

SMART SOLAR PERMITTING WORK GROUP

2026 HB 590 / SB 283

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 6, 2026, 9:00AM - 11:00AM

****This virtual meeting is open to the Public****

Virtual accommodations have been arranged through Teams Webinar. See below for details.

Times	Topics	Speakers/Presenters
9:00 AM	Welcome, Work Group Disclaimer, Agenda, & Recap last work group	Virginia Energy
9:15 AM	Review legislative Requirements and Rationale	Virginia Energy
9:35 AM	Current Landscape for Smart Solar Permitting & Input on Platform Requirements	Virginia Energy & Work Group Participants
10:30 PM	Questions, Feedback, and Comment	Virginia Energy & Work Group Participants
11:00 AM	Meeting Adjourn	

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Code of Virginia - CHAPTER 633

That the Department of Energy shall establish, launch, and administer the Smart Solar Permitting Platform pursuant to § 45.2-1735 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, by July 1, 2027.

That the Director of the Department of Energy (the Department) shall convene a work group to determine the appropriateness of adding a surcharge to local government permitting fees to defray state costs for the Smart Solar Permitting Platform established pursuant to § 45.2-1735 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act. The work group shall include representatives from

the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Municipal League, local government permitting offices, contractors, and other stakeholder groups deemed appropriate by the Director of the Department. The Department shall report its findings to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2026, and shall include, if the work group determines that such surcharge is appropriate, (i) an estimate of the necessary adjustments to local government permitting fees to offset the costs for state development, maintenance, and operation of a centralized solar permitting platform and (ii) a method for collecting any such adjustments to local government permitting fees.