

Clean Energy Advisory Board (CEAB)

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 24, 2026

1:00PM - 3:00PM

Gellman Room, Main Richmond Library

Call to Order and Roll call

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 1:09pm.

In attendance: Thomas Turner, Palash Sagarkar, Ron Clements, Amanda Habansky, Nate Frost, Samuel Brumberg, Taylor Brown, Phillip Cunningham, Larry Corkey (designee of Director Maiden), Dana Wiggins (arrived late)

Absent: Ronald Howell, Will Cleveland, Hayes Framme

Approval of draft meeting minutes

The Board voted to approve the last draft meeting minutes from November 2025.

Review of the 2025 Annual Report

Chairman Turner provided a brief overview of the purpose of the CEAB.

The Chairman presented the 2025 CEAB Annual Report for review, discussion, and vote.

Members of the Board brought up several questions. First, Taylor Brown questioned the avenues for changing the purpose of the Board as discussed last year. Chairman Turner mentioned the need to find a sponsor for the legislation and that broadening the purpose could provide a better service to the Commonwealth.

Samuel Brumberg asked if the Virginia Department of Energy could provide an agency viewpoint. Larry Corkey mentioned that the deadline for administration bills has passed.

Several small edits to the report and appendices were requested. Provided that Virginia Department of Energy Staff and Chairman Turner will complete such edits before submitting to the General Assembly, Samuel Brumberg proposed a vote to pass the 2025 Annual Report. Taylor Brown seconded. All present members voted affirmatively.

New Business Updates:

Governor's Energy Plan - Larry Corkey (designee of Director Maiden) shared that the Virginia Energy Plan will be released Oct 1st for the new administration. There will be opportunities for Chief Energy Officer team and Virginia Energy Leadership to present to the Board on the plan in the future.

Solar for All - A federal judge vacated the Environmental Protection Agency's termination of the \$7 billion Solar for All program, ruling it unlawful under the Administrative Procedure Act. Virginia Energy is monitoring what this could mean for their \$156M program that was cancelled in August 2025.

New Legislation in 2026 HB 1439 / SB 823 - This legislation regulates residential solar installation companies and protects consumers by requiring clear contract terms, performance guarantees, and mandatory disclosure forms. The legislation imposes a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 for willful violations of these requirements that would be deposited into the Low-to-Moderate Income Solar Fund that this Board advises upon.

Setting Consistent Meeting Times - The Board decided to meet October 28th from 1-3pm (pending Virginia Energy leadership and/or Chief Energy Officer availability) and December 16th from 1-3pm.

Vice-Chair - Palash Sagarkar self-nominated himself for consideration for Vice Chair. Samuel Brumberg motioned to elect Palash Sagarkar as Vice Chair and Ron Clements seconded. The Board votes to approve Palash Sagarkar as Vice Chair at 1:47pm.

Other Concerns - Members proposed agenda addition next time to consider amending the by-laws on virtual meeting requirements. Virginia Department of Energy staff will investigate these requirements with the Office of Attorney General ahead of the next meeting.

Public Comment

Director Hearne extended an invite for CEAB to present at Energy Commission of Virginia. Director Hearne also offered their support in bringing the Board back to life. Director Hearne reminded the Board that they can make legislative changes that could help move things forward.

Adjournment

Chairman Turner adjourned the meeting at 2:01pm.