

# RAILNATION:DC 2023 AGENDA

*(All Sessions in the Virginia Ballroom, except where noted)*

## ● Sunday, March 26

- 9:00a - 4:00p Board of Directors Retreat (**Room details sent separately**)
  - **Not Open to the Public**
- 4:00p - 5:00p Registration Open
- 5:00p - 6:00p Public Board Meeting

## ● Monday, March 27

- 8:00a Registration Open
- 9:30a Logistics/Housekeeping Announcements
- 9:35a Welcoming Remarks
  - Jim Mathews, President & CEO, Rail Passengers
  - Meredith Richards, Board Chair, Rail Passengers
- 10:00a Keynote Address: *Taking The Action to the States*
  - Shayne Gil, Program Director, Council on Rail Transportation, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
- 10:30a BREAK
- 10:45a Amtrak and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Updates on Service Levels, Equipment, and New Routes
  - Larry Chestler, Vice President, Long Distance Service Line, Amtrak
  - Mariah Morales, Government Affairs, Amtrak
- 11:15a Legislative Briefing & BIL Update
  - Sean Jeans-Gail, VP of Gov't Affairs, Rail Passengers

- *Monday Cont.*
  - Noon LUNCH
    - Luncheon Speaker: Federal Railroad Administration, Long Distance Study Update
      - Lyle Leitelt, Community Planner Team Lead, FRA
      - Katie List, Community Planner, FRA
  - 1:15p Day on the Hill Preparation + Local Outreach
    - Sean Jeans-Gail, VP of Gov't Affairs, Rail Passengers
  - 2:00p BREAK
  - 2:15p Workshop: Developing State Route Support Teams
    - Sean Jeans-Gail, VP of Gov't Affairs, Rail Passengers
  - 3:15p BREAK
  - 3:45p Concurrent Sessions
    - Committee on Routes & Schedules
    - Workshop: Volunteering Creates a Better Rail Network (Mason Room)
      - Madison Ned Butler, Communications Manager, Rail Passengers
  - 4:45p BREAK
  - 5:00p Wrap-Up & Housekeeping
  - 6:00p AleNation (**Hard Times Café - Alexandria, 1404 King Street**)
    - **Separate Ticket Event**
    - Congressional F&B Working Group Update
      - M. Ned Butler, Communications Manager, Rail Passengers
      - Haley Glynn, Passenger Rail Marketing Manager, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

## ● Tuesday, March 28

- Day on the Hill
  - 8:00a - 4:00p Registration Open
  - ALL DAY Hill Visits

## ● Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00a Registration Open
- 8:30a Opening Remarks
  - Jim Mathews, President & CEO, Rail Passengers
  - Meredith Richards, Board Chair
- 9:30a - 1:00p Council Business
  - Elections
    - Board Candidate Introduction & Statements
    - MARC Candidate Introductions, Meredith Richards, Board Chair
    - Description of Voting Process
    - Voting (In-Person and Online)
  - Bylaws
    - Voting on Resolutions
  - 2024 Fall Meeting Discussion
- 1:15p Conference Closes

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