

Legislation and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership
June 3, 2026
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Chair Steven Stone. A quorum was present.

Committee Members In-Person: John Hewa, Todd House, Emily O’Quinn, Steven Stone

Committee Members Absent: Sonya Montgomery, Anne Oman, Nick Rush

Other Board Members present: Secretary Carrie Chenery, Rick Harrell, Bill Hayter, Pace Lochte, Connie Loughhead, Sarah McCoy, Will Sessoms

Public Comment Period

Chair Stone solicited public comments. There were none.

Approval of Minutes for December 10, 2025 Meeting

Chair Stone requested approval of the March 18, 2026, minutes. Upon motion by Ms. O’Quinn, seconded by Mr. House, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Election Update

Ms. Akers, Vice President of External Affairs, reported that the Virginia Supreme Court struck down the Commonwealth’s redistricting plan following voter approval, and that the U.S. Supreme Court denied the Attorney General’s emergency request for a stay. She noted that the congressional primary elections are scheduled for August 4, 2026, with the general election set for November 3, 2026, including applicable early voting periods. She further reported that Delegate Michelle Maldonado (D), representing House District 20, resigned effective May 31, resulting in a vacancy.

Reconvened Session

Ms. Akers reported that Governor Spanberger submitted a high number of amendments ahead of the reconvened session, the most among recent administrations. Several key pieces of legislation affecting Virginia’s business climate received final action, including enactment of a paid family and medical leave program and a paid sick leave requirement, while other measures such as those related to collective bargaining, prescription drug affordability, and class actions were vetoed.

She further stated that the General Assembly has not yet finalized the biennial state budget and must reconvene before the July 1 deadline. Budget negotiations remain ongoing, with disagreement over the data center retail sales and use tax exemption as a primary issue.

Copies of Ms. Aker’s presentations are available in the meeting materials.

Closed Session

Ms. O'Quinn motioned, seconded by Mr. House, 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:

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:

Mr. Hewa	Aye
Mr. House	Aye
Ms. Montgomery	Not present
Ms. Oman	Not present
Ms. O'Quinn	Aye
Mr. Rush	Not present
Mr. Stone	Aye

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Legislation and Policy Committee will be held on September 16, 2026. There being no further business, Chair Stone adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.