

## AGENDA

### Virginia Port Authority (VPA) Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting – Session - 432

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### Meeting Location:

VPA Boardroom, 600 World Trade Center, 101 West Main Street, Norfolk

#### Special Board Meeting Attendees

John W. Kirk	Board Chair
James C. Burnett	Board Vice Chair
Shaza L. Andersen	Board Commissioner
John C. Asbury	Board Commissioner
Faith B. Power	Board Commissioner
Michael W. Coleman	Board Commissioner
Eva T. Hardy	Board Commissioner
Maurice A. Jones	Board Commissioner
Jason El Koubi	Board Commissioner
Ellen S. Gajda	Board Commissioner
David L. Richardson	Board Commissioner
George Brown	Board Commissioner

1. Call to Order by Chairman Kirk
2. Roll Call of Board Members
3. Motion to convene a closed meeting in accordance the requirements of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act, pursuant to the requirements of §2.2-3711(A)(1), for “discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.”

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 62.1-129.A, “the Board of Commissioners shall appoint the chief executive officer of the Authority, who shall not be a member of the Board, who shall be known as the Executive Director and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.” It is therefore necessary to convene this meeting in order for the Virginia Port Authority Board to appoint a new CEO and Executive Director of the Authority to succeed Stephen A. Edwards as a result of his departure from the organization.

4. Open Session – Certification of closed session
5. Executive Briefing – John W. Kirk, Board Chair
6. Adjournment of Special Meeting

**CLOSED SESSION LANGUAGE**

VPA Board Special Session  
Closed Meeting – May 6, 2026

**TO CONVENE CLOSED MEETING:**

“I move that the VPA Board convene a closed meeting in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act, pursuant to the requirements of §2.2-3711(A)(1), for “discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.”

[Motion] [Second needed] [Voice Vote]

**CERTIFICATION AFTER CLOSED MEETING:**

“I move the following resolution,

Whereas, the VPA Board has convened 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, §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the board member certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter 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 convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.”

[Motion] [Second needed] [Roll Call Vote]

**Board Members:**

- Chair Kirk
- Vice Chair Burnett
- Commissioner Andersen
- Commissioner Asbury
- Commissioner Brown
- Commissioner Coleman
- Commissioner El Koubi
- Commissioner Hardy
- Commissioner Jones
- Commissioner Kirk
- Commissioner Gajda
- Commissioner Power
- Commissioner Richardson