

**Legislation and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Directors of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership**  
**June 11, 2025**  
**2:30 p.m.**

One James Center, 9th Floor – Board Room  
Richmond, Virginia

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Chair Steven Stone called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

In-person Committee members: John Hewa, Anne Oman, Nick Rush, Steven Stone

Committee members absent: Nancy Agee, Sonya Montgomery

Other Board members present: Secretary Stephen Cummings, Stephen Edwards, Rick Harrell, Todd House, Pace Lochte, Connie Loughhead, Secretary Juan Pablo Segura

**Public Comment Period**

Chair Stone solicited public comments. There were none.

**Approval of Minutes for March 5, 2025, Meeting**

Chair Stone requested approval of the March 5, 2025, minutes. Upon motion by Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Hewa, the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Legislative and Budget Update**

Before beginning the Legislative and Budget Update, Mr. Stone spoke in memory and honor of Representative Gerry Connolly, who passed away on May 21, 2025. He shared the Representative Connolly was a consummate public servant and family man, and his passing was a loss for the Commonwealth and Northern Virginia in particular. Mr. House noted Representative Connolly's contributions to economic development, noting the key role that he played in extending Metro service to Dulles.

Abigail Wescott, Managing Director of External Affairs, provided an update on finalized budget and legislative items from the 2025 Session of the General Assembly Session that impacted economic development. She also provided an overview of candidates and issues for the upcoming November 2025 elections. A copy of her presentation is included in the Committee meeting materials.

**Closed Session**

Mr. Rush motioned, seconded by Ms. Oman, to convene a closed meeting to discuss elements of VEDP’s Strategic Plan, Marketing Plan, and Operational Plan pursuant to Subdivision A 50 of §2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, which allows for the discussion of such activities that would reveal to Commonwealth’s competitors for economic development projects the strategies intended to be deployed, thus adversely affecting the financial interests of the Commonwealth.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Certification of Closed Meeting**

After the Committee reconvened in open meeting, Counsel certified the closed meeting via a roll call vote:

Do you certify, that to the best of your knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of FOIA were discussed in the closed meeting, and (ii) only such matters as were identified in the motion to go into the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered during the closed meeting?

Upon the vote:	Ms. Agee	Not present
	Mr. Hewa	Aye
	Ms. Montgomery	Not present
	Ms. Oman	Aye
	Mr. Rush	Aye
	Mr. Stone	Aye

**Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Legislation and Policy Committee will take place on September 18, 2025. There being no further business, Chair Stone adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.