

Virginia Wood Council Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The University Club of Virginia Tech, South End Zone room, 4th floor of Lane Stadium

Agenda

1. Welcome & Roll Call (5 minutes) Sabina Dhungana

2. Opening Remarks (10 minutes)

- Welcome from the Host, Share Plan for the Day
(Dr. Van de Gevel, Dean, College of Natural Resources and Environment, Virginia Tech)
- Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Frazier
- State Forester Lasher
- Updates from Secretary of Commerce & Trade Chenery, Secretary of Natural & Historic Resources Bulova
- Recognition of the Guests and Visitors (Sabina Dhungana)
- Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes (Sabina Dhungana)

Subgroup Updates & Discussion (45 minutes)

- Biomass markets (Mike Davis)
 - What are the recommendations & next steps to be pursued?
- Business recruitment and development (Beth Hutchins)
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- Workforce and training initiatives (Lesley Moseley)
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- Existing Business Retention Subgroup (Sabina Dhungana)
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Additional Items for Council Discussion (45 minutes)

- Presentation on Biomass Availability in Virginia-Scott Barrett (Virginia Tech)
- ForestryWorks Project Update-Maryanne Morgan (Morgan Lumber Company)
- Forest Products Week Planning Update- Ed Zimmer
- Georgia Fuel Tax Relief-Ron Jenkins

Wrap-Up & Next Steps (10 minutes)

- Review of action items and timeline

- Plan for the next meeting
 - Extend meeting time, Subcommittee work

Partner Updates: (Open to anyone) (5 minutes)

Lunch on Site Provided by the Host (30 minutes)

Tour of the Brooks Center (1.5 hours)

- Meet with faculty, staff and students and see CLT, Mass Timber and Sustainable Biomaterials Lab