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# 2021 Report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the Governor and General Assembly of Virginia

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**The Honorable Kelly Thomasson**  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth*

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**Governor Ralph S. Northam**

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Policy Director	<b>Courtney Dozier</b>
Press Secretary and Senior Advisor	<b>Alena Yarmosky</b>
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## Office of the State Inspector General

101 N. 14th Street, 7th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Tel. (804) 625-3255  
Fax (804) 786-2341  
<https://www.osig.virginia.gov>

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(800) 723-1615

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## GOVERNOR'S CABINET

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### Chief of Staff

#### **CLARK MERCER**

The Chief of Staff serves as the senior aide to the Governor and is responsible for managing the day-to-day responsibilities of the Northam administration, ensuring that operations, staff, and activities are functioning efficiently and effectively.



### Secretary of the Commonwealth

#### **KELLY THOMASSON**

The Secretary of the Commonwealth assists the Governor in his appointments to boards and commissions; manages extraditions, clemency petitions, restoration of voting rights, and countless other certifications and filings of the Commonwealth.



### Secretary of Administration

#### **GRINDLY JOHNSON**

The five state agencies in the Administration secretariat manage the Commonwealth's buildings and grounds, administer employee policies and benefits, oversee elections, safeguard human rights, work to improve manager-employee relations in state government, direct state funds to constitutional officers, and oversee the Commonwealth's information technology.



### Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

#### **BETTINA RING**

The Secretary of Agriculture And Forestry is the voice of two of Virginia's largest industries: Agriculture and Forestry. The combined industries provide more than 400,000 jobs in the Commonwealth.



## Secretary of Commerce and Trade

**BRIAN BALL**

The Secretary of Commerce and Trade oversees the economic, community, and workforce development of the Commonwealth. Each of the 13 Commerce and Trade Agencies actively contributes to Virginia's economic health and high quality of life.



## Secretary of Education

**FRAN BRADFORD**

The Secretary of Education provides guidance and support to the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Community College System, and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, as well as Virginia's public and private higher education and research centers.



## Secretary of Finance

**JOE FLORES**

The Secretary of Finance provides guidance to the four key agencies within the Finance Secretariat. These agencies handle all the financial transactions of the Commonwealth — from collecting taxes, to paying bills, to distributing aid to localities.



## Secretary of Health and Human Resources

**VANESSA WALKER-HARRIS**

The Secretary of Health And Human Resources oversees twelve state agencies which provide often-vital services to Virginians including: individuals with disabilities, the aging community, low-income working families, children, and caregivers.



## Secretary of Labor

**MEGAN HEALY**

The Secretary of Labor oversees a range of regional, state, and federal programs that connect Virginians to the skills, training, and opportunities they need to thrive in the 21st century economy. The advisor works closely with Virginia's labor and business communities to identify and fill vacant jobs in high demand sectors including IT, healthcare, and energy.



## Secretary of Natural Resources

### **ANN JENNINGS**

The Secretary of Natural Resources advises the Governor on Virginia's natural resources and works to advance the Governor's top environmental priorities. The Secretary oversees six agencies that protect and restore the Commonwealth's natural and historic resources.



## Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

### **BRIAN J. MORAN**

The Secretary of Public Safety And Homeland Security enhances the quality of Virginia's citizens, visitors and businesses of the Commonwealth through public awareness, education, training, emergency response, disaster preparedness, prevention, policy development, enforcement, response, recovery and reentry.



## Secretary of Transportation

### **SHANNON VALENTINE**

The Secretary of Transportation ensures our Commonwealth has a safe and efficient transportation system to support and improve every Virginian's quality of life.



## Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs

### **KATHLEEN JABS**

The Secretary of Veterans And Defense Affairs distinguishes and elevates issues and opportunities for our veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Leads the Governor's initiatives focused on relationship building with and support of our military and defense installations and the communities surrounding them.



## Counsel to the Governor

### **CYNTHIA BAILEY**

The Counsel to the Governor provides oversight and guidance for legal matters occurring within the Office of the Governor.



## Chief Diversity Officer

**JANICE UNDERWOOD, PH.D.**

The Chief Diversity Officer serves as the lead advancement official for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Commonwealth of Virginia and is responsible for developing a sustainable framework for the continued promotion of inclusive practices across Virginia state government.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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## Kelly Thomasson

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**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street, 4th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-2441 Fax (804) 786-9549

**Purpose:**

The Secretary of the Commonwealth serves Virginians by managing extraditions, clemency petitions, restoration of civil rights, service of process, authenticating foreign adoption documents, and certifying notary publics. In addition, the office assists the Governor in the appointments of over 4,000 qualified and service-minded individuals to serve on Virginia's boards and commissions. The Secretary acts as the Governor's liaison to Virginia's Indian Tribes, as well as administrator of the Council on Women.

**Website:**

<https://www.commonwealth.virginia.gov>

Secretary	<b>Kelly Thomasson</b>
Deputy Secretary	<b>Traci DeShazor</b>
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Deputy Director of Appointments and Director of Asian American & Pacific Islander American Outreach	<b>Shawn Soares</b>
Director of Authentications and Notary	<b>Jennifer Crown</b>

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Director of Extraditions	<b>Chris Frink</b>
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Special Assistant - Service of Process	<b>Jasmine Trent</b>
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## **Virginia LGBTQ+ Advisory Board**

**Location:**

Virginia LGBTQ+ Advisory Board  
Patrick Henry Building  
1111 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2499.1

**Purpose:**

The Board shall have the power and duty to:

1. Advise the Governor regarding the development of economic, professional, cultural, educational, and governmental links between the Commonwealth and the LGBTQ+ community in Virginia.
2. Undertake studies, sponsor symposiums, conduct research, and prepare factual reports in order to gather information to formulate and present recommendations to the Governor relating to issues of concern and importance to the LGBTQ+ community in the Commonwealth.
3. Advise the Governor as needed regarding any statutory, regulatory, or other issues of importance to the LGBTQ+ community in the Commonwealth.
4. Apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from public, quasi-public, or private sources, including any matching funds as may be designated in an appropriation act, to enable it to better carry out its objectives.
5. Submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports.



