

AGENDA

VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AUTHORITY LEGISLATION AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

**December 11, 2024
1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

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

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| 1:30 p.m. – 1:33 p.m. | Welcome/Call to Order – Steve Stone, Chair |
| 1:33 p.m. – 1:35 p.m. | Public Comment Period |
| 1:35 p.m. – 1:37 p.m. | Approval of Minutes for 9/18/2024 Meeting |
| 1:37 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. | Election Update – Nicole Riley <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Federal Election Update Federal Collaboration – Nicole Riley |
| 1:50 p.m. – 2:25 p.m. | Closed Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Budget and Legislative Proposals - Abigail Wescott- Legislator Engagement - Abigail Wescott- JLARC Report on Data Centers Update |
| 2:25 p.m. – 2:27 p.m. | Return to Open Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting |
| 2:27 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Open Discussion and Anticipated Topics for Next Meeting |
| 2:30 p.m. | Adjournment |

Minutes
Legislation and Policy Committee Meeting
Board of Directors of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership
September 18, 2024
2:45 p.m. – 3:30 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 2:40 p.m.

Members present: John Hewa, Anne Oman, Nick Rush, and Steven Stone

Members absent: Nancy Howell Agee

Other Board Members: Mimi Coles, Secretary Stephen Cummings, Stephen Edwards, Rick Harrell, Bill Hayter, Pace Lochte, Secretary Merrick, and William Sessoms

Public Comment Period

Chair Stone solicited public comments. There were none.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Stone requested approval of the June 12, 2024, meeting minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Oman and seconded by Mr. Rush, and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Federal Election Update

Ms. Nicole Riley provided an update on the upcoming federal elections.

This November, one U.S. Senate and eleven U.S. House of Representatives seats are on the ballot. Depending on the results of the House of Representative elections a possible special election to fill a state senate seat may occur.

Key dates for the upcoming General Election:

- September 20, 2024 – First day of absentee and in-person early voting
- November 2, 2024 – Last day of in-person early voting
- November 5, 2024 – General Election Day

Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. Hewa and seconded by Mr. Rush to move into a closed meeting. The members unanimously approved the motion shown below.

I move that the Legislation and Policy Committee of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority 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.

Return to Open Meeting, Certification of Closed Meeting – Followed by a Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Wallmeyer read the following certification and then conducted 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:	Mr. Hewa	Aye
	Ms. Oman	Aye
	Mr. Rush	Aye
	Mr. Stone	Aye

