022 – <a href="#">Download PDF</a></li> <li>6. W-0215 Evacuation for Life Safety Reasons of Benning Road Station December 8, 2022 – <a href="#">Download PDF</a></li> <li>7. W-0216 Collision at Anacostia Station – December 11, 2022 – <a href="#">Download PDF</a></li> </ol> <p>Lauby moved for the adoption of the seven reports. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
12.	<p><b>Adjournment.</b> Hart adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.</p>