

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

DRAFT

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole

DATE: December 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Report on PR 24-1083, “Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Spring Worth Appointment Resolution of 2022”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 24-1083, the “Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Spring Worth Appointment Resolution of 2022” was referred, reports favorably thereon, and recommends approval by the Council.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On November 23, 2022, PR 24-1083, the “Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Spring Worth Appointment Resolution of 2022” was introduced by Chairman Mendelson. The purpose of PR 24-1083 is to appoint Ms. Spring Worth as an alternate member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors to complete a term to end June 30, 2024.

Ms. Worth is a Ward 4 resident. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and History from the University of Rochester, a Master of Public Administration from the City University of New York at Baruch, and has completed other relevant educational programs including the Emerging Leader Program with the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and the Women’s Leadership and Coaching Program with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). Currently, Ms. Worth serves as the WMATA Budget and Policy Manager for DDOT. Prior to that, she held two other positions at DDOT, serving as Senior Project Manager from 2019 to 2022 and Transportation Planner from 2013 to 2019. Ms. Worth is

a graduate of the District’s Capital City Fellows program and currently serves as Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Public Transportation Committee.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is a regional instrumentality that was created in 1967 through an interstate compact between the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia to plan, develop, finance, and operate a regional transportation system in the Washington metropolitan area. Pursuant to the Compact, WMATA is governed by the WMATA Board. The purpose of the WMATA Board is not only to govern WMATA, but to develop policies and provide oversight for the management, maintenance, funding, and operation of the transportation system.

The WMATA Board is comprised of eight principal directors (voting members) and eight alternate directors. The Signatories to the Compact – the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia – and the federal government are required to appoint two voting members and two non-voting members to the WMATA Board.¹ The members, both voting and non-voting, are appointed by the Council of the District of Columbia (representing the District), the Washington Suburban Transit Commission (representing Maryland), the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (representing Virginia), and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (representing the federal government).² Principal and alternate members may be removed or suspended from office only as provided by the law of the Signatory from which he or she was appointed.³

In 2012 the Council adopted the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors Act.⁴ The purpose of this Act is to establish requirements for the appointment and service on the WMATA Board for the four members appointed by the Council.⁵ It requires a District appointee: (a) to have experience on issues that would be useful to serving on the WMATA Board; (b) to be a patron of the services provided by WMATA; (c) to limit service to two consecutive four-year terms; (d) to file an annual report with the Council each calendar year regarding his or her attendance record, and an affirmation that the member uses bus, rail, or paratransit services provided by WMATA; (e) to not have been an employee of WMATA within one year of appointment to the WMATA Board; (f) to serve at the pleasure of the Council; and (g) to adhere to the District’s Code of Conduct.⁶

¹ Compact § 5.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ (D.C. Law 19-286; D.C. Official Code § 9-1108.11).

⁵ Committee on Government Operations, Report on Bill 19-744, the “Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors Act of 2012”, Page 2, November 8, 2012.

⁶ D.C. Official Code § 9-1108.11. WMATA Board members appointed by the Council must have experience in one of the following areas: transit planning, transportation planning, land use planning, transit or transportation management or other public-sector management, engineering, finance, public safety, homeland security, human resources, law, or knowledge of the WMATA region’s transportation issues.

Table 1: Membership of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors

Resolution	Member Jurisdiction	Position	Appointee	Term Expiring
PR 24-1083	District of Columbia	Alternate Director	Spring Worth	June 30, 2024
R. 24-271	District of Columbia	Principal Director	Tracy Hadden Loh	June 30, 2025
R. 24-90	District of Columbia	Principal Director	Lucinda Babers	June 30, 2023
	District of Columbia	Alternate Director	Vacant	June 30, 2025
	Maryland	Principal Director	Don Drummer	N/A
	Maryland	Principal Director	James F. Portis, Jr.	N/A
	Maryland	Alternate Director	Thomas Graham	N/A
	Maryland	Alternate Director	Michael Goldman	N/A
	Virginia	Principal Director	Paul C. Smedberg (Chair)	N/A
	Virginia	Principal Director	Matt Letourneau	N/A
	Virginia	Alternate Director	Canek Aguirre	N/A
	Virginia	Alternate Director	Walter L. Alcorn	N/A
	Federal Government	Principal Director	Sarah Kline	N/A
	Federal Government	Principal Director	Kamilah Martin-Proctor	N/A
	Federal Government	Alternate Director	Bryana Helfer	N/A
	Federal Government	Alternate Director	Vacant	N/A

In her responses to the Committee’s questions regarding her nomination, Ms. Worth discussed the personal mission she has had for nearly a decade at DDOT of getting people out of their cars and onto their feet, bikes and public transportation. She expressed a commitment to leading by example, choosing to live a car-free lifestyle since 2019.

