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**VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AUTHORITY
LEGISLATION AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**December 6, 2023
2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

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

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| 2:30 p.m. – 2:33 p.m. | Welcome/Call to Order – Marianne Radcliff, Chair |
| 2:33 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. | Public Comment Period |
| 2:35 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. | Approval of Minutes for 9/13/2023 Meeting |
| 2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Election Update – Nicole Riley |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Closed Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Update on Budget and Legislative Proposals- Update on Legislator Materials and Outreach Plan |
| 3:30 p.m. | Adjournment |

**Minutes
Legislation and Policy Committee Meeting
Board of Directors of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership
September 13, 2023
12:30 p.m.**

**901 East Cary Street
One James Center, Board Room, 9th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219**

Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Radcliff called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

In-Person Committee Members: Chair Marianne Radcliff, Carrie Chenery, John Hewa, Nick Rush, and Steven Stone

Virtual Committee Members: Anne Oman

Committee Members Absent: Nancy Howell Agee

Other In-Person Board Members: Secretary Stephen Cummings, Rick Harrell, Pace Lochte, Secretary Caren Merrick, and Will Sessoms

Other Virtual Board Members: Bill Hayter and Anne Oman

In-Person VEDP Staff Members: Lindsay Akers, Lesley Brown, Greg Burkart, Star Cranston, Nicole David, David Devan, Jason El Koubi, Stef Florie, Chris Hughes Heather McKay, Nicole Riley, Tim Stuller, Vickie Tilkey, Lisa Wallmeyer, Abigail Wescott, and Summer Xia

Virtual VEDP Staff Members: Carrie Vuori

In-Person Guests: Kendra Shifflett

Virtual Guests: Chelsea Jenkins and Kim McKay

The Committee approved the virtual participation of Anne Oman pursuant to subdivision (B) (4) of Section 2.2-3708.3 of the Code of Virginia and the Committee's policy adopted pursuant to subsection D of Section 2.2-3708.3 of the Code of Virginia. Anne Oman participated remotely from the Pocahontas Building , due to a pending office move.

Public Comment Period

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

Approval of Minutes for June 7, 2023

Chair Radcliff requested approval of the June 7, 2023, meeting minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Chenery and seconded by Mr. Hewa, and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Special Session Update

Chair Radcliff introduced Nicole Riley to provide an overview of the General Assembly's Special Session and election update.

Ms. Riley explained that the General Assembly returned to Richmond on April 12, 2023 for a Special Session to vote on the budget.

Ms. Riley reviewed the budget items approved in the special session related to VEDP. There was a significant funding increase to the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP) Fund of \$125M and \$75M to fund the Virginia Business Ready Sites Acquisition Fund. Adjustments were made to the incentive grants, and additional funding of \$233K was provided to the Virginia Office of Economic Education (VOEE). Ms. Riley also briefly reviewed other budget items of interest.

Mr. El Koubi spoke about the substantial investment in site development on an ongoing basis. He explained that VEDP's Real Estate Solutions Team will need to expand to manage this investment on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Ms. Riley also shared that all state employees will receive an additional 2% salary increase to be applied on December 10, 2023, in addition to the 5% that became effective on June 10, 2023.

Election Update

Ms. Riley shared the results of the special election held on August 29, 2023, to fill the vacated seat for former Delegate Jeff Campell. Jed Arnold won that election and is the new Delegate for House District 6.

Ms. Riley reviewed key voting dates. She explained that early voting is September 22 and that

the deadline to register to vote is October 16. She said the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is October 27, the last day for early voting is November 15, and election day is November 7.

Closed Meeting

Policy Discussion; Budget and Legislative Proposals

A motion was made by Mr. Rush and seconded by Mr. Stone to move into a closed meeting. The members unanimously approved the motion shown below.

I move that the Legislative and Policy Committee convene 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. Hewa	Aye
	Ms. Oman	Aye
	Mr. Rush	Aye
	Mr. Stone	Aye

The Office of External Affairs has identified candidates to begin educational outreach with before the general election, and those candidates and meeting dates were provided to the Committee.

Mr. El Koubi acknowledged Lindsay Akers for her contributions to VEDP and to announce that Ms. Akers would be departing VEDP for a position with the Office of the Attorney General.

