

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 19 March 2026, 8:00 pm – by Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/8023185606?pwd=KjDj3FbTwQEL1EI2AHZ9O9habDPY1R.1&omn=95224863421>

Meeting ID: 802 318 5606

Passcode: 22151

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1. Call to order: 7:03 pm by President Ed Saperstein.
Quorum is present (Attachment 1)

2. Updates on pending matters:
Litigation was started a week ago when we hired the firm Bean Kinny Korman. Board members are not to discuss this matter with Morgan and to not discuss this with non-board members.

Letter of 17 March 2026 sent to Gov. Spanberger stating Federation position on casinos, Matt, Ed, Dave signed and are comfortable with sending. The letter referenced the Federation 2005 Legislation Issue on casinos. Letter is posted on website home page. Will put link in membership agenda next week and will send to Fairfax delegation to the GA and the BOS.

3. Dave E. – Dynamically reviewed, made minor edits, and approved the Federation's draft FY27 Budget Resolution. Dave will finalize these edits then send to BOS and FCPS, cc: membership & Board.

4. Approved Feb 19 regular Board meeting minutes.

5. Officers' reports:
1st VP – One member requested dues refund.
Recording Secretary – requested that agenda items be submitted to him in format closer to the standard Agenda template.
Treasurer Report – see Attachment 2. Discussed the email content from the community requesting the refund.

6. Committee chairs' reports:
Education – complimented Charlotte about spotting Ms. Meren's Facebook page having re-evaluation of FCPS calendar process as similar in direction of committee's legislative issue, working with Mateo and Ricardy on FCPS Board. Committee will be holding its next meeting over Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on April 14, 2026. We will be hosting two guests from FCPS to better understand recent changes in mathematics education, including the inclusion of Algebra within elementary schools and the stated goal of the school system to ensure all students complete Algebra by 8th grade. We will be hearing from Dr. Ellen Reilly,

assistant superintendent for Instructional Services as well as Amy Hunter, FCPS' senior manager for mathematics.

Public Safety – Complemented Budget committee team meeting of last week.

Drainsville supervisor is having a Town Hall on Monday, March 23, 7 PM at the McLean Community Center. (see Attachment 3)

Transportation – Comprehensive Plan study in each District (much more reports in Attachment 4.)

7. Old business:

- Need action on: By-Laws, Code of Conduct, COY Nominees, COY Trophy,
- Confirmed Ken as Co-Chair of Land Use Committee.

8. New business

- Record Date for membership meetings (Dave F.) – Motion to set Record Date as 7 days prior to March April May membership meeting. Motion carried.
- Patrick taking Police Academy class.

Adjourned 9:10 PM

Next Meetings:

Membership – 26 March, 7 PM, virtual, Topic: Approval of Budget resolution;

Board – 16 April, 7 PM, Topic: TBD

Attachment 1. Attendees

Attachment 2. Treasurer's report

Attachment 3. Public Safety Committee report

Attachment 4. Transportation Committee report



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Attachment 1. Attendees Board members, as of March 19, 2026

Board Member	Attend	District Council Rep.	Standing or Support Committee Position	Elected Position
(vacant)			Audit	
(vacant)		Franconia		
(vacant)		Springfield		
(vacant)		Providence		
(vacant)		Mt. Vernon		
Andrew Pavord			Budget	
Annmarie Swope			Education	
Anna Dixon			Citizen Assoc Services	
Barbara Smith		Braddock		
Bill Barfield	x		Legislation, By-Laws	Recording Sec, Past President, Past 2 nd VP
Carey Campbell	x		Transportation	
Charlotte Hannagan	x		Web Services	
David Edelman	x		Budget	
Dave Fitzgerald	x		Environment, Membership	Acting President, 1 st VP
Doug Birnie			Human Services	
Ed Saperstein	x			President
Gabe Goldberg	x		Public Safety	
Jeff Parnes	x		Transportation, Resolutions, Finance, Web Archives	Treasurer, Past President
Ken Balbuena	x		Land Use	
Lewis Grimm	x	Sully		
Luann Whittenburg				Corresponding Sec.
Mark Crawford	x	Mason		
Matt Bell			Land Use	2 nd Vice President
Marie Norman			Human Services	
Nancy Trainer	x		Education	
Patrick Smaldore	x		Public Safety	
Tim Thompson			Budget, COY, Nominations	Past President

Attachment 2. Treasurer's Report

As of today the Federation has a balance of \$5738.67 including accounts receivable of \$80.00 (two joint memberships awaiting transfer from SDCCA)

http://www.fcfca.org/treasurer/20260319_FederationFinancialReports.pdf

http://www.fcfca.org/treasurer/20260319_FederationFinancialReports.xlsx

Since the last board meeting the federation has received five new membership applications or renewals, one of which has asked their application be rescinded and the fee be refunded

Midtown Alexandria HOA

Hunter Valley Association (request membership be refunded - see below for request and further elaboration)

Masonville Heights HOA

Bren Pointe Home Owners Association

Chantilly Highlands Homes Association

In order to forestall future similar problems regarding whether applications have been received by a date specific all PayPal will be shown as the date received by PayPal versus date processed by the treasurer, this change is reflected in the reports referenced.

