

Chs. 28 & 29 (2026 Acts of Assembly) Work Group Meeting

Approved Minutes September 10, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Virginia Department of Transportation Lockwood Building
3rd Floor, Meeting Room C
9120 Lockwood Blvd. Mechanicsville, VA 23116

A meeting of the Chs. 28 & 29 Work Group was held at the Virginia Department of Transportation Lockwood Building on September 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Members Present In-Person:

Rob Hofrichter – Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Laura Meadows – Dominion Energy
Scott Kennedy – Appalachian Power Company
Joe Lerch – Virginia Association of Counties

Members Attending Virtually:

Sam Brumberg - VMD Association of Electric Cooperatives. Virtual attendance due to a medical condition, in accordance with [2.2-3708.3\(B\)\(1\)](#).
Robert Kell – Clean Air Task Force – Virtual attendance due to distance, in accordance with 2.2-3708.3(B)(3)
David Essah – State Corporation Commission (SCC) – Virtual attendance
Bob Fasick (in lieu of Tyrone Brooks) – NextGen Highways – Virtual attendance due to distance

Members Absent:

Mitchell Smiley – Virginia Municipal League
Jamie Bitz – Energy Commission of Virginia

Additional Attendees (either in-person or virtually):

Tim McCormick-- Christian & Barton, representing the VTCA (Broadband Association of Virginia)
Alex Jones – Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives
Ryan Balluck – VDOT
Garrett Gee – Southern Environmental Law Center
Steve Jack – VDOT
Vanloan Nguyen – VDOT
Andy Payne – VDOT
Brent Polland – VDOT
Joshua Heslinga – VDOT

Alleyn Harned – Virginia Clean Cities
Joe Webb – VDOT

Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:02 p.m.
2. Welcome and Safety Message Robert Hofrichter, Director of the VDOT Office of Land Use, welcomed attendees to the meeting. Attendees in the room and those attending virtually pursuant to the approved electronic meetings policy introduced themselves. Mr. Hofrichter gave a brief safety message about severe weather.
3. Electronic Participation – With only 4 members in person, Mr. Hofrichter determined that a quorum was not present in the room. There were no objections to the electronic participation of any attendees.
4. Discussion of draft workgroup report – The proposed draft report, including edits and comments submitted by workgroup members, was discussed, as were the associated draft regulations. Additional edits were offered by several workgroup members and crafted with VDOT staff. A further draft will be circulated before the next meeting.
5. The next and final meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 24. A quorum is needed so that the workgroup can vote on the draft report. The month of October is reserved for obtaining reviews and approvals before the November 1 due date.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm.