

Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 2, 2021 | 10:00AM

Tuckahoe - Henrico County Public Library | Henrico, VA 23229

Approved Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Introduction:

The Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority (VNECA) Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom DePonty at 10:03 A.M.

The following VNECA Board Members were present: Jeffrey Fox, Larry Corkey, Tom DePonty, Rich Diddams, Eugene Grecheck, Andrew Hutton, Bill Briscoe, Scott Kopple, Gary Tepper, Tim Stuller, April Wade (non-voting), and Grant Kronenberg (counsel).

The following Virginia Energy staff were present: Brandi Frazier Bestpitch, Jordan Burns, Nam Nguyen, Al Christopher, Larry Corkey and Erik B. Olson.

Chair DePonty welcomed the board and provided a safety message on Christmas lights in addition to updates on VNECA Board membership — Dan Stoddard from Dominion Energy was nominated and will be taking a seat on the Authority Board.

Update on Virginia Energy Decarbonization Report:

Larry Corkey provided an update on the Virginia Energy Decarbonization modeling report on behalf of Al Christopher. He noted that it is actively being reviewed by the Governor's Office with the intent to publish by the upcoming General Assembly session. Chair DePonty requested that the report be sent to VNECA when published.

VNEC Update:

April Wade provided an update on Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium activities including ongoing federal policy developments, the in-progress Virginia Nuclear Innovation Hub proposal, and preparation for the upcoming General Assembly session. The Board asked questions about the proposal and discussed the need to align the Hub with other nuclear activities in Virginia. Chair DePonty asked for comments to be sent to Virginia Energy staff.

VNECA 2021 Annual Report Update:

Brandi Frazier Bestpitch provided an update on the 2021 VNECA Annual Report. She noted that the Secretary of Commerce and Trade approved and that the report has been distributed to the Governor and the chairs of the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House and Senate Commerce and Labor Committees and will be posted on the VNECA website.

Meeting minutes approval:

The Board unanimously approved the draft meeting minutes from the October 25th, 2021 meeting. Board member Eugene Grechek motioned and Board member Andrew Hutton seconded.

2022 planning:

The Board discussed various plans for 2022 including potential guests and calendar planning for future meetings.

Nuclear News and Updates:

The Board heard updates on various nuclear news and matters. Scott Kopple shared updates on the new BWXT innovation campus. Eugene Grecheck shared updates on nuclear provisions in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law recently signed by President Biden and potential items in the Build Back Better package being debated in Congress.

Public Comment:

The Board heard public comment from Erica Gray, Sierra Club representative.