**Composition:**

The Board shall have a total membership of 26 members that shall consist of 21 nonlegislative citizen members and five ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed as follows: 21 members, at least 15 of whom shall identify as LGBTQ+, to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The Secretaries of the Commonwealth, Commerce and Trade, Education, Health and Human Resources, and Public Safety and Homeland Security, or their designees, shall serve ex officio with nonvoting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Ex officio members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Matthew Banfield	6/30/2022
Tracy Monegain	6/30/2023
Evelyn Brumar	6/30/2024
Jonathan Dromgoole	6/30/2024
Aurora A. Higgs	6/30/2024
Natasha Mckeller Crosby	6/30/2024
Jes Simmons	6/30/2024
Michael F. Berlucchi	6/30/2025
Demas E. Boudreaux	6/30/2025
Charley Burton	6/30/2025
Kevin Han	6/30/2025
Robert L. Keeling	6/30/2022
Stephanie Merlo	6/30/2025
Monica Motley	6/30/2025
Amanda L. Goehring	6/30/2022
Joanna M. Keller	6/30/2023
Michael J. Thorne-Begland	6/30/2022
Bryan E. Price	6/30/2023
Kyle L. Mason	6/30/2023
Patricia A. Smith	6/30/2023
Lisa A. Turner	6/30/2022

**Location:**

Virginia Asian Advisory Board  
Patrick Henry Building  
1111 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2449

**Purpose:**

The Virginia-Asian Advisory Board (the Board) is hereby established as an advisory board within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100 in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Board shall be to advise the Governor on ways to improve economic and cultural links between the Commonwealth and Asian nations, with a focus on the areas of commerce and trade, art and education, and general government, and on issues affecting the Asian-American communities in the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of 26 members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: 21 citizen members who shall represent business, education, the arts, and government, at least 15 of whom shall be of Asian descent; and the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, the Commonwealth, Education, Health and Human Resources, and Public Safety and Homeland Security, or their designees, to serve as ex officio members of the Board.

Following the initial staggering of terms, citizen members shall serve for terms of four years. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. The Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, the Commonwealth, Education, Health and Human Resources, and Public Safety and Homeland Security, or their designees, shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

**Term:**

Four year terms - limit two 4-year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Laura Beldin	6/30/2024
Suja S. Amir	6/30/2023
Razi I. Hashmi	6/30/2024
Praveendharan Meyyan	6/30/2023
Rowena F. Finn	6/30/2025
Nina Ha	6/30/2024
bao ly	6/30/2024
Ssunny Shah	6/30/2024
Quan T. Schneider	6/30/2025
Lisa C. Chen	6/30/2025
Henry Yuan	6/30/2025
Justin Lo	6/30/2023
Yash P. Chhabra	6/30/2023
Pient Y. Tran	6/30/2024
Salinna Lor	6/30/2025
Marie A. Sankaran Raval	6/30/2025
Jewan Tiwari	6/30/2023
Melody D. Agbisit	6/30/2023

Carla H. Okouchi	6/30/2023
Thomas O. Fitzpatrick	6/30/2025
Da L. Sheth	6/30/2024

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## Virginia Latino Advisory Board

**Location:**

Virginia Latino Advisory Board  
 1111 East Broad Street, Suite 4041  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2459

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Latino Advisory Board shall advise the Governor regarding the development of economic, professional, cultural, educational, and governmental links between the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Latino community in Virginia, and Latin America.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of twenty-one nonlegislative citizen members, at least fifteen of whom shall be of Latino descent, who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at his pleasure. In addition, the Secretaries of the Commonwealth, Commerce and Trade, Education, Health and Human Resources, Public Safety, and Transportation, or their designees shall serve as ex officio members without voting privileges. All members shall be residents of the Commonwealth.

After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two successive four-year terms; however, after the expiration of the remainder of a term to which a member was appointed to fill a vacancy, two additional terms may be served by such member if appointed thereto.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Aida Lupe Pacheco	6/30/2022
Paul D. Berry	6/30/2023
Rodrigo Velasquez	6/30/2023
Rosa Cecilia Williams	6/30/2023
Karina Kline-Gabel	6/30/2023
Carmen R. Romero	6/30/2022
Joshua DeSilva	6/30/2024
Charles Alexander Guzman	6/30/2024
Juan Paulo Espinoza	6/30/2024
Diana S. Patterson	6/30/2024
Lyons F. Sanchezconcha	6/30/2024
Edgaar Aranda-Yanoc	6/30/2022
Yahusef M. Medina	6/30/2024

Eduardo Zelaya	6/30/2024
Diana Brown	6/30/2022
Manuel E. Leiva	6/30/2022
Gloria Maria Peña Rockhold	6/30/2022
Max A. Luna-Jimenez	6/30/2022
Lourdes Morales	6/30/2022
Walewska M. Watkins	6/30/2023
Sergio Rimola	6/30/2023

## Virginia African American Advisory Board

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2492.

**Purpose:**

The Virginia African American Advisory Board (the Board) is established as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Virginia African American Advisory Board is to advise the Governor on the development of economic, professional, cultural, educational, and governmental links between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the African American community in Virginia.

