

Minutes
Legislation and Policy Committee Meeting
Board of Directors of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership
June 16, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
[Zoom Meeting]

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chair Marianne Radcliff, who noted that a quorum was present.

Members present: Chair Marianne Radcliff, Carrie Chenery, Deborah Flippo, Vince Mastracco, Dan Pleasant, and Ned Masee, *ex officio*

Members absent: Bill Hayter

Other Board Members: Dan Clemente and Rick Harrell

VEDP staff present: Lindsay Barker, Vince Barnett, Christine Bell, Jamie Canup, Ryan Dunn, Jason El Koubi, Stephanie Florie, Sharon Grant, Sandi McNinch, Lori Melancon, Stephen Moret, Christy Morton, Jordan Snelling, Karin Sun, and Carrie Vuori

Guests present: Kim McKay, Deputy Secretary Cass Rasnick, and Donna Tram

Opening Remarks

Chair Radcliff welcomed guests to the electronic meeting of VEDP's Legislation and Policy Committee. Chair Radcliff shared these remarks: "As you well know, the Governor declared a state of emergency in March due to the potential spread of COVID-19. Because an in-person meeting is unsafe and we wish to discharge our lawful purposes, duties and responsibilities, we are permitted by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as amended by the State Budget, to meet by electronic means without a quorum of our members being physically assembled at one location.

We are gathered now in a Zoom environment that is open to the public. Should anyone from the public get disconnected from the public Zoom environment and be unable to re-engage, he or she should call (804) 278-7702 and speak to Jennifer Garrett. We will do our best to re-engage and will halt the public portion of the meeting until the connection can be re-established.

Here are reminders of a few things that will be different than our in-person meetings:

- Everything on the public Zoom environment will be recorded, and the recording will be posted on VEDP's website.
- All votes will be taken by roll call.
- Please use the mute function unless you are speaking—and remember to unmute at the appropriate time.

- During the public comment period, any member of the public wishing to make a comment may simply unmute and speak at that time or use the Chat function and ask to be given an opportunity to speak.
- Likewise, committee members may simply unmute themselves to speak or use the Chat function during the meeting."

Public Comment Period

Chair Radcliff solicited public comments. There were none.

Approval of Minutes for April 28, 2021, Meeting

Chair Radcliff asked for approval of the minutes from the April 28, 2021, meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Chenery and seconded by Ms. Flippo, and the minutes were approved as presented by roll call vote:

Upon the vote:	Ms. Radcliff	Aye
	Ms. Chenery	Aye
	Ms. Flippo	Aye
	Mr. Hayter	Absent for vote
	Mr. Mastracco	Aye
	Mr. Pleasant	Aye

Election Update – Christy Morton

Ms. Morton mentioned the three statewide offices and all 100 house seats are up for election this year. On June 8, the Democratic party held a primary for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General and the House of Delegates. The Republican party held a primary for all other House of Delegates Districts not previously determined. November 2 is election day and a state holiday.

Former Governor, Terry McAuliffe, won the Democratic nomination and will face off against Glenn Youngkin, selected in the May 8 Republican nominating convention. Terry McAuliffe was the 72nd Governor of Virginia from 2014 – 2018 and is running for a second term. Virginia is the only state where a Governor cannot serve two consecutive terms. Since 1830, when the second Virginia constitution was adopted, only two governors have served additional terms, William Smith and Mills Godwin. Glenn Youngkin is a former Carlyle Group Executive, Co-founder, and Chairman of Virginia Ready.

Virginia's Lieutenant Governor's race will be historic regardless of which candidate is elected. Delegate Hala Ayala secured the Democratic nomination. She has served in the House of Delegates since 2018 and is one of three first Hispanic women elected to the House. Winsome Sears won the Republican nomination. She served in the House of Delegates from 2002 – 2004 and is the first and only black Republican elected to the House.

Current Attorney General, Mark Herring, is the Democratic candidate for Attorney General. He is seeking a third term and has held this office since 2014. Before being elected as Attorney General, he served in the Senate from 2006 – 2014. Delegate Jason Miyares is the Republican candidate running against current Attorney General Mark Herring. Delegate Miyares has served in the House of Delegates since 2016.

Ms. Morton concluded the election updates by talking about the House of Delegates races. She mentioned there would be, at a minimum, ten new delegates to the General Assembly. Ms. Morton said there would be opportunities to meet and share the importance of economic development after the election in November.

Closed Session

Budget and Legislative Development.

A motion was made by Ms. Chenery and seconded by Mr. Pleasant to move into a closed meeting. The motion shown below was approved by roll call vote.

I MOVE THAT THE LEGISLATION AND POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AUTHORITY CONVENE A CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE §2.2-3711(A)(50) TO ENGAGE IN A DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF THOSE PORTIONS OF VEDP'S STRATEGIC PLAN, MARKETING PLAN OR OPERATIONAL PLAN, THAT MAY RELATE TO TARGET COMPANIES, SPECIFIC ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AND STAFF FOR MARKETING ACTIVITIES, AND SPECIFIC MARKETING ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD REVEAL TO THE COMMONWEALTH'S COMPETITORS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THE STRATEGIES INTENDED TO BE DEPLOYED BY THE COMMONWEALTH, THEREBY ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE FINANCIAL INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Upon the vote:	Ms. Radcliff	Aye
	Ms. Chenery	Aye
	Ms. Flippo	Aye
	Mr. Hayter	Absent for vote
	Vince Mastracco	Aye
	Mr. Pleasant	Aye

Back in Open Meeting, Certification of Closed Meeting – Followed by a Roll Call vote:

WHEREAS, THE LEGISLATION AND POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AUTHORITY HAS CONVENE A CLOSED MEETING ON THIS DATE PURSUANT TO AN AFFIRMATIVE RECORDED VOTE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; AND

WHEREAS, THE ACT REQUIRES A CERTIFICATION BY THIS COMMITTEE THAT SUCH CLOSED MEETING WAS CONDUCTED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ACT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE COMMITTEE CERTIFIES THAT, TO THE BEST OF EACH MEMBER'S KNOWLEDGE, (I) ONLY PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS LAWFULLY EXEMPTED FROM OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ACT WERE DISCUSSED IN THE CLOSED MEETING TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION APPLIES, AND (II) ONLY SUCH PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS AS WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE MOTION BY WHICH THE CLOSED MEETING WAS CONVENE WERE HEARD, DISCUSSED, OR CONSIDERED IN THE CLOSED MEETING BY THE COMMITTEE.

Upon the vote:	Ms. Radcliff	Aye
	Ms. Chenery	Aye
	Ms. Flippo	Aye
	Mr. Hayter	Absent for vote
	Vince Mastracco	Aye
	Mr. Pleasant	Aye

Open Discussion and Anticipated Topics for Next Meeting

Chair Radcliff said that legislative and budget proposals would be discussed at the August meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Radcliff adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Bell
Acting Recording Secretary

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