

**VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AUTHORITY  
RURAL VIRGINIA ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JUNE 3, 2026 | 12:30 PM TO 1:30 PM**

**JAMES CENTER ONE, BOARD ROOM, 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
901 EAST CARY STREET, RICHMOND, VA 23219**

**Committee Members**

Nick Rush, Chair  
Mimi Coles  
Rick Harrell  
Bill Hayter  
Connie Loughhead, Acting Chair

**Ex-Officio Member**

John Hewa

<b>12:30 – 12:32 PM</b>	<b>Welcome/Call to Order - Connie Loughhead, Acting Chair</b>
<b>12:32 – 12:33 PM</b>	<b>Public Comment Period – Connie Loughhead</b>
<b>12:33 – 12:45 PM</b>	<b>Regional Workforce Dynamics in Southwest Virginia – Jessi Fritz</b>
<b>12:45 – 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Recruiting Challenges for New Businesses Using Talent Accelerator – Steve Youll</b>
<b>1:00 – 1:15 PM</b>	<b>Rural Regional Insights from Economic Development Policy Input Sessions – Regions 1 and 8 – David Devan</b>
<b>1:15 – 1:25 PM</b>	<b>Open Discussion and Anticipated Topics</b>
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>