As of this date we have 20 paid communities. Please note that as we run on a fiscal year (July to June), and some communities run on a calendar year, a community may pay in two calendar years and yet our records will reflect that they paid twice in our fiscal year.

<http://www.fcfca.org/treasurer/CombinedMembership.pdf> (compares membership since 2022-2023)

http://www.fcfca.org/treasurerCombinedMembership_20260319.pdf (lists those communities that have paid since 1 January 2025)

Attachment 3. Public Safety Committee Membership Report

- Concurred with the Review of the Public Safety Resolutions included in the draft Federation FY27 Budget Resolution presented by the Federation Budget Committee Chair David Edelman
- Attended the Saturday March 7th Federation Budget Committee Meeting
- Also attended the Monday March 9th Providence Supervisory District Budget Town Hall
- Asked about providing the Federation Letter about SB 756 to Dranesville District Supervisor James Bierman
 - Approved Can provide the Federation Letter about SB 756 to Dranesville District Supervisor James Bierman
- Announced that the Dranesville Supervisory District Budget Town Hall will take place on Monday March 23rd at 7pm in the McLean Community Center
 - Attending will be FCPS Board Member Robyn Lady

Public Safety Committee Chair New Business:

- Will not be attending the Thursday March 26th Federation Membership Meeting
- Am enrolled in the 2026 FCPD Community Academy
 - 2014 FCPD Community Academy Graduate:

Patrick Smaldore
FCFCA Public Safety Committee Chair

Attachment 4. Transportation Committee report

- Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2025-CW-T1 (Active Fairfax Transportation Plan Study) Planning Commission Action and Recommendation

The [Planning Commission](#) public hearing for Comprehensive Plan amendment [2025-CW-T1](#) (Active Fairfax Transportation Plan Study) was held on March 11, 2026, and a decision was made on March 18, 2026. The Planning Commission's recommendation and meeting action for this amendment can be viewed at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/pcaction-home>.

The [Board of Supervisors](#) public hearing for this Plan amendment is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors public hearing information can be found at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/2026-board-meetings>.

[Comprehensive Plan Amendment #2025-CW-T1](#) would incorporate a new Active Transportation and Trails Plan Map into the Comprehensive Plan, as well as associated edits to the Countywide Policy Plan to align technical terms, definitions, and facility specifications, and minor edits to the Area Plans volumes of the Comprehensive Plan to update references and ensure consistency.

The Staff Report for this amendment has been posted on the Department of Planning and Development web site

at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/plan-amendments/staff-reports>.

- FCDOT is working with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to prioritize \$100M for Active Transportation projects across the County. Find projects listed by district and provide survey feedback by March 31. For more information, visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/bike-walk/100-million-funding/prioritization>.
- FCDOT will hold a virtual meeting on the Idylwood Road Walkway project, Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 7 p.m. Project information and meeting login instructions can be found at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/idylwood-road-path>.

Updates on Passenger Rail Improvements in Fairfax County

Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) hosted the third Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting on February 25, 2026, to share progress on major passenger rail projects planned for Fairfax County and the surrounding region. The Fairfax County CAG is a group of community members with whom VPRA and VRE meet quarterly and virtually to share the latest project updates and hear feedback about community questions and concerns. The

CAG [PowerPoint](#) and [Meeting Recording](#) are available on our project websites.

Together with the Long Bridge and Alexandria Fourth Track projects, the Franconia to Lorton Third Track project will:

- **Reduce congestion** by addressing bottlenecks within the Franconia corridor.
- **Improve reliability** on a network currently operating at near capacity.
- **Provide more travel choices** including evening and weekend commuter service.

These priorities are being advanced through [Transforming Rail in Virginia \(TRV\)](#), a statewide initiative with more than a dozen active projects between Washington, DC, and Richmond. Following the completion of all construction phase projects in 2030, VPRA will offer 13 Amtrak Virginia roundtrips, plus an additional 13 VRE frequencies, resulting in generational changes that will transform passenger rail for Virginians across the Commonwealth.

