

of Columbia have authorized the Authority to acquire and operate all mass transit bus facilities in the Washington, DC, region. The Authority also maintains a regular police force to protect patrons, personnel, and property.

The Authority is governed by a six-member Board of Directors (and six alternate directors). Each Compact signatory appoints two members. Board members and alternates serve terms coterminous with their service as members of their appointing bodies (Code Transportation Article, secs. 10-202 through 10-204).

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### WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

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*Chair:* Agnes M. Alexander, District of Columbia

*Appointed by Governor of Maryland:* Claude M. Ligon

*Appointed by Governor of Virginia:* one vacancy

William H. McGilvery, *Executive Director*

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The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission was established in 1961 to regulate the commercial transportation of passengers in the Washington, DC, Metropolitan District. The Commission was created by the Washington Metropoli-

tan Area Transit Regulation Compact, an agreement among Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia. Maryland ratified the Compact in 1959 (Chapter 613, Acts of 1959). Amended by Maryland in its entirety in 1988, the revised compact became effective in February 1991 after ratification by Virginia and the District of Columbia (Chapter 273, Acts of 1988).

The Commission prescribes fares, regulations, and practices of transportation companies and interstate taxicabs in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District. Created by the Compact, the District embraces the District of Columbia; Montgomery and Prince George's counties, Maryland; the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church, Virginia; and Arlington and Fairfax counties, Virginia.

The Commission has three members. One is named by the Governor of Maryland from the Maryland Public Service Commission. The Governor of Virginia appoints one from the Virginia State Corporation Commission. One is chosen by the Mayor of the District of Columbia from the District Public Service Commission. Each member's term coincides with the term of office in the agency from which the member is selected. Commission expenses are allocated annually in proportion to the population of each signatory in the Metropolitan District. Maryland's share in Fiscal Year 1996 was 46.57 percent or \$223,536 (Code Transportation Article, sec. 10-203).

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### DEFUNCT AGENCIES

#### METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY BOARD OF REVIEW

Provisions for the Board of Review of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority as authorized by the federal Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986 were ruled unconstitutional

by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on September 27, 1994. (*John W. Hechinger, Jr., et al. v. Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority*, Opinion no. 94-7036).