**Composition:**

The Board shall have a total membership of 26 members that shall consist of 21 nonlegislative citizen members and five ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed as follows: 21 members, at least 15 of whom shall be African American, to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The Secretaries of the Commonwealth, Commerce and Trade, Education, Health and Human Resources, and Public Safety and Homeland Security or their designees shall serve ex officio with nonvoting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Ex officio members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Cozy E. Bailey	6/30/2025
Ingrid G. Grant	6/30/2024
Cheryl Ann Ivey Green	6/30/2023
Eldon Burton	6/30/2024
Gaylene Kanoyton	6/30/2022
Yvonne J. Lewis	6/30/2022

Christopher B. Sanchez	6/30/2025
Precious R. Muhammad	6/30/2024
Cameron D. Patterson	6/30/2023
Monica L. Reid	6/30/2023
Van C. Wilson	6/30/2023
Tia L. Yancey	6/30/2025
Toria Edmonds-Howell	6/30/2024
Shirley A. Ginwright	6/30/2022
Sheila Dixon	6/30/2025
Larry Boone	6/30/2023
Tamara W. Dias	6/30/2025
Hope F. Cupit	6/30/2024
Keren C. Dongo	6/30/2025
EDUARDO L. LOPEZ	6/30/2022
Robert Barnette	6/30/2024

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## Virginia Council on Women

**Location:**

Virginia Council on Women  
 1111 East Broad Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 786-2441

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2630

**Purpose:**

The Council on Women (the "Council") is established as an advisory council, within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Council shall be to advise the Governor on matters pertaining to women and ways to improve their educational, professional, cultural, and governmental status within the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Council shall consist of 21 members from the Commonwealth at large and one of the Governor's Secretaries as defined in ' 2.2-200, ex officio with full voting privileges, all to be appointed by the Governor. Appointments shall be for terms of four years, except appointments to fill vacancies, which shall be for the unexpired terms. The ex officio member shall serve a term coincident with his term of office. A majority of the membership of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ashley N. Reynolds Marshall	6/30/2024
Diana B. Gates	6/30/2025
Courtney Hill	6/30/2025

Holly Seibold	6/30/2022
Ramunda Young	6/30/2022
Lashawn R. Farmer	6/30/2022
Nicole Carry	6/30/2022
Marzia Abbasi	6/30/2022
Hyun J. Lee	6/30/2022
Donna Price	6/30/2024
Aesha Mehta	6/30/2024
Heather E. Caputo	6/30/2024
Marisol Morales-Diaz	6/30/2025
Kristina Hagen	6/30/2025
Brigitta S. Toruno	6/30/2024
Kara L. Moran	6/30/2024
Alencia Johnson	6/30/2024
Aisha Johnson	6/30/2025
Da'Shaun A. Joseph	6/30/2022
Mary Kate Andris	6/30/2025
Karishma Merchant	6/30/2025

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

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**Grindly Johnson**

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**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street, 4th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-1201 | Fax (804) 692-2466

**Purpose:**

The Secretary of Administration oversees the four state agencies that manage the Commonwealth's buildings and grounds, administer employee policies and benefits, oversee elections, work to improve manager-employee relations in state government, and direct state funds to constitutional officers.

**Website:**

<http://www.administration.virginia.gov/>

Secretary	<b>Grindly Johnson</b>
Former Secretary	<b>Keyanna Conner</b>
Assistant Secretary	<b>Asif Bhavnagri</b>
Executive Assistant	<b>Taylor O'Sullivan</b>
Acting Chief Data Officer	<b>Marcus Thornton</b>
Special Assistant	<b>Whitney Brown</b>

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COMPENSATION BOARD

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**Location:**

Oliver Hill Building  
102 Governor Street, Room 120  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-0786 | Fax (804) 371-0235

**Code Reference:**

§ 15.2-1636.5

**Purpose:**

The board shall review and annually approve the budgets submitted by constitutional officers and reimburse the localities, in accordance with statutes, for the Commonwealth's share of authorized salaries and expenses of the constitutional officers and their employees.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.scb.virginia.gov>

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**Compensation Board****Location:**

Oliver Hill Building  
102 Governor Street, Room 120  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-0786 | Fax (804) 371-0235  
Mailing Address: Post Office Box 710  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

**Code:**

§ 15.2-1636.5

**Purpose:**

The Board shall review and annually approve the budgets submitted by constitutional officers and reimburse the localities, in accordance with statutes, for the Commonwealth's share of authorized salaries and expenses of the constitutional officers and their employees.

The mission of the Compensation Board is to determine a reasonable budget for the participation of the Commonwealth toward the total cost of office operations for Constitutional Officers, and to assist those officers and their staff through automation, training and other means, to improve efficiencies and to enhance the level of services provided to the citizens of Virginia.

**Composition:**

The Compensation Board shall consist of the Auditor of Public Accounts, the State Tax Commissioner, as ex officio members, and one member, who may or may not be an officer or employee of the Commonwealth, who shall be appointed and designated as chairman of the Board by the Governor and who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor. The ex officio members of the Board shall not receive any compensation for their services as such members. The member designated by the Governor as chairman shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by law.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*

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Tyrone E. Nelson

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## DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

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**Location:**

Washington Building  
1100 Bank Street, First Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Phone (804) 864-8901 | Fax (804) 371-0194

**Code Reference:**

§ 24.2-404

**Purpose:**

The Department of Elections shall provide for the continuing operation and maintenance of a central record keeping system, the Virginia voter registration system, for all voters registered in the Commonwealth.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov>

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### State Board of Elections

**Location:**

Washington Building  
1100 Bank Street, First Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 864-8901  
Fax: (804) 371-0194

**Code:**

§ 24.2-102

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the State Board of Elections is to supervise and coordinate the work of the county and city electoral boards and the registrars as to obtain uniformity in their practices and proceedings and legality and purity in all elections. The Board makes rules and regulations and issues instructions and provides information consistent with the election laws to the electoral boards and registrars to promote the proper administration of election laws.

**Composition:**

The State Board of Elections is continued and shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor from the qualified voters of the Commonwealth, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. In the appointment of the Board, representation shall be given to each of the political parties having the highest and next highest number of votes in the Commonwealth for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election. Three Board members shall be of the political party that cast the highest number of votes for Governor at that election. When the Governor was not elected as the candidate of a political party, representation shall be given to each of the political parties having the highest and next highest number of members of the General Assembly at the time of the appointment and three Board members shall be of the political party having the highest number of members

in the General Assembly. Each political party entitled to an appointment may make and file recommendations with the Governor for the appointment. Its recommendations shall contain the names of at least three qualified voters of the Commonwealth. Appointments shall be made with due consideration of geographical representation, and no two Board members shall reside in the same congressional district.

After the initial staggering of terms, Board members shall serve terms of four years, which shall begin on February 1 of the year of the appointment. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms. No member shall be eligible for more than two successive four-year terms. A member appointed for an unexpired term may be appointed for the two succeeding four-year terms. Each year the Governor shall designate one Board member to be the chair of the Board and one Board member to be the vice-chair. The chair and vice-chair shall be members of opposite political parties. No member of the Board shall be eligible to offer for or hold an office to be filled in whole or in part by qualified voters in the Commonwealth. If a member resigns to offer for or hold such office, the vacancy shall be filled as provided in this section. No member of the Board shall serve as the chairman of a state, local, or district level political party committee or as a paid or volunteer worker in the campaign of a candidate for nomination or election to an office filled by election in whole or in part by qualified voters in the Commonwealth. The Governor shall appoint a Commissioner of Elections, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, to head the Department of Elections and to act as its principal administrative officer. The Commissioner shall be appointed to a term of four years, which shall begin on July 1 of the year following a gubernatorial election. The Commissioner shall be a qualified voter of the Commonwealth. The Commissioner shall receive the salary fixed by law. He may employ the personnel required to carry out the duties required by law and imposed by the Board. The Commissioner shall not be eligible to offer for or hold an office to be filled in whole or in part by qualified voters in the Commonwealth. His candidacy for or election to such office shall vacate his position as Commissioner, and the Governor shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The Governor shall not appoint as Commissioner (i) any person who is the spouse of a member of the Board or of a person seeking election to an office or holding an elective office that is filled in whole or in part by qualified voters in the Commonwealth; (ii) any person, or the spouse of any person, who is the grandparent, parent, sibling, child, or grandchild of a member of the Board; or (iii) any person, or the spouse of any person, who is the grandparent, parent, sibling, child, or grandchild of a person seeking election to an office or holding an elective office that is filled in whole or in part by qualified voters in the Commonwealth. The Commissioner shall submit his resignation to the Governor on the da

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, Board members shall serve terms four years, which shall begin on February 1 of the year of the appointment. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms. No member shall be eligible for more than two successive four-year terms. A member appointed for an unexpired term may be appointed for the two succeeding four-year terms.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
John M O'Bannon III	1/31/2023
Jamilah D. LeCruise	1/31/2023
Robert H. Brink	1/31/2023
Angela H. Chiang	1/31/2025
Donald W. Merricks	1/31/2025

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DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

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**Location:**

1100 Bank Street, Suite 420  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-1100

**Purpose:**

The Department shall prescribe regulations necessary or incidental to the performance of duties or execution of powers conferred under this chapter; establish fee schedules that may be collectible from users when general fund appropriations are not applicable to the services rendered; and the department may operate or provide for the operation of hazardous waste management facilities.

**Web Site:**

<https://dgs.virginia.gov/>

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## **Art and Architectural Review Board**

**Location:**

Washington Building, 1100 Bank Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-3263

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2400

**Purpose:**

The Art and Architectural Review Board is established as an advisory board to review the acquisition and the design of buildings and structures by the Commonwealth and advise the Governor of the artistic and architectural property thereof.

**Composition:**

The Art and Architectural Review Board (the Board) is established as an advisory board, within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The Board shall consist of seven voting members as follows: the Director of the Department of Historic Resources, or his designee, serving as an ex officio member and six citizen members, appointed by the Governor. Of the citizen members, one shall be an architect who may be appointed from a list of two or more architects nominated by the governing board of the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects; one may be appointed from a list of two or more persons nominated by the governing board of the University of Virginia; one shall be a member of the board of trustees of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; and three shall be appointed from the Commonwealth at large, one of whom shall be a painter or sculptor. Lists of nominees shall be submitted at least 60 days before the expiration of the member's term for which the nominations are being made in order to be considered by the Governor in making appointments pursuant to this section.

Beginning July 1, 2011, the Governor's appointments of the six citizen members shall be staggered as follows: two members for a term of one year, two members for a term of two years, and two members for a term of three years. Thereafter, members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of four years each, except appointments to fill vacancies, which shall be for the unexpired terms. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive four-year terms, except that any member appointed to the unexpired term of another shall be eligible to serve two consecutive four-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original appointments. The Director of the Department of Historic Resources shall serve a term coincident with his term of office.

**Term:**

The Governor's appointments of the six citizen members shall be staggered as follows: two members for a term of one year, two members for a term of two years, and two members for a term of three years. Thereafter, members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of four years each, except appointments to fill vacancies, which shall be for the unexpired terms. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive four-year terms, except that any member appointed to the unexpired term

of another shall be eligible to serve two consecutive four-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original appointments. The Director of the Department of Historic Resources shall serve a term coincident with his term of office.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Donna L. Jackson	6/30/2022
Burchell F. Pinnock	6/30/2022
Thomas William Papa	6/30/2022
Helen Wilson	6/30/2022
Ian Vaughan	6/30/2022
Rebecca L. Deeds	6/30/2024

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**Citizens' Advisory Council on Furnishing and Interpreting the Executive Mansion**

**Location:**

0 Capitol Square  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2614

**Purpose:**

The Citizens' Advisory Council on Furnishing and Interpreting the Executive Mansion (the Council) is established as an advisory council in the executive branch of state government to operate as a nonprofit charitable organization. No part of the Council's net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private individual nor shall it carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation or participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**Composition:**

The Council shall not exceed 30 members, who shall be appointed by the Governor. No employee of the Commonwealth or member of the General Assembly shall be eligible for appointment as a member of the Council. All members shall be deemed members-at-large charged with the responsibility of serving the best interests of the whole Commonwealth and no member shall act as representative of any particular region or of any particular agency or activity.

All appointments shall be for five-year terms. No member of the Council who serves a full five-year term shall be eligible for reappointment, provided that one year after the termination of his appointment, a member shall be eligible for reappointment. All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointments. The spouse of the Governor, if any, shall be the honorary chairperson of the Council. The Governor shall designate one member of the Council to serve as chairman of an executive group, such executive group to be determined by the Council, and to be composed of members of the Council. Other advisory and cooperative groups may be appointed by the chairman. After the chairman has served three years, the Council thereafter shall elect its chairman.

**Term:**

Five year terms; members are eligible for reappointment one year after termination of appointment

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Anne G. Cross	6/30/2023
Ethan E. Brown	3/31/2023

	3/31/2023
	3/31/2018
Julia-Anna Marsden	3/31/2023
Kelley F. Deetz	3/31/2024
Sunita S. Gupta	3/31/2024
Margaret Milner Richardson	3/31/2024
Parke Richeson	3/31/2024
Siobhan G. Deeds	3/31/2024
Gayle Jessup White	3/31/2024
Peggy A. Layne	6/30/2023
Claus Ihlemann	3/31/2023
Andrew M. Davenport	3/31/2023
Robert H. Brink	3/31/2021
Dorothy F. Boone	3/31/2026
William F. Dellinger	3/31/2026
Caroline E. Corl	3/31/2026
Bryan C. Green	3/31/2026
Eucharia N. Jackson	3/31/2026
Lindsey Renee Watson	3/31/2026
Stanley Rayfield	3/31/2023
Vacant	
Leah Brown	3/31/2026
Vacant	
Lauranett L. Lee	3/31/2023
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## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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**Location:**

Department of Human Resource Management  
 101 North 14th Street, 12th Floor  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-1200

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Department of Human Resource Management is the central human resource agency for state government dedicated to providing a broad range of leadership, services and guidance to the Commonwealth and its stakeholders.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.dhrm.virginia.gov/index>

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## VIRGINIA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES AGENCY

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**Location:**

Commonwealth Enterprise Solutions Center  
11751 Meadowville Lane  
Chester, Virginia 23836  
Tel. (804) 416-6100 ? Fax (804) 416-6355

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-2005

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency is to formulate policies, guidelines, standards, and specifications for the purchase, development, and maintenance of information technology and telecommunications for state agencies; consolidate the procurement and operational functions of information technology, including but not limited to servers and networks, for state agencies in a single agency.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vita.virginia.gov/>

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### Information Technology Advisory Council

**Location:**

Commonwealth Enterprise Solutions Center  
11751 Meadowville Lane  
Chester, Virginia 23836  
Tel. (804) 416-6100  
Fax (804) 416-6355  
[vitacomms@vita.virginia.gov](mailto:vitacomms@vita.virginia.gov)

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2699.5

**Purpose:**

The Information Technology Advisory Council (ITAC) is established as an advisory council, within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The ITAC shall have the power to adopt rules and procedures for the conduct of its business, advise the CIO on the development of all major information technology projects as defined in ' 2.2-2006, advise the CIO on strategies, standards, and priorities for the use of information technology for executive branch agencies, advise the CIO on developing the six-year plan for information technology projects, advise the CIO on statewide technical and data standards for information technology and related systems, including the utilization of nationally recognized technical and data standards for health information technology systems or software purchased by a state agency of the Commonwealth, advise the CIO on statewide information technology architecture and related system technical and data standards, advise the CIO on assessing and meeting the Commonwealth's business needs through the application of information technology, advise the CIO on the prioritization, development, and implementation of enterprise-wide technology applications; annually review all executive branch agency technology applications budgets; and advise the CIO on infrastructure expenditures, and advise the CIO on the development, implementation, and execution of a technology applications governance framework for executive branch agencies. Such framework shall establish the categories of use by which technology applications shall be classified, including but not limited to enterprise-wide, multiagency, or agency-specific. The framework shall also provide the policies and procedures for determining within each category of use the ownership and sponsorship of applications, the proper development of technology applications, the schedule for maintenance or enhancement of applications, and the methodology for retirement or



replacement of applications. ITAC shall include the participation of executive branch agency leaders who are necessary for defining agency business needs, as well as agency information technology managers who are necessary for overseeing technology applications performance relative to agency business needs. Agency representatives shall assist ITAC in determining the potential information technology solutions that can meet agency business needs, as well as how those solutions may be funded.

