

# **VIRGINIA DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCE (DER) TASK FORCE**

## **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 13, 2026**

**2:00 PM - 4:15 PM**

**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 2:04 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

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

Members absent: Senator VanValkenburg, Lieutenant Governor Hashmi

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

### **Virginia Energy Plan & DER Modelling Presentation**

The Chair, Chief Josephus Allmond, presented on the recently released Virginia Energy Plan. The brief presentation included the pillars of the plan, an overview of key modelling findings, and what findings were most relevant to the DER Task Force.

The Deloitte team presented on their modelling outlook scenarios for DERs and VPPs in Virginia. Barbar Moawad shared the scenarios studied, including BAU, medium, and high scenarios. The models only explored solar and storage and did not take into account the NEM cap. Task Force members asked for more information on the assumptions that went into the modeling, and staff mentioned that there may be opportunity for the VA Energy Modeling team to take on different scenarios once they are staffed up.

## **Final Report Recommendations Discussion**

Deputy Chief Energy Officer Louise White presented on key updates since the interim report was presented at the meeting on September 15.

Various minor edits were suggested by Task Force members, which will be incorporated into the final report before it is submitted. Members mentioned that many recommended actions will likely require legislation and suggested removing any limiting language. Funding opportunities were discussed, including the Brightfields Fund, solar PPAs, private foundation dollars, and creative financing opportunities. Members mentioned being thoughtful about recommendations that require state budget and suggested considering back-up options or existing capacity/budget if budget is not available for the proposed recommendations.

Deputy Chief White also presented on key next steps of the DER Task Force and who owns those actions. Task Force members discussed the potential for executive action and legislative efforts. Members also reinforced the need for either a future DER Advisory Council or other technical assistance strategy to support localities. Members also raised if the specific and time-based DER goal would be included in this final report, and the Chair proposed a 15GW DER goal by 2045.

## **Final Report Vote**

The Chair called for a vote on the Final Report, if edits discussed above would be made.

- Delegate Helmer: Yes
- Delegate Sullivan: Yes
- Deputy Secretary Dahlman: Yes
- Carrie Hearne: Yes
- John Farmer: Abstained from the vote due to his role at the Office of Attorney General's Consumer Council. He recommended editing the language in recommendation 6 to clarify that the Task Force will not intervene at the State Corporation Commission.
- Emily Orvis: Yes, but proposed additional analysis before finalizing the GW target
- Ashish Kapoor: Yes
- Tony Smith: Yes
- Dawn Oleksy: Yes
- Joe Lerch: Yes
- Angela Navarro: Yes

- Bill Murray: Yes, on recommendations 1, 2, and 5. Abstains on other recommendations.
- Chair Chief Josephus Allmond: Yes

The final report passed and will be submitted once final edits are made.

## **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 put policies into place that will transcend the sunset of this body.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:11pm.