

# Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority Board Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2022

10:00AM-12:00PM

Fairfield Library  
Henrico County Public Library  
1401 N Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23223

## **Call to Order and Introduction:**

The Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority (VNECA) Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom DePonty at 10:01 A.M.

The following VNECA Board Members were present: Tom Deponty, Jeff Fox, Bill Briscoe, Dan Stoddard, Larry Corkey, Eugene Grecheck, Scott Kopple, Woody Lawman, Tim Stuller, Gary Tepper. An in-person quorum of 9 members was met.

The following VNECA Board Members met virtually: Andrew Hutton, Michael Lempke, Randy Heflin, Gary Tepper

The following Virginia Energy staff were present: Brandi Frazier Bestpitch, Nam Nguyen, Will Clear (virtual), and Ryan Welsh

The following guests were present: April Wade (VNEC), David Essah (SCC), Eric Lansing (OAG), Michael Hatfield (Wise County Administrator), Tonya Hatfield

The following guests were present virtually:

Chair DePonty welcomed the board and provided a fall safety message on heighten awareness while driving.

- received an update on the on the Virginia Energy Plan (VEP) from Virginia Energy
- VNEC provided the following updates
  - Virginia Innovation Nuclear Hub (VINH) per [2021 Special Session budget amendments – HB 1800 \(conference report\)](#)
    - Close to wrapping up the work on the hub, however, industry provided feedback to the Universities. As a result, WG is drafting further revisions based on this additional feedback. Report will be circulated among the board for further review and final approval but should expect more action regarding HUB development.
    - Discussed new member CURIO a spent nuclear fuel recycling company.
  - receive an update on SMR WG per [HB 894](#)
- Eric Lansing OAG representative informs the group of recent FOIA and virtual participation changes
  - Reasons for virtual participation:
    - Andrew Hutton: Family Matter, Home
    - Michael Lempke: Personal Reason, Scheduling Conflict, Office

- Gary Tepper: Personal Reason Tepper, Scheduling Conflict, Office
  - Randy Heflin: Distance, Office
  - Discussion and approval of voting rights and virtual participation rules amended into the bylaws
- Edits to the Annual report were made and approved to be carried out by Virginia Energy staff
- Approval of June 21 minutes
- Approval of September 28 minutes
- 2023 Q1 meeting will be virtual and scheduled during mid-late session. Agenda items include:
  - Dive into bills
  - VNEC updates on VINH and SMR WG
- Guest Speaker, Will Clear, Deputy Director at [Virginia Energy](#), provided the board an overview of the Virginia Energy Plan. A copy of his presentation will be available on the [VNECA website](#).
- Guest Speaker, Will Payne, Managing Partner [Energy DELTA Lab](#), provided the board an overview of current projects and goals for the lab. A copy of his presentation will be available on the [VNECA website](#).

**Public Comments:**

Arvind Patel spoke about his company and how they could help with the deployment of an SMR.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 A.M.