

VIRGINIA DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCE (DER) TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

2:00 PM - 5:00PM

House Room B, General Assembly Building

Meeting materials are available on <https://energy.virginia.gov/renewable-energy/DER-Task-Force.shtml>

Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcome & Introductions

Chair Chief Josephus Allmond called the meeting to order at approximately 2:02 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

Members present: Chief Allmond, John Farmer, Delegate Richard (Rip) Sullivan, Carrie Hearne, Richard Caperton, Tony Smith, Dawn Oleksy, Ashish Kapoor, Bill Murray, Joe Lerch, Deputy Secretary Ackerly, Lieutenant Governor Hashmi, Emily Orvis, Angela Navarro, Delegate Helmer (virtual)

Members absent: Senator VanValkenburg

The Task Force approved the draft minutes from the August 2026 meeting.

Overview of Staff-led Activities Since Meeting #2

Staff presented on the key staff-led activities since the last meeting. The staff has:

- Met with Massachusetts Department of Energy
- Conducted 1-on-1s with many Task Force members
- Conducted a public input session
- Conducted an industry input session
- Met with the State Corporation Commission
- Met with Dominion Energy

The staff will provide attendee lists to the DER Task Force members as requested.

Overview and Discussion of Interim Report Findings and Recommendations

Deputy White and the contracting team of Deloitte and EPDI presented the draft interim report findings and recommendations and solicited feedback from the Task Force Members. The findings were presented with their source (what meeting or research the finding came from) as well as what recommendation the finding informed. The team requested feedback on the recommendations, asking if these are the right set of recommendations to achieve the Task Force's vision and how these recommendations should be operationalized.

The Task Force spent most of the meeting providing specific feedback on these recommendations. Staff took detailed notes on this feedback and will use it to edit the report. The final report will be presented and voted on in the next meeting, scheduled for October 13, 2026.

Interim Report Vote

The Chair noted that the report contents are not final and are currently undergoing active discussion and refinement from Task Force members and staff. Submission of the interim report does not represent Task Force approval of individual recommendations and actions contained in the document.

The Chair called for a vote on the Interim Report. Bill Murray abstained from the vote. The interim report passed unanimously.

Public Comment

The Chair opened the floor for public comment.

One member of the public provided comment urging the Task Force to consider how to move Virginia beyond the "minimum viable policy readiness level" and to consider what policies will best serve Virginians.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm.