

Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority Board Meeting

Monday, January 30, 2023

10:00AM-12:00PM

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order and Introduction:

The Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority (VNECA) Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom DePonty at 10:02 A.M.

The following VNECA Board Members were present: Tom DePonty, Jeff Fox, Ken Ball, Bill Briscoe, John Capps, Dan Stoddard, Larry Corkey, Rich Diddams, Eugene Grecheck, Andrew Hutton, Scott Kopple, Woody Lawman, Michael Lempke, Randy Heflin, Tim Stuller, Gary Tepper. An in-person quorum of 9 members was met.

The following Virginia Energy staff were present: Brandi Frazier Bestpitch and Ryan Welsh

The following guests were present: April Wade (VNEC), David Essah (SCC), Michael Hatfield (Wise County Administrator), Chelsea Jenkins (Commerce and Trade)

The following were there for public comment: Erica Grey (Sierra Club)

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

- VNEC provided the following updates
 - Discussion of legislation related to nuclear energy
 - Virginia Innovation Nuclear Hub (VINH) per [2021 Special Session budget amendments – HB 1800 \(conference report\)](#)
 - Approval of VINH proposal
 - Subcommittee developing documents for the hub
 - Work based learning program for middle and high school students and opportunities
 - VEDP value statement
 - receive an update on SMR WG per [HB 894](#)
- Approval of November 14 minutes
- 2023 Q2 meeting will be in-person and scheduled during April-May in Richmond.
Agenda items include:
 - Virginia Energy Updates
 - VNEC updates on VINH and SMR WG
- Guest Speaker, [Braden Croy](#), Program Director at [Dominion Energy Innovation Center](#) (DEIC), provided the board an overview of the DEIC and its increasing research in new hydrogen and nuclear power. A copy of his presentation will be available on the [VNECA website](#).
- Guest Speaker, Will Payne, Managing Partner [Energy DELTA Lab](#), provided the board with updates on current projects and goals for the lab since the November 14 meeting. A copy of his presentation will be available on the [VNECA website](#).

Public Comments:

Erica Grey discussed nuclear bills and their view on nuclear energy in Virginia

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 A.M.