York, New York, from on or about June 26, 2020, until on or about September 20, 2020; at the High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia, from on or about October 24, 2020, until on or about January 31, 2021; at the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, from on or about March 14, 2021, until on or about July 11, 2021; and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the Federal Register.


Matthew R. Lussenhop,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
[Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 13)]
Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancies

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board (Board).

ACTION: Notice of upcoming vacancies on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) and solicitation of nominations.

SUMMARY: The Board hereby gives notice of upcoming vacancies on RSTAC for two large shipper representatives. The Board seeks suggestions for candidates to fill these vacancies.

DATES: Nominations are due on October 31, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Suggestions may be submitted either via e-filing or in writing addressed to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 13), 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. Submissions will be posted to the Board’s website at www.stb.gov under Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 13).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Bourdon at (202) 245–0285. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board, created in 1996 to take over many of the functions previously performed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, exercises broad authority over transportation by rail carriers, including regulation of railroad rates and service (49 U.S.C. 10701–47, 11010–24), the construction, acquisition, operation, and abandonment of rail lines (49 U.S.C. 10901–07), as well as railroad line sales, consolidations, mergers, and common control arrangements (49 U.S.C. 10902, 11323–27).

The ICC Termination Act of 1995 (ICCTA), enacted on December 29, 1995, established RSTAC to advise the Board’s Chairman, the Secretary of Transportation, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with respect to rail transportation policy issues RSTAC considers significant. RSTAC focuses on issues of importance to small shippers and small railroads, including railroad rates, rates competition, and procedures for addressing claims.

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The members of RSTAC receive no compensation for their services and are required to provide for the expenses incidental to their service, including travel expenses. Currently, RSTAC members have elected to submit annual dues to pay for RSTAC expenses.

RSTAC members must be citizens of the United States and represent as broadly as practicable the various segments of the railroad and rail shipper industries. They may not be full-time employees of the United States.

According to revised guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget, it is permissible for federally registered lobbyists to serve on advisory committees, such as RSTAC, as long as they do so in a representative capacity, rather than an individual capacity. See Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Fed. Advisory Commn., Bds., & Comm’ns, 79 FR 47482 (Aug. 13, 2014). Members of RSTAC are appointed to serve in a representative capacity.

Each RSTAC member is appointed for a term of three years. A member may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor has taken office. No member will be eligible to serve in excess of two consecutive terms.

Due to the upcoming expiration of two members’ second terms, two large shipper representative vacancies will exist on RSTAC. Suggestions for candidates to fill the vacancies should be submitted in letter form, identifying the name of the candidate, providing a summary of why the candidate is qualified to serve on RSTAC, and containing a representation that the candidate is willing to serve as an RSTAC member effective immediately upon appointment. RSTAC candidate suggestions should be filed with the Board by October 31, 2019. Members selected to serve on RSTAC are chosen at the discretion of the Board Chairman. Please note that submissions will be posted on the Board’s website under Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 13) and can also be obtained by contacting the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at stb.gov or (202) 245–0238.


Decided: September 26, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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