Ms. Worth’s desire as a WMATA Board alternate director is to shine the light on critical issues and work collaboratively in addressing them. She seeks to use her experience as a transportation practitioner and a daily bus and rail rider to improve the transit experience for District residents. Ms. Worth wants residents across the District to elect to take transit as their primary mode of travel, both for work and entertainment. She also expressed a desire to work with our region’s transportation leaders to determine how commute times can be improved for our most vulnerable users, how to reduce our carbon emissions, and ways to stimulate growth in our downtown region post-pandemic. Ms. Worth believes that there is an opportunity for the WMATA Board to take a regional focus regarding our transportation system and how we can collectively make a difference in addressing equity, climate change and economic development. Additionally, she wants the Board to take an equitable approach to Metrobus in setting standards and expectations that are on par with Metrorail.

Based on her credentials and her significant public transportation expertise, the Committee recommends the appointment of Ms. Worth to serve on the WMATA Board of Directors as an alternate member. Moreover, the Committee believes Ms. Worth meets the

requirements to serve on the Board pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 7-755.01. For the reasons stated above, the Committee recommends adoption of PR 24-1083.

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

- November 23, 2022 PR 24-1083, the “Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Spring Worth Appointment Resolution of 2022” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson.
- December 2, 2022 Notice of Intent to Act on PR 24-1083 is published in the *District of Columbia Register*.
- December 6, 2022 PR 24-1083 is “read” at a Regular Legislative Meeting and the referral to the Committee of the Whole is official.
- December 20, 2022 The Committee of the Whole marks-up PR 24-1083.

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Ms. Worth is a Council appointee to the WMATA Board of Directors. The Executive did not submit comments with respect to the appointee.

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received no testimony or comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission on PR 24-1083.

V. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Members appointed by the Council to serve on the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority are appointed pursuant to section 5 of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact, approved November 6, 1966 (80 Stat. 1324; D.C. Official Code § 9-1107.01(5)), and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors Act of 2012, effective April 27, 2013 (D.C. Law 19-286; D.C. Official Code § 9-1108.11).

VI. FISCAL IMPACT

PR 24-1083 will have no fiscal impact on the District of Columbia budget or financial plan. Members of the WMATA Board of Directors are not entitled to compensation.

VII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

- Section 1 States the short title of PR 24-1083.
- Section 2 Confirms the appointment of Spring Worth as an alternate member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to serve a term to end June 30, 2024.
- Section 3 Requires that a copy of the resolution, upon adoption, be transmitted to the appointee, the chairperson of the Board, and to the Office of the Mayor.
- Section 4 Provides that PR 24-1083 shall take effect immediately.

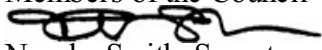
VIII. COMMITTEE ACTION

IX. ATTACHMENTS

1. PR 24-1083 as introduced.
2. Nominee's response to Committee questions.
3. Legal sufficiency determination.
4. Committee Print for PR 24-1083.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20004

Memorandum

To : Members of the Council
From :  Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
Date : Monday, November 28, 2022
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Wednesday, November 23, 2022. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Spring Worth Appointment Resolution of 2022", PR24-1083

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson

The Chairman is referring this legislation to Committee of the Whole.

Attachment
cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services


Chairman Phil Mendelson

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To appoint Ms. Spring Worth as an alternate member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Spring Worth Appointment Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia appoints:

Spring Worth
Kennedy Street NW
Washington, DC 20011
(Ward 4)

as an alternate member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority in accordance with section 5 of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact, approved November 6, 1966 (80 Stat. 1324; D.C. Official Code § 9-1107.01), to complete a four-year term to end June 30, 2024.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

FDS Filing Details for 2021

Name: Spring Worth

Date of Appointment or Employment:

Final Date of Service:

Position: PROJECT MANAGER

Agency: District Dept. of Transportation

Position Held with the District Government During the Prior calendar year (If Not The Same As Above)

Position:

Final Date in Position:

Agency:

Non District Employment/Business

1) Did you have any non-District employment or engage in any outside business or other activity during the previous calendar year for which you received compensation of \$200 or more?

No

2) Was your spouse, registered domestic partner, or dependent child(ren) employed by a private entity or did they engage in any business endeavors during the previous calendar year for which they received compensation of \$200 or more?

No

3) In the previous calendar year, did you serve in any unpaid position or in any other formal capacity (without compensation) of a non-government board or other outside entity where you had influence over the entity's finances or decision-making (e.g., as an officer, director, partner, consultant, contractor, volunteer, or member)?

Position / Title	Name of Entity	Start Date	End Date	Website of entity
Board Member	Madison Terrace Cooperative	07/19/2017		

4) During the previous calendar year, did your spouse, registered domestic partner, or dependent child(ren) serve in any unpaid position or in any other formal capacity (without compensation) of a non-government board or other outside entity where they had influence over the entity's finances or decision-making (e.g., as an officer, director, partner, consultant, contractor, volunteer, or member)?

No

5) During the previous calendar year, did you have any agreements with a former or current employer, other than with the District of Columbia, for future payments or benefits (such as separation pay, partnership buyouts, or pension or retirement pay) or for future employment or for a leave of absence?

No

6) During the previous calendar year, did your spouse, registered domestic partner, or dependent child(ren) have any agreements with a former or current employer, other than with the District of Columbia, for future payments or benefits (such as separation pay, partnership buyouts, or pension or retirement pay) or for future employment or for a leave of absence?

