

Legislation and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership
December 11, 2024
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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

Welcome and Call to Order

Steven Stone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members present: John Hewa, Sonya Montgomery, Nick Rush, and Steven Stone

Members absent: Nancy Agee and Anne Oman

Other Board Members: Mimi Coles, Secretary Cummings, Stephen Edwards, Rick Harrell,
Pace Lochte, Connie Loughhead, Secretary Merrick, and William
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Public Comment Period

Chair Stone asked if any members of the public wished to comment. There were none.

Approval of Minutes for September 18, 2024 Meeting

Chair Stone requested approval of the September 18, 2024, minutes. Mr. Rush made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hewa, and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Election Update

Ms. Nicole Riley gave an update on the federal elections and key dates for upcoming special elections.

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) resigned from his seat in the 10th District, effective December 11, 2024.
- Republicans will hold a mass meeting on Thursday, December 12, at 5:30 p.m. to choose its nominee for the special election.
- Senator Suhas Subramanyam (D) resigned from his seat in Virginia Senate District 32 after winning the 10th Congressional District election.
- Delegate Kannan Srinivasan (D) resigned from his seat in Virginia House District 26 after winning the election in Virginia Senate District 32.

Federal Collaboration

Ms. Nicole Riley gave an update on collaboration with VEDP’s federal partners.

VEDP has strong relationships with Senator Warner and Senator Kain’s offices. VEDP collaborates with federal partners in various ways, such as issuing information on federal-related incentives, providing support for projects seeking federal grant funding, and working with federal agencies on regulations or permits associated with projects and sites.

Closed Session

Mr. Rush made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hewa, to move to a closed meeting. The members unanimously approved the motion 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, General Counsel, 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. Montgomery	Aye
Mr. Stone	Aye
Mr. Rush	Aye

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Stone adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Brown