

# Legislative Task Force on Transparency in Publicly Funded Animal Testing Facilities

Patrick Henry Building, East Reading Room  
1111 E. Broad St. Richmond

July 26, 2024  
9 AM – 12 PM

## Participants Agenda

### Overview

This Commonwealth Legislative Task Force was created during the 2023-24 General Assembly session. The actual legislative language is shown in the printed copies of the enacting legislation (VA Code Chapter 675 S 411). The main purpose is to identify potential deficiencies in publicly funded animal testing facilities, as that term is defined in §3.2-6593.2 of the Code of Virginia.

Furthermore, the Task Force is to recommend methods and context for making certain information about such animal testing facilities publicly available, including information pertaining to instances of noncompliance with federal animal welfare regulations, guidelines, or policies, as well as the care, use and approximate numbers of animals used for research, education, testing, or other experimental, scientific, or medical purposes by each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, including animals not covered by the federal Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. §2131 et seq.).

### **8:45 Coffee**

### **9:00 Welcome & Task Force Protocol**

Joe Guthrie, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Dr. Paul Smith, Senior Associate for Student Mobility Policy and Research  
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

### **9:30 IEN Overview and Agenda Review**

Kelly Altizer, Associate Director of Operations, Institute for Engagement & Negotiation (IEN)

Mike Foreman, Special Projects Manager, IEN  
Meredith Keppel, Senior Associate, IEN

**9:40 Task Force Member Introductions**

Kelly Altizer and Mike Foreman

- *Name / Organization*
- *Connection to this topic*
- *What does success for this Task Force look like to you?*

**10:20 Break**

**10:30 Requests for Working Together**

Kelly Altizer and Mike Foreman

**10:40 Group Discussion**

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*In your view, what, if any, deficiencies are there in transparency around publicly funded animal testing facilities?*

*What is working well, or what are areas that might need improvement?*

**11:30 Summarize Themes and Next Steps**

Kelly Altizer and Mike Foreman

**11:45 Public Comment Period**

Commissioner Guthrie

**12:00 Adjourn**

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Chapter 675 [S 411]

## Task Force Members

<b>Fulfilling the Representation of</b>	<b>Task Force Member</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Chair	Joseph Guthrie, Commissioner	Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)
Vice Chair	Dr. Paul Smith, Sr. Associate for Student Mobility Policy & Research	State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)
R1 Classification	Suzanne Griffin	Virginia Tech
R2 Classification	Dr. Annette Hildabrand	James Madison University
HBCU replacing the R3 Classification	Dr. Dean Corely, III	Virginia State University
Animal Protection or Animal Welfare	Daphna Nachminovitch	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)
Animal Protection or Animal Welfare	Sharon Adams	Virginia Alliance for Animal Shelters
Animal Protection or Animal Welfare	Will Lowrey	Animal Partisan
Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee Member	Dr. D. Josh Cohen	Virginia Commonwealth University
American College of Laboratory Animal Testing Facility Veterinarian (VA Licensed)	Dr. Raphael Malbrue	University of Virginia
Virginia Press Association	Steve Weddle	VPA
Virginia Coalition for Open Government	Megan Rhyne	VCOG
Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council	Corrinne Loudon	FOIA Council
Senate of Virginia	Honorable Jennifer Boysko	Senator
Senate of Virginia	Honorable William Stanley, Jr.	Senator
Virginia House of Delegates	Honorable Hillary Pugh Kent	Delegate
Virginia House of Delegates	Honorable Shelly Simonds	Delegate

Each member of the task force can appoint a designee.

**Appointed Designees (as of date)**

<b>Representation Designee of</b>	<b>Task Force Designee</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Vice Chair	Dr. Joe DeFillippo	State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)
R1 Classification	Dr. Milt Brown	Eastern Virginia Medical School
Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee Member	Dr. James Bogenpohl	Christopher Newport University
American College of Laboratory Animal Testing Facility Veterinarian (VA Licensed)	Dr. Mark Bates	Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Press Association	Betsy Wells Edward	VPA