No

Securities, Holdings and Investments

7) Did you have a beneficial interest in or hold any security at the close of the previous calendar year that exceeded, in the aggregate, \$1,000 or that produced income of \$200 or more?

No

8) Did your spouse, registered domestic partner, or dependent child(ren) have a beneficial interest in or hold any security, at the close of the previous calendar year, that exceeded, in the aggregate, \$1,000 or that produced income of \$200 or more?

No

9) Did you owe any entity or person (other than a member of your immediate family) \$1,000 or more (excluding: mortgages on your personal residence, student loans, automobile loans, credit card accounts or other revolving credit, and other loans from a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution) during the previous calendar year?

No

10) Did your spouse, domestic partner or dependent child(ren) owe any entity or person (other than a member of their immediate family) \$1,000 or more, (excluding: mortgages on your personal residence, student loans, automobile loans, credit card accounts or other revolving credit, and other loans from a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution) during the previous calendar year?

No

11) Did you have an interest in any real property located in the District of Columbia during the previous calendar year, aside from your primary personal residence, where your interest had a fair market value \$1,000 or more, or where the property produced income of \$200 or more?

No

12) Did your spouse, domestic partner, or dependent child(ren) have an interest in any real property located in the District of Columbia during the previous calendar year aside from their primary personal residence, where their interest had a fair market value of more than \$1,000, or where the property produced income of \$200 or more?

No

Regulated Professions

13) Do you hold any professional or occupational licenses issued by the District of Columbia government (i.e., are you licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia, or are you licensed by the District's Department of Health, the District's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, the District's Department of Mental Health, the District's Department of Insurance Securities and Banking, the Metropolitan Police Department, the District's Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration, etc.)?

No

14) Does your spouse, domestic partner, or dependent child(ren) hold any professional or occupational licenses issued by the District of Columbia government (i.e., are they licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia, or are they licensed by the District's Department of Health, the District's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, the District's Department of Mental Health, the District's Department of Insurance Securities and Banking, the Metropolitan Police Department, or the District's Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration, etc.)?

No

Gifts

15) Did you receive any gift(s) from any person that has or is seeking to do business with the District, conducts operations or activities that are regulated by the District, or has an interest that may be favorably affected by the performance or nonperformance of your

duties in the total amount or with a total value of \$100 or more during the previous calendar year?

No

Additional Comments

Supporting Documents

I certify that I have:

- Not caused title to property to be placed in the legal name, possession, or control of another person or entity for the purpose of avoiding the disclosure requirements on this form;
- Filed and paid my income and property taxes or am in current good standing with the IRS and state tax collector because of an extension, payment plan or other arrangement or agreement;
- Diligently safeguarded the assets of the taxpayers and the District;
- Complied with my duty to report known illegal activity, including attempted bribes, to the appropriate authorities;
- Not been offered or accepted any bribes;
- Not directly or indirectly received government funds through illegal or improper means;
- Not raised or received funds in violation of federal or District law; and
- Not received or been given anything of value, including a gift, favor, service, loan gratuity, discount, hospitality, political contribution, or promise of future employment, based on any understanding that my official actions or judgment or vote would be influenced.
- Completed a full ethics training with-in the last 365 days;

I understand that:

- Submission of this report means that I have completed the report with all applicable schedules and that the report is ready for filing with BEGA.
- Once this report is submitted, it cannot be edited. All modifications thereafter can only be done by filing an amendment.

Additional Comments

Certification

I, Spring Worth, certify and declare under oath that all of my statements on this form are to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct, and complete. I understand that the making of a false statement on this form or materials submitted with this form is punishable by criminal penalties pursuant to D.C. Official Code Â§ 22-2405 et seq. (2001).

Filing Time Period: January 1st - December 31st 2020

Signed by: Spring Worth

Signed date: 5/31/2022 3:17:21 PM

WMATA Board Alternate Nomination for Spring Worth

Response to Questions

December 16, 2022

- 1) Please see enclosed my financial disclosure statement submitted to the Board of Ethics, 5/31/22.
- 2)-8) See financial disclosure statement
- 9) None
- 10) I serve as President of my housing cooperative's (Madison Terrace Cooperative) Board of Directors where I live on Kennedy St. NW in Ward 4.
- 11) No
- 12) No
- 13) I worked at the Board of Elections as a poll worker in 2016 in Columbia Heights/Parkview. In 2020, I did a DC government employee detail to serve as a ballot sorter with the Board of Elections.
- 14) No

15) It's truly an honor to be nominated to serve as an alternate on the WMATA board. For nearly a decade while at the District Department of Transportation, I've made it my mission to get people out of their cars and onto their feet, bikes and public transportation. And I've been committed to lead by example- living a car-free lifestyle since 2019. As a board alternate, I want to use my experience as a transportation practitioner and a daily bus and rail rider to improve the transit experience for District residents. I want residents across the District to elect to take transit as their primary mode to travel to work, go for dinner, or go to a Mystics game. I want to work with our regional transportation leaders to figure out how we can improve commute times for our most vulnerable users, reduce our carbon emissions, and stimulate growth in our downtown region post-pandemic.

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