

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

**ITEM NO.:** DRPA-16-108

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Citizens Advisory Committee Membership Nominations – Marcus A. Stenson and Daniel Swartley-McArdle

**COMMITTEE:**

Audit

**COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:**

September 14, 2016

**BOARD ACTION DATE:**

September 21, 2016

**PROPOSAL:**

That the Board approve the nomination made by the Citizens Advisory Committee (“CAC”) to fill two (2) vacancies on the Committee.

**PURPOSE:**

To fill vacancies on the CAC.

**BACKGROUND:**

On September 15, 2010, the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority and the Board of Directors of the Port Authority Transit Corporation voted to create a Citizens Advisory Committee comprised of an equal number of residents of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Those interested in becoming CAC members must complete and submit an application. Applications are available on DRPA’s website and also in One Port Center’s lobby, all four bridges and at all PATCO stations. Applicants may not be related to any commissioner, officer or Authority employee. No vendors or employees of companies doing business with DRPA or PATCO are eligible.

The CAC was formed and adopted its own By Laws, which provide that a Nominating Committee of the CAC will review applications from Pennsylvania and New Jersey residents submitted to the DRPA and recommend new members.

When a CAC opening becomes available, the CAC’s Nominating Committee selects candidates for recommendation to the Audit Committee. Before the CAC will advance a candidate to the Audit Committee for consideration, the Committee requires potential members to attend three board meetings to familiarize themselves with Authority issues, become acquainted with CAC members and to enable the

**CAC to assess whether the potential new member would be an appropriate fit for such service. Audit Committee members are then invited to interview prospective CAC members. Once approved by the Audit Committee, the proposed new members are presented to the Authority Board for approval.**

**The CAC's Nominating Committee has selected two (2) new members for recommendation to the Board:**

- **Marcus A. Stenson of Hammonton, NJ**

**Mr. Stenson is a frequent user of PATCO and our bridges. He has attended three (3) CAC meetings, and looks forward to working with the CAC members. Mr. Stenson has always wanted to serve on a transportation committee and is eager to be a voice for other passengers. He looks forward to discussing the issues with other CAC members. As he travels from Lindenwold to Philadelphia, he listens to the views and comments of fellow PATCO riders. He feels that conducting passenger surveys is key to helping the Authority understand the concerns and ideas expressed. He attended a recent CAC meeting during which representatives from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) spoke about transportation access for those with disabilities. If approved, he would like to work with the CAC on these issues. Attending the monthly CAC meetings will be a priority for him.**

- **Daniel Swartley-McArdle of Elmer, NJ**

**Mr. Swartley-McArdle is a frequent user of PATCO and the Ben Franklin Bridge Walkway. He is an Adjunct Professor at Temple University and Rowan University, and completed his undergraduate and graduate studies at Rutgers University – Camden. He is familiar with the geography of the area and PATCO. Mr. Swartley-McArdle has attended three (3) CAC meetings and is said in his interview that he is committed to CAC because he is civic-minded and enjoys helping other people. He is willing to assist the CAC in whatever way possible. Mr. Swartley-McArdle believes being a member of CAC will be an excellent opportunity to learn about transportation. He would like to be a voice for other commuters as he likes helping people express themselves. He would like to assist the CAC in finding a way to integrate PATCO riders, bridge drivers, and Ben Franklin Bridge Walkway users and educate them about the benefits of all the services the Authority provides to the community.**

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**The candidates were interviewed on August 4, 2016 by members of the Audit Committee and Chief Administrative Officer Toni P. Brown and are being presented to the Board for approval. There are currently ten (10) members from NJ, with two (2) vacancies open. Currently, there are six (6) members from PA with six (6) vacancies open. If these nominees are approved, the CAC will have the full complement of twelve (12) members from NJ.**

<b>SUMMARY:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Source of Funds:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Capital Project #:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Operating Budget:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Master Plan Status:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Other Fund Sources:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Duration of Contract:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Other Parties Involved:</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED:**                   **That the Board approve the appointments of Marcus A. Stenson of Hammonton, NJ and Daniel Swartley-McArdle of Elmer, NJ to serve as members of the Citizens Advisory Committee.**

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