

Virginia African American Advisory Board 11/4/21

- **Members Present**

- Hope Cupit
- Cheryl Ivey Green, DMin
- Rev. Cozy Bailey
- Keren Charles Dongo
- Van Wilson
- Shelia Dixon
- Eldon Burton
- Tia Yancy
- Tamara Walkerson-Dias
- Yvonne Lewis

- **Members Virtual**

- Shirley Ginwright
- Toria Edmonds-Howell
- Precious Muhammad
- Monica Reid

- **Welcome and Housekeeping – Suzanne Holland**

- **Chair Report – Cheryl Ivey Green**

- With changes there are challenges but there is also opportunity
- Because we are transitioning it doesn't mean we back off advising on behalf of the AFAM community
- Get ourselves grounded, be inform on the issues that Gov elect Youngkin is bringing forward
- May need to do educating and frame messaging differently but we must push forward the agenda

- **Public Comment**
 - Karen Dowing, Eastern Shore, Community Activist
 - Melissa Hartman, Southside VA
 - Antoine Haines,
 - Madeline McLenny, Richmond Va, Exodusfoundation.org
 - Vanity McDaniel, Richmond Federal Reserves Business advisor
- **Board Administration Update**
 - Email: VAAAB@governor.virginia.gov
 - Social Media VAAAB Facebook
 - New meeting – TBD February – work with new administration to set 2022 dates
 - Committee meeting TBD as needed (can take place virtually)
 - Do your reimbursements
 - Planning the Year Ahead -Report to the Governor
- **Outreach Report- Traci Deshazor**
 - Job Opportunities – jobs.virginia.gov
 - Upcoming Events
- **Committee Meeting**
 - Small Black owned business will hold a Black table talk Nov 30th
 - Survey- waiting for survey data
- **Review of Elections Process**
 - Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Secretary
- **Executive Statements**
 - Cheryl Ivey Green
 - Rev. Cozy Bailey

- Administration Updates
 - Sec. of Education
 - There are opportunities for universal preK in the next administration
 - Opportunities for mental health for students
 - Opportunity for more funding in HBCU's in the next administration
 - Chief diversity officer
 - Keeping dashboards alive and active to ensure metrics are met
 - Diversity and inclusion statue
 - Keep the cannabis reinvestment board on our radar
 - Immigrant integration