

**Minutes
Finance and Audit Committee Meeting
Board of Directors of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership
May 28, 2026
2:00 p.m.**

Virtual Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Rick Harrell. A quorum was present.

Committee members present: Rick Harrell, Pace Lochte, Will Sessoms, and Steven Stone

Committee members absent: April Kees

Other Board members present: Connie Loughhead, Sarah McCoy, Secretary Mark Sickles

Public Comment Period

Chair Harrell solicited public comments. There were none.

Approval of Minutes for March 18, 2026, Meeting

Chair Harrell asked for approval of the minutes from the March 18, 2026, Committee meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Sessoms, seconded by Mr. Stone, the minutes were unanimously approved.

VEDP FY26 Financial Results (thru 3/31/2026)

Bob Grenell, VEDP Comptroller, presented the financial results for the nine-month period ending March 31, 2026. All divisions are below budget for the first nine months of the fiscal year. Overall, VEDP has spent 56% of its budget. Expenditures are expected to rise in the fourth quarter, as is typical. Details of Mr. Grenell's report are available in the meeting materials.

Chair Harrell asked for acceptance of the VEDP FY26 Financial Results through March 31, 2026. Upon motion by Mr. Sessoms, seconded by Ms. Lochte, the financial results were unanimously accepted.

Proposed FY27 Operating Budget

Mr. Grenell presented the proposed VEDP Operating Budget for FY27, a copy of which is available in the meeting materials. Because a Commonwealth budget has not yet been adopted, the operating budget is based upon the budget bill introduced in the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. The Operating Budget may be updated when a budget is enacted for the Commonwealth.

Upon motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Sessoms, the FY27 Operating Budget was unanimously accepted.

Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) International Trade Audit Response

Stephanie Agee, SVP of International Trade, reported that VEDP is on track to complete all

recommendations included in the recent audit by the Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG).

Audit Update

Jamie Amos and Diana Munoz Scaggs with Forvis Mazars, the company serving as VEDP's internal auditor, presented the results of the Governance audit. The audit resulted in one best practice recommendation to establish a stand-alone Code of Ethics, which will be completed by September. The Lead Generation audit will be completed by the September Board meeting. A copy of the Governance audit is available in the meeting materials.

Proposed FY27 Audit Plan

Forvis Mazars presented a proposed audit plan for FY27, based upon the results of the annual internal risk assessment. The plan included a proposal for a strategic and operational planning process audit, and the annual risk assessment.

Upon motion by Ms. Lochte, seconded by Mr. Sessoms, the Committee voted to recommend the governance audit and annual risk assessment to the Executive Committee for approval.

IT Security Update

Chris Hughes, VP of Information Technology, provided a security update that included a review of the five-year IT audit plan and an update on the status of audit findings.

A copy of Mr. Hughes' presentation is available in the meeting materials.

Clawback Updates

Katherine Goodwin, Senior VP of Business Investment and Incentives, reported on clawback activity. A full copy of the report, summarized below, is available in the meeting materials:

- Six COF closeouts are in process
- One data center closeout is in process

Chair Harrell asked for a motion to accept the clawback report. Upon motion by Ms. Lochte, seconded by Mr. Stone, the motion passed unanimously.

Copies of Ms. Goodwin's presentations are available in the meeting materials.

Other Topics, Next Meeting, and Adjournment

The next meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee will be held on June 3, 2026. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.