

# Board Meeting Summary

*The GoTriangle Board of Trustees met virtually Wednesday, July 22, to consider an agenda that included the following highlights.*

The meeting minutes will be available here: <https://gotriangle.org/publications>

## **Dr. Stelfanie Williams joins GoTriangle Board**

GoTriangle board welcomed Dr. Stelfanie Williams, vice president for Durham Affairs at Duke University, as its newest member. Dr. Williams, the joint representative for the City of Durham and Durham County, assumes a position vacated by Ellen Reckhow on June 30. Due to COVID-19 precautions for distancing, the board is meeting online. GoTriangle General Counsel and Vice President of Strategic Partnerships Shelley Read Curran, who is a North Carolina notary public, administered the oath to Dr. Williams.

## **Work progresses to improve City of Durham bus stops**

GoTriangle provides operations oversight, daily management and planning for GoDurham, with final approval of operating budget and major policy decisions resting with the Durham City Council. On behalf of the City of Durham, the board authorized right-of-way acquisition so that improvements at existing GoDurham bus stop locations can move ahead.

## **National Express Transit selected to manage and operate GoDurham's paratransit service**

The board authorized GoTriangle President and CEO Charles Lattuca to execute a contract with National Express Transit for the management and operation of the GoDurham ACCESS on-demand transit service pending the outcome of a bid protest notice. The contract is for three years with two one-year options. The contract for year one shall not exceed \$4,457,343.

## **Committee members to nominate new board officers**

The board approved appointing three members to a nominating committee that will nominate new board officers to assume office Oct. 1. The nominating committee members are Jennifer Robinson, representing Wake County; Wendy Jacobs, representing Durham County; and Mark Marcoplos, representing Orange County.

## **Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Study moves ahead**

GoTriangle Chief Development Officer Katharine Eggleston provided an update on the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Study, which is examining the feasibility of a potential commuter rail service between Durham and Clayton within the existing North Carolina Railroad company corridor.

The current phase of study, authorized by the board in March, is underway. Current/upcoming activities in the next few months include engaging with community members, municipalities and institutional stakeholders, continuing to explore critical project success factors and initiating technical activities. Over the next 12 to 18 months, this further study will conduct preliminary engineering analysis in areas of concern along the corridor and model rail traffic on the corridor with the inclusion of commuter rail to better define infrastructure needs, costs and ridership estimates.