

Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority Board Meeting

Monday September 18, 2023

10:00AM-12:00PM

Twin Hickory Area Library
5001 Twin Hickory Road
Glenn Allen, VA 23509

Draft Minutes

Call to Order and Introduction:

The Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority (VNECA) Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom DePonty at 10:01 A.M.

The following VNECA Board Members were present: Tom DePonty, Jeff Fox, Scott Kopple, Gene Grecheck, Woody Lawman, John Capps, Andrew Hutton, Larry Corkey, Bill Briscoe and Tim Stuller. An in-person quorum of 9 members was met.

Eugene Grecheck moved to allow participation by virtual members and seconded by John Capps, a vote was carried and passed unanimously.

Virtual Participants include Rhonnie Smith, Randy Heflin, and Rich Diddams.

The following Virginia Energy staff were present: Ryan Welsh, Brandi Frazier-Bestpitch and Tarah Kesterson.

The following guests were present: April Wade (VNEC) and David Martin (Nuclear Free Virginia News).

The following were there for public comment: N/A

Chair DePonty provided the Authority with a safety message regarding cooling weather and home safety devices.

- The Authority reviewed the VNECA 2023 Annual Report
 - Scott Kopple moved that Virginia Energy Staff review the Asset Inventory for correctness prior to submittal in the Annual Report, Eugene Grecheck seconded. A vote was carried and passed unanimously.
 - John Capps moved for Virginia Energy Staff would revise the Annual Report as outlined and submit. Bill Briscoe seconded, a vote was carried and passed unanimously.
- VNEC provided the following updates
 - VNEC sent a representative to a nuclear educational event at MIT
 - Discussed updates on the EDA Tech Hub
 - Virginia Innovation Nuclear Hub (VINH) updates
 - Provided an update to a nuclear workforce working group
 - Virginia Clean Energy Summit Nuclear Panel
 - Preparing for the 2024 legislative session related to nuclear energy.

- SMR Working Group Supply Chain Summit per [HB 894](#)
 - Coordinating activities and efforts in Southwest Virginia
- Approval of July 27 minutes as amended
 - John Capps moved to approve the previous minutes as amended, Scott Kopple seconded, a vote was carried and passed unanimously.
- The 2024 Meeting 1 meeting will be virtual and scheduled during January. Agenda items include:
 - Review of VNEC Strategic Plan
 - VNEC updates on VINH and SMR WG
- Board Members gave industry updates
 - BWXT will process up to 2 MT of HALEU, with several hundred kgs in 2024, predominantly in Lynchburg facilities.

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 A.M.