

# SMART SOLAR PERMITTING WORK GROUP

## 2026 HB 590 / SB 283

### MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 2:00PM - 4:00PM**

**\*\*This virtual meeting is open to the Public\*\***

*Virtual accommodations have been arranged through Teams Webinar. See below for details.*

| Times   | Topics                                                                                | Speakers/Presenters                       |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 2:00 PM | Welcome, Introductions, Legislation Overview                                          | Delegate Hernandez & Virginia Energy      |
| 2:15 PM | Background of Smart Solar Permitting<br>Work Group Plan                               | Virginia Energy                           |
| 2:35 PM | How are localities using AI for plan review currently?                                | Virginia Energy & Work Group Participants |
| 2:45 PM | Overview of Automatic Solar Permitting in Use in the Commonwealth Today               | Prince William County, TBD                |
| 3:00 PM | Discussion: Comments, Questions, & Concerns for Smart Solar Permitting Implementation | Virginia Energy & Work Group Participants |
| 4:00 PM | Meeting Adjourn                                                                       |                                           |

### Public Virtual Attendance through Teams Webinar

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### Code of Virginia - CHAPTER 633

*That the Department of Energy shall establish, launch, and administer the Smart Solar Permitting Platform pursuant to § 45.2-1735 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, by July 1, 2027.*

*That the Director of the Department of Energy (the Department) shall convene a work group to determine the appropriateness of adding a surcharge to local government permitting fees to defray state costs for the Smart Solar Permitting Platform established pursuant to § 45.2-1735 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act. The work group shall include representatives from the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Municipal League, local government permitting offices, contractors, and other stakeholder groups deemed appropriate by the Director of the Department. The Department shall report its findings to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2026, and shall include, if the work group determines that such surcharge is appropriate, (i) an estimate of the necessary adjustments to local government permitting fees to offset the costs for state development, maintenance, and operation of a centralized solar permitting platform and (ii) a method for collecting any such adjustments to local government permitting fees.*