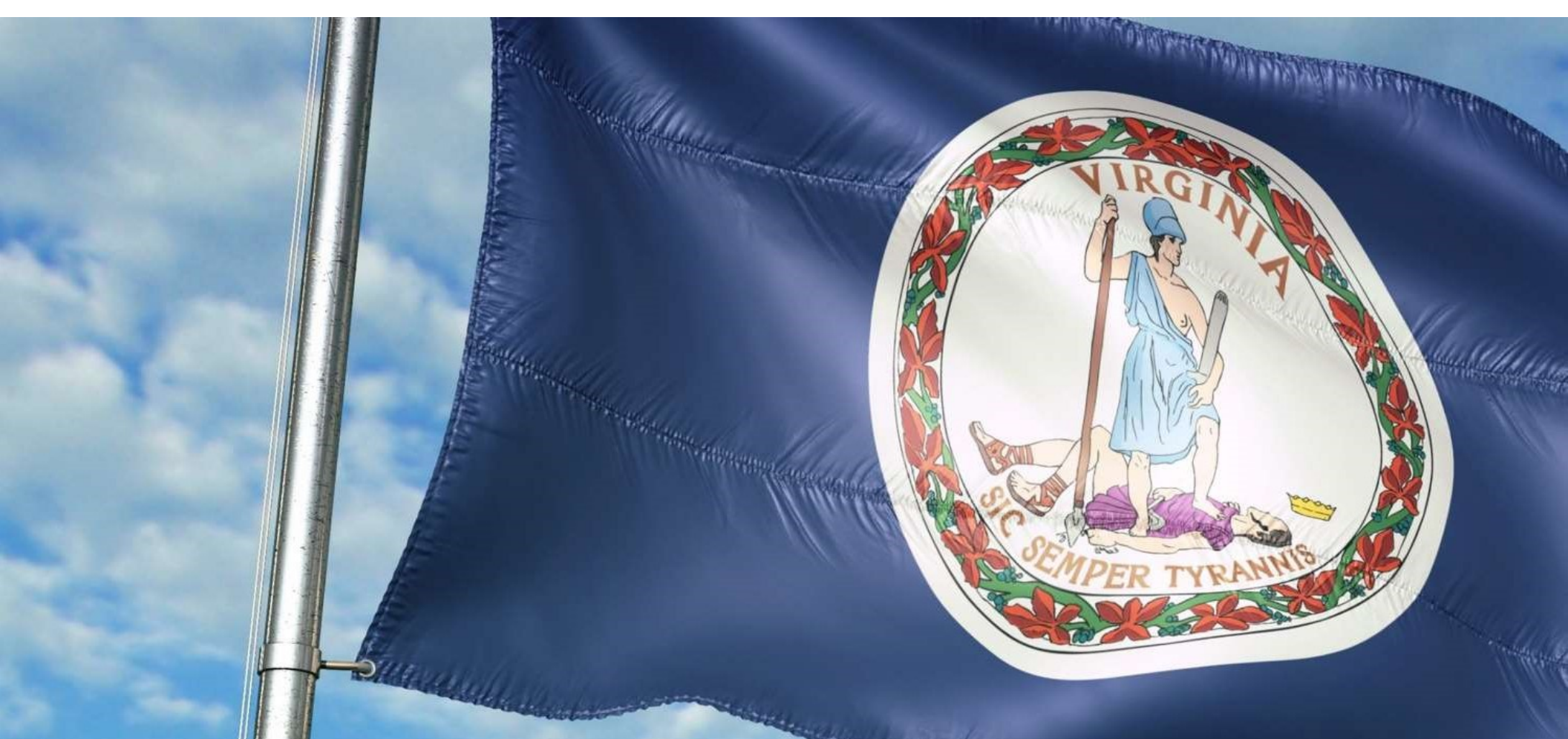
Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Radcliff adjourned the meeting at 1:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Brown

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LEGISLATION AND POLICY COMMITTEE

December 6, 2023

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AGENDA

Election Update

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Closed Session: Update on Budget and Legislative Proposals

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Closed Session: New Legislator Materials and Outreach Update

