**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

A quorum was attained and Commissioner Kanoyton called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Commissioners in attendance:**

Gaylene Kanoyton, Hampton

Councilwoman Andria McClellan, Norfolk

Mayor Shannon Glover, Portsmouth

August Bullock, Newport News

**Hampton Roads Transit staff in attendance:**

Gene Cavasos, Director of Marketing & Communication

Joe Dillard, Organizational Advancement Officer

William Harrell, President & CEO

John Powell, Telecommunications Specialist

Dr. Brian Smith, Deputy CEO

**Additional Attendees:**

Johnna Cossaboon, Advantus Strategies

The Honorable Thelma Drake, Norfolk

Delceno Miles, The Miles Agency

Sherri Neil, City of Portsmouth

Carl Jackson, City of Portsmouth

David Westscott, City of Chesapeake
Ron Jordan, Advantus Strategies

Janice Taylor, League of Women Voters South H.R

**Approval of April 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The April minutes were not present to be approved.

**State Session Update**

Chairwoman Kanoyton recognized Mr. Jordan to bring an update on the Virginia General Assembly Session. Mr. Jordan stated his research into the funding pots has yielded favorable numbers with regional Grantors Tax collections. He plans to work directly with Kevin Page to get a better number to present to this committee moving forward. The Transient Occupancy Tax is also now being collected.

**Federal Update**

Mr. Dillard moved to Federal legislation and spoke of the “Community Project Funding” and Member Designated Funding Projects opportunities for Hampton Roads Transit. The Senate has also agreed to funding “earmarks.” Mr. Dillard stated that in the coming months he would rely on board members to help advocate for the projects being considered at the federal level. Commissioners and community leaders let Mr. Dillard know that they are willing to support where needed and requested further direction.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.