

**Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission  
Energy Ingenuity Committee  
Commonwealth Ballroom, Richmond Marriott Short Pump  
4240 Dominion Blvd, Glen Allen, VA 23060  
Monday, January 12, 2026  
12:15 P.M.**

Committee Members Present

Senator Lashrecse D. Aird, Vice-Chair  
Delegate Jed Arnold (Remote)  
Mr. H. Wayne Carter  
Ms. Amanda Cox  
Mr. Watt R. Foster, Jr.  
Senator T. Travis Hackworth  
Mr. Jay D. Jennings

Delegate Terry G. Kilgore  
Delegate Daniel Marshall, III  
Mr. Arthur "Dale" Moore  
Delegate James W. Morefield  
Delegate Israel D. O'Quinn  
Secretary Juan Pablo Segura

Committee Members Absent

Delegate Thomas A. Garrett, Jr.

Staff

Honorable James Campos  
Mr. Stephen Versen  
Mr. Warren Bryson  
Mr. Jordan Butler  
Ms. Sarah Capps  
Ms. Adrian Chapman  
Ms. Leah Gibson

Ms. Stephanie Kim  
Ms. Suzette Patterson  
Mr. Jerry Silva  
Ms. Roz Stein  
Ms. Emily Van Pelt  
Ms. Sara Williams  
Ms. Lyndsie Young

Counsel for the Commission

Ms. Elizabeth Myers, Assistant Attorney General

Guests

Gary Shanaberger, Town of Altavista

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Commissioner Morefield opened the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Director Campos called roll and determined that a quorum was present.

Deputy Director Versen read into the record the remote participation policy.

**Commissioner Kilgore moved to approve the remote participation of Commissioner Arnold; Commissioner Foster seconded the motion; all members voted to approve the motion.**

**Commissioner Jennings moved to approve the minutes from the previous Energy Ingenuity Committee meeting on September 23, 2025 (available online); Commissioner Cox seconded the motion; all members voted to approve the motion.**

The meeting was opened to public comment, and there was none.

Campos shared words about the importance of this committee.

Mr. Silva read the motion to approve as a block staff recommendations for award requests in the Energy Catalyst-Planning Grant category as outlined on pages 21 to 32 of the Board Book.

**Jennings moved that the Energy Ingenuity Committee accept as a block staff's recommendations grant award requests for Projects 4451, 4452, 4453, 4440, 4438, 4449, and 4448; Commissioner Carter seconded; all voted to approve the motion.**

The committee accepted staff's recommendation of no award for Projects #4446 and #4447; this does not require a vote.

Mr. Silva gave an update on the Town of Altavista's Project #4312, an award of \$750,000 (\$500,000 as a grant and \$250,000 as a loan) for a wastewater treatment plant. The Town declined the grant in January 2025 because the contract language does not provide an end date to TRRC's security interest in the plant. Mr. Shanaberger explained that a security interest with no end date may hinder the Town's ability to obtain any loans it will inevitably need to address future maintenance needs of the plant. The loan for this project will come through Virginia Resources Authority, which will not accept the contract without an end date for the security interest. Silva requested that the Commission consider, at or before its next meeting, incorporating language into the contract that addresses such issues for this and future projects. Ms. Myers added that she is currently working with staff on changes to the security interest policy. Commissioner Moore spoke in support of Shanaberger and his leadership as Altavista's Town Manager. Shanaberger thanked the Commission for all its support beyond this project.

Silva added the following: Reform Energy has withdrawn its request; there will be an update on the Bargertech project at the next meeting; and the next Energy RFP is expected to go out the week after this meeting.

There was no additional business.

Morefield adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.