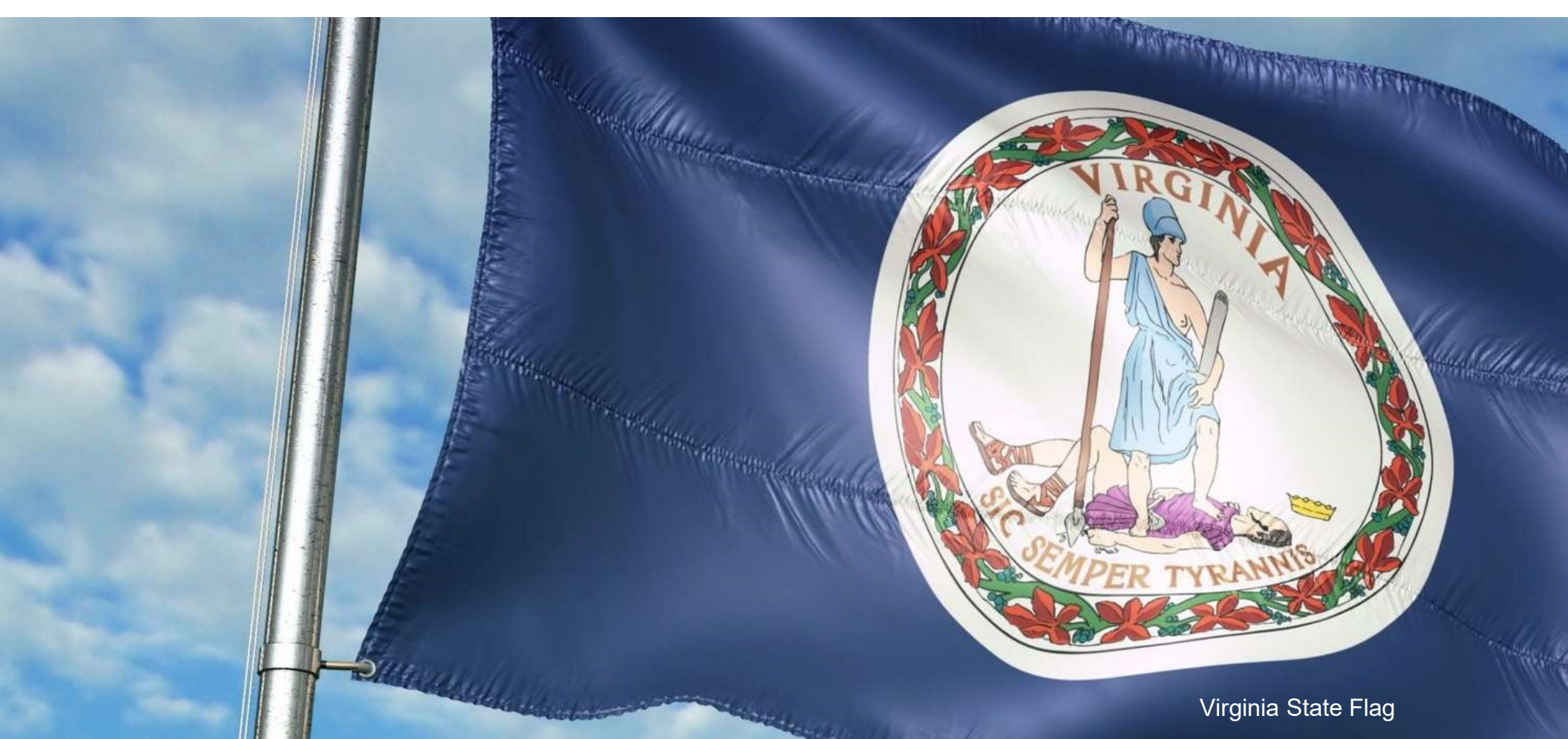
Open Discussion

The committee was informed that it is anticipated that there will be JLARC report issued to the General Assembly on data centers. In addition, the committee was informed that its next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Stone adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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LEGISLATION AND POLICY COMMITTEE

December 11, 2024

PRESENTERS



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Election Update

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NO SURPRISES WITH VIRGINIA ELECTION RESULTS

District	Democrat	%	Republican	%
Senate	Tim Kaine*	54.28	Hung Cao	45.53
1	Leslie Mehta	43.52	Rob Wittman*	56.31
2	Missy Cotter Smasal	46.96	Jennifer Kiggans*	50.68
3	Bobby Scott*	69.83	John Sitka	29.97
4	Jennifer McClellan*	67.03	Bill Moher	32.76
5	Gloria Witt	42.22	John McGuire	57.30
6	Ken Mitchell	34.57	Ben Cline*	63.36
7	Eugene Vindman	51.08	Derrick Anderson	48.65
8	Don Beyer*	71.52	Jerry Torres	24.66
9	Karen Baker	27.31	Morgan Griffith*	72.50
10	Suhas Subramanyam	52.11	Mike Clancy	47.52
11	Gerry Connolly*	66.68	Michael Van Meter	32.86

* Incumbent

SPECIAL ELECTION SET FOR JANUARY 7TH

On January 7, 2025, a special election will be held to fill vacant seats for two Northern Virginia districts in the General Assembly. A date still needs to be announced for the 10th Senate seat in Southern Virginia.

- Senator John McGuire (R) will resign from his seat in the 10th District due to winning the 5th congressional district election.
 - Republicans will hold a mass meeting on Thursday, December 12, at 5:30 p.m. to choose its nominee for the special election. There are 7 candidates running for the Republican nomination. Jack Trammell is the Democrat candidate. He is a professor and previously lost a race to Dave Brat for the 7th Congressional District in 2014.

- Senator Suhas Subramanyam (D) resigned from his seat in the 32nd District due to winning the 10th congressional district election.
 - Democrats nominated Delegate Kannan Srinivasan while Republicans nominated Tumay Harding, a parental rights advocate who has taught in Loudoun County and Prince William County schools.

- Delegate Kannan Srinivasan (D) resigned from his House seat in the 26th District due to running for the 32nd Senate seat.
 - Democrats nominated JJ Singh, President of Retreat Hotels and Resorts while Republicans nominated Ram Venkatachalam, who has served as chair of the county's Transit Advisory Board.

KEY DATES FOR UPCOMING SPECIAL ELECTIONS

December

- Dec 11– Early voting begins
- Dec 27 – Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot
- Dec 31 – Deadline to register to vote or update an existing registration¹

January

- Jan 4 – Last day of in person early voting
- **Jan 7 – Special Election**
- Jan 8 – General Assembly Convenes



¹Voters may register after this date, through Special Election Day, and vote using a provisional ballot



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STRONG COLLABORATION WITH OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS IS CRITICAL

VEDP collaborates with federal partners (e.g. Congressional Representatives and Governor's Federal Liaison office) in various ways:

- **Issuing information on federal related incentives**
- **Providing support for projects seeking federal grant funding**
- **Working with federal agencies on regulations or permits associated with projects and/or sites**



OPEN DISCUSSION & ANTICIPATED TOPICS