

**Minutes**  
**Legislation and Policy Committee Meeting**  
**Board of Directors of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership**  
**June 7, 2023**  
**12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

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

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Chair Radcliff called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

Members present: Chair Marianne Radcliff, Carrie Chenery, Dan Clemente, John Hewa, Anne Oman, Nick Rush, and Steven Stone.

Members absent: Nancy Howell Agee

Other Board Members: Bill Hayter, Pace Lochte, Will Sessoms, Secretary Stephen Cummings, and Rick Harrell

VEDP staff present: Stephanie Agee, Lindsay Akers, Lesley Brown, Star Cranston, Nicole David, Jason El Koubi, Stephanie Florie, Stephen Hartka, Chris Hughes, Angie Jenkins, Heather McKay, Nicole Riley, Tim Stuller, Lisa Wallmeyer, and Abigail Wescott

VEDP Virtual Staff Members: Carrie Vuori

Guests present: Greg Burkart, Kim McKay, and Kendra Shifflett

**Public Comment Period**

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

**Approval of Minutes for March 8, 2023**

Chair Radcliff requested approval of the March 8, 2023 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Chenery and seconded by Mr. Hewa, and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

## **Reconvened Session Update**

Chair Radcliff introduced Ms. Riley to provide an overview of the General Assembly's Reconvened Session.

Ms. Riley took a moment to acknowledge Angie Jenkins for her contributions to VEDP, adding that Ms. Jenkins will be leaving VEDP at the end of the week to pursue a new opportunity. Ms. Riley specifically highlighted Ms. Jenkins' leadership during this year's General Assembly session. The meeting attendees offered Ms. Jenkins a round of applause.

Ms. Riley explained that the General Assembly returned to Richmond on April 12, 2023, for a Reconvened Session to consider amendments and vetoes.

Ms. Riley reviewed the bills pertaining to VEDP that were addressed during the Reconvened Session. She added that overall, the General Assembly considered the Governor's amendments to 77 bills, amendments to the "skinny budget," along with three initial vetoes.

Ms. Riley shared that Governor Youngkin ultimately approved amendments to 60 bills, rejected amendments to 17, and upheld three gubernatorial vetoes. She added that following the reconvened session, the Governor took final action on 17 pieces of legislation, signing 12 bills into law, and vetoing five additional bills.

Ms. Riley spoke about HB1842 (Knight) which created the Virginia Business Ready Sites Acquisition Fund and Program and she explained the Governor's amendments to this bill.

Ms. Riley reviewed rejected amendments related to the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program, including HB2332 (E. Campbell/SB1308 (Deeds), which was ultimately vetoed, and HB2444 (Bloxom)/SB1441 (Locke).

## **Election Update**

Ms. Riley spoke about the upcoming primaries and elections, stating that this cycle will significantly change the composition of the General Assembly.

Ms. Riley said that nearly 1/3 of the 140 General Assembly seats do not have an incumbent running. She said that one in three members of the House of Delegates and one in four members of the Senate will be freshmen.

Ms. Riley explained that the November election will be the first election of General Assembly members that reflects the redrawn districts approved by the Virginia Supreme Court in 2021. She said that both the House and the Senate will be in play and that new members will mean significant shifts in the makeup of key committees.

**Closed Meeting**  
**Policy Discussion; Budget and Legislative Proposals**

A motion was made by Ms. Chenery and seconded by Ms. Radcliff to move into a closed meeting. The members unanimously approved the motion shown below.

I move that the Legislative and Policy Committee will be in a closed meeting to discuss specific marketing strategies pursuant to Subdivision A 50 of §2.2-3711 of the Code Virginia, which allows for the discussion of activities related to the strategic plan that would reveal to the Commonwealth's competitors for economic development projects the strategies intended to be deployed by the Commonwealth.

**Back in 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:	Ms. Radcliff	Aye
	Ms. Chenery	Aye
	Mr. Clemente	Aye
	Mr. Hewa	Aye
	Ms. Oman	Aye
	Mr. Rush	Aye
	Mr. Stone	Aye

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Radcliff adjourned the meeting at 1:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lesley Brown