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Commission on Local Government

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11:00 A.M.

Henrico, Virginia

Members Present

Stephanie Davis, PhD (attending virtually)
Diane M. Linderman, PE, Chair
Rosemary M. Mahan
Edwin S. Rosado
Ceasor T. Johnson, D.Min, Vice Chair

Members Absent

None

Call to Order

The Commission on Local Government (CLG) Chair, Diane M. Linderman, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. LeGrand Northcutt, Senior Policy Analyst at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) initiated a roll call vote. Mr. Northcutt informed Chair Linderman that a quorum of Ms. Linderman, Ms. Mahan, and Mr. Rosado was present in person.

Dr. Davis attended the meeting virtually via google meets from Wyth County, Virginia, due to medical condition that has prevented her attendance.

Administration

After discussion, the draft agenda was adopted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Rosado and second by Ms. Mahan.

The minutes from the May 12th regular meeting were adopted unanimously subject to changing a typo under “2022 General Assembly Update” on a motion by Ms. Mahan and second by Mr. Rosado.

Dr. Johnson joined the meeting in person shortly after the approval of the minutes.



Ms. Linderman opened the floor for the public comment period. No members of the public appeared before the Commission for the public comment period. The public comment period was closed.

Staff Report and Updates

Mr. LeGrand Northcutt, gave a report on staffing for the Commission by DHCD. The Department has backfilled two positions in the Policy Office, an Analyst and a Senior Analyst. Both will be providing staff support to the Commission as needed.

Mr. Northcutt and Ms. Grace Wheaton, Senior Policy Analyst, gave updates on continuing work on the Mandates Catalog, the Cash Proffers Survey, potential changes to the electronic meetings policy, the broadband work group, and the public notice work group. The Commission will revisit its electronic meetings policy at the September meeting, pending guidance from the FOIA Council.

Ms. Wheaton gave an update on the 2022 General Assembly Special Session and discussed the potential impacts of the budget on local governments.

FY 2020 Fiscal Stress Report

Ms. Wheaton presented the FY 2020 Fiscal Stress Report. There were minimal changes to the rankings from previous years. This was the first year that data from the COVID-19 pandemic is reflected in the report.

After discussion about how to adjust the Fiscal Stress Report release timeline to ensure that the data is timely, Ms. Mahan moved to approve the report with a second by Mr. Rosado. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Order 19

Mr. Northcutt gave an overview of the new periodic review process required by Governor Youngkin's Executive Order 19. All reviews of regulations will go through the newly-created Office of Regulatory Management. Further updates will be provided as needed.

Schedule of Regular Meetings

Upon unanimous approval by the Commission, the remaining regular meetings of the Commission for this calendar year will take place on September 9 at 11:00 am and on November 4 at 11:00 am.

Other

There was no other business brought before the Commission.

Adjournment

Ms. Mahan moved to adjourn with a second by Mr. Rosado. The motion passed unanimously.