**Composition:**

The ITAC shall consist of not more than 16 members as follows: (i) one representative from an agency under each of the Governor's Secretaries, as set out in Chapter 2 (' 2.2-200 et seq.), to be appointed by the Governor and serve with voting privileges; (ii) the Secretary of Administration and the CIO, who shall serve ex officio with voting privileges; (iii) the Secretary of the Commonwealth or his designee; and (iv) at the Governor's discretion, not more than two nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor and serve with voting privileges.

Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The ITAC shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually from among the members, except that neither the Secretary of Administration nor the CIO may serve as chairman. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the ITAC shall be held at the call of the chairman, the Secretary of Administration, or the CIO, or whenever the majority of the members so request. The disclosure requirements of subsection B of ' 2.2-3114 of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act shall apply to citizen members of the ITAC. The Virginia Information Technologies Agency shall serve as staff to the ITAC.

**Term:**

Four year terms; no more than two consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Elizabeth Lu El-Nattar	6/30/2018
Monte Johnson	6/30/2018
Bobby F. Keener	6/30/2018
Jeffrey Ryan	6/30/2018
David Von Moll	6/30/2018
David Ihrle	6/30/2018
Judith G. Napier	6/30/2018
Clyde Cristman	6/30/2018
Christopher Beschler	6/30/2018
Sandra Adams	6/30/2018
Ernest Steidle	6/30/2018
Kelly Thomasson Mercer	6/30/2018
John Newby	6/30/2018
Charles Kilpatrick	6/30/2018

**Location:**

Identity Management Standards Advisory Council  
11751 Meadowville Lane  
Chester, Virginia 23836

vitacomms@vita.virginia.gov

**Code:**

§ 2.2-437

**Purpose:**

The Identity Management Standards Advisory Council is established to advise the Governor on the adoption of identity management standards and the creation of guidance documents pursuant to ' 2.2-436.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Council shall consist of seven members, to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor, with expertise in electronic identity management and information technology. Members shall include a representative of the Department of Motor Vehicles, a representative of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, and five representatives of the business community with appropriate experience and expertise. In addition to the seven appointed members, the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth, or his designee, may also serve as an ex officio member of the Advisory Council. Beginning July 1, 2019, appointments shall be staggered as follows: one member for a term of one year, two members for a term of two years, two members for a term of three years, and two members for a term of four years. After the initial staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for terms of four years. Members may be reappointed.

The Advisory Council shall designate one of its members as chairman.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Nelson Moe	6/30/2019
Lana S. Shelley	6/30/2019
Michael Watson	6/30/2019
Catherine (Katie) Crepps	6/30/2019
Jeremy Grant	6/30/2019
Lisa Ellen Kimball	6/30/2019
Thomas Craig Moran	6/30/2019
Jeffrey Ryan Zubricki	6/30/2019

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**Virginia Data Advisory Commission**

**Location:**

Chief Data Officer of the Commonwealth  
Office of the Secretary of Administration

**Code:**

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Data Advisory Commission (the Commission) is established as an advisory commission in the executive branch of state government. The Commission shall advise the Office of Data Governance and Analytics (the Office), established pursuant to ' 2.2-203.2:4, on issues related to data sharing, including open data, data analytics, and data governance. The Commission shall (i) set, plan, and prioritize data sharing performance goals for the Commonwealth, (ii) review agency accomplishments, and (iii) recommend solutions that will establish the Commonwealth as a national leader in data-driven policy, evidence-based decision making, and outcome-based performance management.

2021, Sp. Sess. I, c. 314.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall have a total membership of 27 members that shall consist of six legislative members, seven nonlegislative citizen members, and 14 ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; three members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; and seven nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor. The Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Chief Workforce Advisor to the Governor, the Chief Data Officer of the Commonwealth, the Secretary of Administration, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, and the Secretary of Transportation, or their designees, shall serve ex officio with voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor shall represent the seven geographic areas of the Commonwealth. Of the nonlegislative citizen members, at least one shall represent a baccalaureate public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, at least one shall be an elected official representing a local government in the Commonwealth, and at least one shall represent a private business with expertise and experience in the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a data intelligence platform.

Each nonlegislative citizen member may designate a representative of his organization as an alternate. Each alternate may attend meetings in place of the appointed member and shall be counted as a member of the Commission for purposes of establishing a quorum. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission, and their alternates, shall be citizens of the Commonwealth. Legislative members and ex officio members of the Commission shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. No Senate member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms, no House member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms, and no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. Any members of the Commission who represent private businesses that provide data-related products and services, and such private businesses that the members represent are precluded from contracting to provide goods or services to the Office of Data Governance and Analytics.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger Jr.

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The Honorable George L. Barker

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The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Danica A. Roem

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The Honorable C. E. (Cliff) Hayes Jr.

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The Honorable Jeffrey L. Campbell

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Bridget Giles	6/30/2023
Tyler Schenck	6/30/2024
Arlyn E. Burgess	6/30/2025
Zakaria Albarzinji	6/30/2025
Mary E. Dunkenberger	6/30/2024
Bryant A. Hood	6/30/2023
Carrie Gaston	6/30/2023

**Ex Officio Members:**

- Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary, Virginia Supreme Court
- Megan Healy Ph.D, Chief Workforce Advisor
- Carlos Rivero, Chief Data Officer
- The Honorable Keyanna Conner, Secretary of Administration (former)
- The Honorable Vanessa Walker Harris , M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources
- The Honorable Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security
- The Honorable Joseph Flores, Secretary of Finance
- The Honorable Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth
- The Honorable Bettina Ring, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry
- The Honorable Matthew Strickler, Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources
- The Honorable Brian Ball, Secretary of Commerce and Trade
- The Honorable Atif Qarni, Secretary of Education
- The Honorable Carlos Hopkins, Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs
- The Honorable Shannon Valentine, Secretary of Transportation