Virginia Statewide Rail Plan Feedback Survey.

Your responses will help guide the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to develop a 2026 Virginia Statewide Rail Plan that is responsive to the needs and priorities of passengers and communities across Virginia.

The survey will take around **5-10 minutes** to complete. Your participation is completely voluntary, and you can opt out at any time by simply closing your browser.

Who can participate? You must be 18 years or older and live or work in Virginia.

Privacy: Your response is anonymous. Results will only be reported in the aggregate so no individual set of responses may be identified.

Risks & Benefits: There are no known risks or direct benefits to you for participating.

Data storage: Survey data will be electronically stored for up to five years by CSR on their secure, password-protected server. DRPT will also retain a deidentified copy of the data on their secure data storage systems.

Questions? Please contact:

Dr. Kara Fitzgibbon, Director, University of Virginia's Center for Survey Research

Email: surveys2@virginia.edu | Phone: 434-243-5226

Mail: 2400 Old Ivy Road | PO Box 400767 | Charlottesville, VA 22904-4767

You may also report any concerns about this study or ask questions about your rights as a respondent by contacting the University of Virginia's Institutional Review Board:

Tonya R. Moon, Ph.D., Chair, Institutional Review Board for the Social and

Behavioral Sciences
PO Box 800392 Charlottesville, VA 22908-0392
Email: irbsbshelp@virginia.edu | Phone: 434-924-5999 |
Website: <https://research.virginia.edu/irb-sbs>

VPRA Announces Service Changes for Long Bridge Project Construction

Will impact Amtrak and VRE service The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) today announced plans for passenger rail service changes to accommodate the Long Bridge Project, the flagship project of the state's Transforming Rail in Virginia (TRV) initiative to expand passenger rail service in the Commonwealth. The completion of the Long Bridge and other TRV projects will bring about generational changes in passenger rail for Virginians, benefiting both passenger rail and freight traffic nationally.

As the Long Bridge Project enters full construction, major construction activities require daytime "work windows" through the construction zone in Washington, D.C. VPRA has coordinated service planning efforts with Amtrak, NCDOT, CSX, NS, and Virginia Railway Express (VRE), who have jointly developed a plan to preserve service. The construction work must be carried out during the daytime, as noise and vibration ordinances in Washington, D.C., prohibit certain work at night. Work windows will begin January 12, 2026, and will continue until the project's completion in 2030. Schedule changes seek to preserve optimal times for Amtrak service while protecting the highest ridership "peak" for VRE's morning and evening commuter trains. CSX has also rescheduled its freight traffic to accommodate the work win

- Soapstone Connector. Fairfax County. Location & Design Public Hearing. *Monday, April 13, 2026. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.. Presentation begins at 7*

Help Shape the Future of Rail in Virginia: DRPT Launches 2026 Statewide Rail Plan Survey

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) has officially launched a public input survey to help guide the development of the 2026 Virginia Statewide Rail Plan. The agency is seeking feedback to ensure the updated plan reflects the needs and priorities of passengers, freight partners, and communities across the Commonwealth. The survey will be open from March 13 through March 27.

The Statewide Rail Plan establishes a vision for the future of rail in Virginia, outlining both short-term (6-year) and long-term (20-year) investment horizons. To help shape this vision, the survey gathers public input on potential improvements to passenger rail service as well as freight rail considerations, including impacts at highway rail crossings. Respondents are also invited to share their perspectives on key

strategies identified by DRPT to enhance passenger and freight rail service statewide.

Residents, business owners, farmers, and commuters are encouraged to participate in the survey, which takes approximately five to ten minutes to complete

In the coming months, DRPT will partner with the University of Virginia's Institute for Engagement and Negotiation to host a series of public meetings. These meetings will provide an opportunity to review survey findings and gather additional feedback on how Virginians would like to see the rail system evolve. Participants may provide their email address at the end of the survey to receive updates and invitations to these upcoming events.

To take the survey and help shape the future of Virginia's rail network, click [here](#)

- At the 12 March Transportation Planning Board Community Advisory Committee meeting the following items were discussed
 - [Freight Planning at the TPB](#)
 - Freight Background
 - Federal Requirements for MPOs
 - TPB Policy Documents
 - TPB Activities
 - Looking Ahead
- [Continuous Airport System Planning \(CASP\) Program in the Metro DC area](#)
 - About Air System Planning Region
 - Regional Airport Systems Planning
 - CASP Planning Cycle and Projects
 - Aviation Technical Subcommittee (ATS)
 - CASP Program - Deliverables
 - CASP Program Scope
 - Upcoming CASP Activities