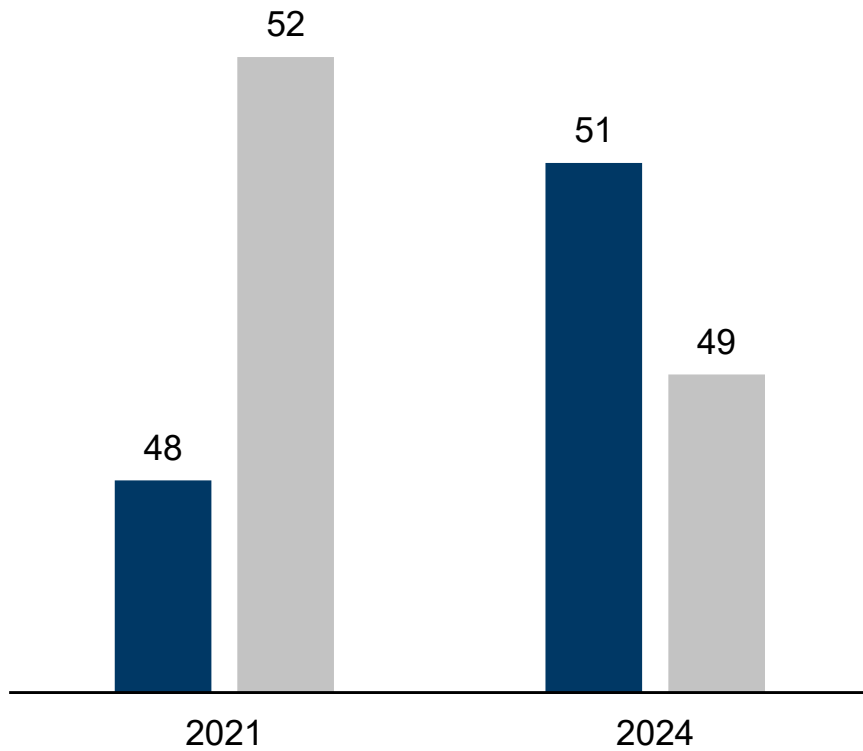
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HOUSE CHAMBER FLIPS RESULTING IN DEMOCRAT CONTROL IN BOTH CHAMBERS

The recent Virginia legislative elections resulted in Democrats maintaining control of the state Senate and now control of the House of Delegates.

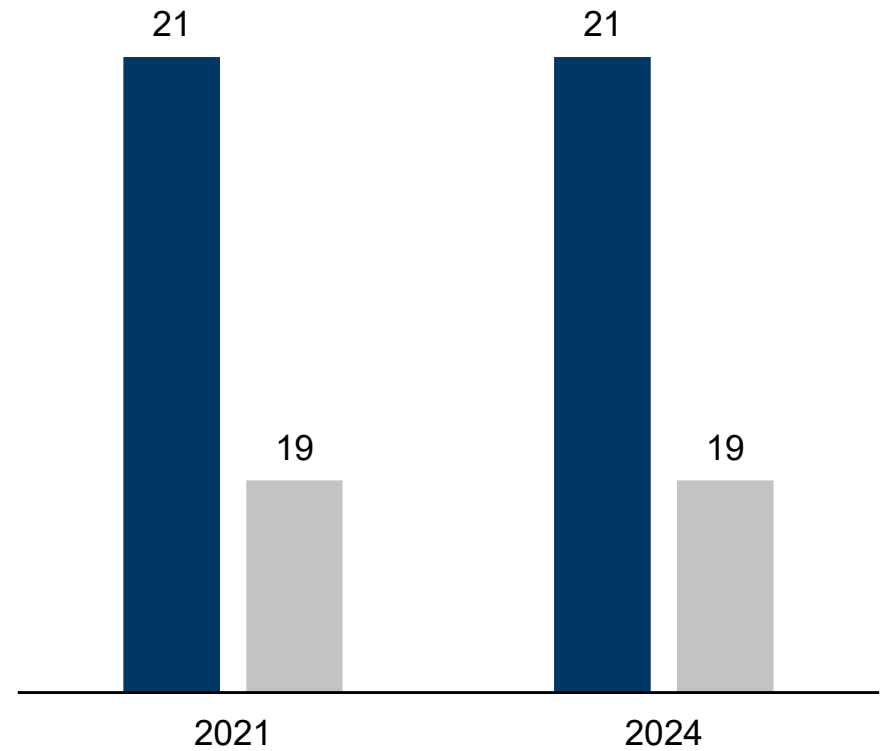
House Chamber

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Senate Chamber

■ Democrats ■ Republicans



HOUSE LEADERSHIP

House Speaker – Don Scott (D-Portsmouth)



Majority Leader – Charniele Herring (D-Alexandria)



Minority Leader – Todd Gilbert (R-Shenandoah)



HOUSE COMMITTEES

Appropriations

Luke Torian (D-Prince William) - Chair



House Appropriations:
Commerce & Natural Resource
Sub

TBA

Labor and Commerce

Jeion Ward (D- Hampton) - Chair



Finance

Vivian Watts (D-Annadale) - Chair



General Laws

TBA

SENATE LEADERSHIP

Majority Leader – Scott Surovell (D-Fairfax)



Minority Leader – Ryan McDougale (R-Hanover)



Democratic Caucus Chair – Mamie Locke (D-Hampton)



Republican Caucus Chair – Mark Obenshain (R – Harrisonburg)



SENATE COMMITTEES

Senate Finance & Appropriations

Louise Lucas (D-Portsmouth) - Chair



Senate Finance & Appropriations: Economic Development and Natural Resources Sub

TBA

Commerce & Labor

Creigh Deeds (D-Albemarle) - Chair



General Laws and Technology

Adam Ebbin (D-Alexandria) - Chair

