

Minutes
Board of Directors Special Meeting of the
Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority
May 7, 2026
4:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair John Hewa.

Board Members Present: Secretary Carrie Chenery, Rick Harrell, John Hewa, Todd House, Pace Lochte, Connie Loughhead, Sarah McCoy, Emily O’Quinn, Nick Rush, Will Sessoms, Secretary Mark Sickles, Steven Stone

Board Members Absent: Mimi Coles, Bill Hayter, April Kees, Sonya Montgomery, Anne Oman

Public Comment Period

Chair Hewa solicited public comments. There were none.

Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2026, Meeting

Chair Hewa asked for approval of the minutes of the March 19, 2026, meeting. Upon motion by Secretary Sickles, seconded by Mr. Harrell, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Remarks

Chair Hewa noted that Mimi Coles would be departing from the Board and expressed his sincere appreciation for her dedicated service and meaningful contributions during her tenure. He highlighted her strong commitment to advancing the Board’s work, her thoughtful input on key initiatives, and her support of VEDP’s mission, noting that her insight and engagement will be greatly missed.

Chair Hewa also congratulated Ms. McCoy on her selection as the next Chief Executive Officer of The Port of Virginia. He acknowledged the significance of her appointment and wished her continued success in the role.

Update on Team Virginia

Jason El Koubi provided an overview of the formation of Team Virginia as a 501(c)(3) entity, including key milestones and a proposed nine-member board composed of VEDP Board members, VEDP leadership, and private-sector executives. He noted that the VEDP Board authorized the nonprofit’s creation in March 2026 and that formation is underway with outside counsel, with initial board members identified and vetted. Following formation, the Team Virginia Board will complete organizational setup and assume responsibility for governance and oversight, with VEDP staff supporting operations and the VEDP Board providing oversight.

Closed Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Sessoms and seconded by Mr. Rush to convene a closed meeting to discuss personnel issues pursuant to Subdivision A 1 of §2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, which allows for the discussion of the appointment of members by the Board.

Mr. El Koubi asked that VEDP staff be allowed to stay for the closed meeting and Chair Hewa agreed.

Certification of Closed Meeting

After the Board 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:

Secretary Chenery	Aye
Ms. Coles	Not present
Mr. Harrell	Aye
Mr. Hayter	Not present
Mr. Hewa	Aye
Mr. House	Aye
Ms. Kees	Not present
Ms. Lochte	Aye
Ms. Loughhead	Aye
Ms. McCoy	Aye
Ms. Montgomery	Not present
Ms. Oman	Not present
Ms. O'Quinn	Aye
Mr. Rush	Aye
Mr. Sessoms	Aye
Secretary Sickles	Aye
Mr. Stone	Aye

Approval of Appointees

Mr. Hewa called for a motion to approve a resolution appointing the initial members of the Team Virginia Board. Upon motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Sessoms, the motion was approved. Mr. Hewa asked General Counsel to read the Resolution appointing the following individuals to the Team Virginia Board:

1. Jason R. El Koubi, *ex officio*, President and Chief Executive Officer, VEDP
2. John Hewa, *ex officio*, Chairman of the Board
3. Rick Harrell, *ex officio*, Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Board
4. Pace Lochte, *ex officio*, nonlegislative citizen member of the Board appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee on Business Development and Marketing pursuant to § 2.2-2239.1 of the Code of Virginia
5. Ted Sniffin, Executive Vice President, VEDP
6. Mark Hourigan, CEO, Hourigan
7. Tim Hurlebaus, President and CEO, CGI

8. Jennifer Montague, President and CEO, Columbia Gas of Virginia
9. Dennis Matheis, President and CEO, Sentara

Upon the vote:

Secretary Chenery	Aye
Ms. Coles	Not present
Mr. Harrell	Aye
Mr. Hayter	Not present
Mr. Hewa	Aye
Mr. House	Aye
Ms. Kees	Not present
Ms. Lochte	Aye
Ms. Loughhead	Aye
Ms. McCoy	Aye
Ms. Montgomery	Not present
Ms. Oman	Not present
Ms. O'Quinn	Aye
Mr. Rush	Aye
Mr. Sessoms	Aye
Secretary Sickles	Aye
Mr. Stone	Aye

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held June 4, 2026. There being no further business, Chair Hewa adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.