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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **WATA Appoints New Executive Director**

**WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia** – Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the unanimous appointment of Matthew Scalia as the Executive Director of WATA. This appointment follows a nationwide search for the Executive Director position.

Mr. Scalia has recently retired from the US Army as a Colonel following a 27-year career. He is a graduate of the USMA West Point and received his Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College.

In his military career, he has served as the City Manager of Fort Benning, GA, and recently Deputy Senior Executive US Army Installation Command of Fort Eustis, VA.

Mr. Scalia and his family reside in James City County.

When asked about his appointment, he said “I’m excited and fortunate to join the WATA as its Executive Director. My family and I fell in love with the area when we moved here two years ago and I’m looking forward to being part of a team which provides such an important service to the community.”

Paul Holt, Chair of the WATA Board of Directors, stated, "This is an exciting time for WATA. With the addition of new technologies for the buses, new investments in facilities, and the development of an updated Strategic Plan, WATA is improving services for both operators and riders throughout the Historic Triangle. The hiring of an Executive Director is an opportunity to continue our commitment to the important work of evolving WATA to better meet the region’s goals.” Holt continued, “On behalf of my colleagues on the Board of Directors, we want to welcome Matt and look forward to a long and productive working relationship with him.”

Mr. Scalia will start his assignment on April 17, 2023.