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/573>

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**Modeling and Simulation Advisory Council**

**Location:**

Virginia Modeling Analysis and Simulation Center  
Old Dominion University  
1030 University Boulevard  
Suffolk, Virginia 23435  
Tel. (757) 686-6200

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2698

**Purpose:**

The Modeling and Simulation Advisory Council is established as an advisory council, within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Council shall be to advise the Governor on policy and funding priorities to promote the modeling and simulation industry in the Commonwealth. The Council shall have the power and duty to advise the Governor on funding priorities for modeling and simulation programs at the Commonwealth's institutions of higher education, develop policy initiatives and advise the Governor on strategies to promote the modeling and simulation industry in the Commonwealth, advise the Virginia Economic Development Partnership regarding attracting new modeling and simulation businesses to the Commonwealth and assisting the development of the Commonwealth's existing modeling and simulation industry, develop recommendations in conjunction with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership on how to market the Commonwealth's modeling and simulation capabilities to all businesses and industries, especially those not fully utilizing modeling and simulation applications, and develop recommendations that will assist in making Virginia a national leader in the modeling and simulation industry.

**Composition:**

The Council shall consist of 15 members as follows: three legislative members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; one legislative member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and six citizen representatives of the modeling and simulation industry and two citizen members representing Virginia public institutions of higher education with modeling and simulation capabilities to be appointed by the Governor. Two Secretaries as defined in ' 2.2-200 to be appointed by the Governor and the Executive Director of the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center shall serve ex officio.

Appointments by the Governor shall be for terms of four years, except an appointment to fill a vacancy, which shall be for the unexpired term. Ex officio members and legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All members shall be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original appointments. The Council shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman annually from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Council shall meet biannually and at such other times as may be called by the chairman or a majority of the Council. Staff to the Council shall be provided by the office of the Secretary of Administration.

**Term:**

Beginning July 1, 2012, the Governor's appointments shall be staggered as follows: two members for a term of two years, two members for a term of three years, and two members for a term of four years. Thereafter, appointments by the Governor shall be for terms of four years, except an appointment to fill a vacancy, which shall be for the unexpired term. Ex officio members and legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All members shall be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original appointments.

**Senate Members:**

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 The Honorable Lynwood W. Lewis Jr.

**House Members:**

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 The Honorable Jeion A. Ward  
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 The Honorable Shelly A. Simonds  
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 The Honorable Jason S. Miyares

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Johnny J. Garcia	6/30/2025
..... Leah R. Colvin	6/30/2024
..... Tracy A. Gregorio	6/30/2023
..... C Donald Combs	6/30/2024
..... Harry E. Johnson	6/30/2024

Paul L. Gustavson	6/30/2025
James A. Robb	6/30/2024
Jennifer H. Van Mullekom	6/30/2024

**Ex Officio Members:**

The Honorable Brian Ball, Secretary of Commerce and Trade

The Honorable Karen Jackson, Secretary of Technology

John Sokolowski, Executive Director, Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/172>

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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

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### Bettina Ring

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**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street, 4th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 692-2511 Fax (804) 692-2466

**Purpose:**

The Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry is the voice of two of Virginia's largest industries. According to a 2013 economic impact study conducted by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia, agriculture and forestry have a combined economic impact of \$70 billion annually. Agriculture generates more than \$52 billion per annum, while forestry induces over \$17 billion. The industries provide more than 400,000 jobs in the Commonwealth. The Secretariat oversees and provides policy guidance to three agencies- the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), the Virginia Department of Forestry and the Virginia Racing Commission. The Secretariat also provides leadership of the Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund (AFID), which is administered by VDACS, as well as the Governor's agricultural export initiative, which seeks to increase exports of Virginia's agricultural and forest product exports into the global marketplace and make the Commonwealth the East Coast capital of agricultural exports

**Website:**

<https://ag-forestry.virginia.gov/>

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Secretary

**Bettina Ring**

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Deputy Secretary

**Heidi Hertz**

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Executive Assistant

**Brandon Hatcher**

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Special Assistant

**Greg Evans**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

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**Location:**

102 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-3501

**Code Reference:**

§ 3.2-101

**Purpose:**

To promote the broad economic development of Virginia's agricultural industry and the welfare of all consumers.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov>

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### Virginia Spirits Board

**Code:**

§ 3.2-3008

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board is to foster the development of the Virginia spirits industry by expanding spirits research, increasing education, and promoting the production of ingredients necessary for alcohol distillation and the production of spirits in the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of 11 members as follows: the Commissioner and the Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, both of whom shall serve ex officio without voting privileges, or their designees, and nine voting nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, three of whom shall be coopers or maltsters and six of whom shall be owners or operators of a distillery in the Commonwealth. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth. The Governor shall make his appointments upon consideration of the recommendations made by any cooper or maltster or any owner or operator of a distillery. Each entity or person shall submit two or more recommendations for each available position at least 90 days before the expiration of the member's term for which the recommendation is being provided. If such entities or persons fail to provide the nominations at least 90 days before the expiration date pursuant to this section, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the foregoing criteria.

A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, but a two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required for passage of items taken up by the Board. The Board shall meet at least four times each year. The meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

Following the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall serve terms of four years, which shall begin on July 1 of the year of the appointment. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Jeffrey Bloem	6/30/2023
Joshua Chandler	6/30/2022
Matthew Harris	6/30/2025
David Cuttino	6/30/2023

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Scott E. Harris	6/30/2022
Vicki L. Haneberg	6/30/2025
Thomas H. Nichols	6/30/2022
Gareth H. Moore	6/30/2023
Brian E. Prewitt	6/30/2025

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## Virginia Agricultural Council

### Location:

Physical Address:

102 Governor Street

Richmond, Virginia 23219

Mailing Address:

Post Office Box 1163

Richmond, Virginia 23218

Kendra Shifflett

Office: 804.786.7161

kendra.shifflett@vdacs.virginia.gov

### Code:

§ 3.2-2901

### Purpose:

The Virginia Agricultural Council shall be in charge of the management and expenditure of the Virginia Agricultural Foundation Fund created from assessments levied upon certain agricultural supplies and other transfers. The Agricultural Council may expend funds to provide for programs of agricultural research and education and agricultural services, manage the fund so as to accumulate a reserve for contingencies, establish an office and employ such technical, professional, and other assistants as may be required, contract for research and other services, and take all such measures as will assist in strengthening and promoting the best interests of agriculture in the Commonwealth.

### Composition:

The Agricultural Council is continued within the executive branch of state government. The Agricultural Council shall consist of 18 members to be appointed by the Governor. Insofar as practical, 15 members shall be actively engaged in farming and shall be primarily engaged in the production of a different agricultural commodity. The Commissioner, the dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and the Associate Vice President for Agriculture and Extension of Virginia State University shall serve as members ex officio.

The terms for appointments to the Agricultural Council shall run concurrently with the term of the Governor making the appointment, but vacancies occurring before the expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. The Agricultural Council shall elect from its membership a chairman, vice-chairman, and such other officers as it deems appropriate. Members of the Agricultural Council shall be paid their necessary traveling expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties. Such compensation and expenses shall be paid from the Virginia Agricultural Foundation Fund. The Agricultural Council shall have charge of the management and expenditure of the Virginia Agricultural Foundation Fund. The Agricultural Council may expend funds to provide for programs of agricultural research and education and agricultural services; manage the fund so as to accumulate a reserve for contingencies; establish an office and employ such technical, professional, and other assistants as may be required, subject to the provisions of the Virginia Personnel Act (' 2.2-2900 et seq.); contract for research and other

services; and take all such measures as will assist in strengthening and promoting the best interests of agriculture in the Commonwealth. The chairman shall submit an annual report to the members, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before November 1 of each year. The report shall contain the annual financial statements of the Agricultural Council for the year ending the preceding June 30. There is hereby established in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be designated as the Virginia Agricultural Foundation Fund, hereafter referred to as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All transfers made to the Fund under " 3.2-3617, 3.2-3710, 3.2-4004, 3.2-4814, 58.1-2259, and 58.1-2289, other moneys appropriated thereto, gifts and grants, and interest accruing thereon shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. The Fund shall be expended in accordance with the directions of the Agricultural Council and drawn from the state treasury in the manner provided by law.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Joseph Holleman Barlow	
Justin M. Minor	
Kimberley H. Nixon	
Ashley Elgin Hardesty	
Tia L. Walbridge	
Lynn Virginia St. Clair	
Tscharner DeGraffenried Watkins	
Jason Oferal Bush	
Travis Croxton	
Kathy Grant Coffee	
Walter Alan Worrell	
Philip Boyd Glaize	
George G. Grattan	
Cecil Edward Meyerhoeffer	
Mark Harry Newbill	

**Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

**Location:**

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**Code:**

§ 3.2-109

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services is to promote the agricultural interests of the Commonwealth. The board advises the Governor on the state of the industry of agriculture and offers the Governor recommendations on action to be taken to promote the industry's development, works with members of the agricultural community and with federal and state agencies to develop and implement programs that will provide for a strong and viable industry of agriculture in the Commonwealth, represents the broad interests of the public for the development of a strong industry of agriculture and efficient and responsive programs for serving and protecting the consumer, has oversight of the programs of the state's commodity boards and commonwealth's Farmers' Market System, and receives periodic reports from these boards concerning their progress in promoting the industry of agriculture, has the authority to prescribe, adopt, and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer and enforce laws relating to agriculture, commerce, pesticide use, and the consumer, and is called upon from time to time by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services for advice and support concerning the development of new agency programs, organizational changes, and other administrative matters.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of (i) one member from each congressional district, at least eight of whom shall be currently practicing farmers, and (ii) two at-large members, one of whom shall be a structural commercial applicator of pesticides and one of whom shall be engaged in the commercial sale or application of agricultural pesticides; all members to be appointed by the Governor for a term of four years and confirmed by the General Assembly. The presidents of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Virginia State University or their designees shall be ex officio members of the Board with voting privileges. All members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth. No member of the Board, except the ex officio members, shall be eligible for more than two successive terms; provided that persons appointed to fill vacancies may serve two additional successive terms after the terms of the vacancies they were appointed to fill have expired. All vacancies in the membership of the Board shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Tyler Wegmeyer	6/30/2025
Richard S. Sellers	6/30/2025
Clifton Arnaud Slade	6/30/2025
Margaret A. Smith	6/30/2023
Kay Johnson Smith	6/30/2023
Oscar Bryan Taliaferro	6/30/2023
Cecil E. Shell	6/30/2025
Shelley S. Butler-Barlow	6/30/2023
James S. Huffard	6/30/2025
Donald H. Horsley	6/30/2025
Jacquelin P. Easter	6/30/2025
Neil Allen Houff	6/30/2024
Charles T. Church	6/30/2024

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## Aquaculture Advisory Board

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**Code:**

§ 3.2-2602

**Purpose:**

The Aquaculture Advisory Board is established as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government. The Aquaculture Advisory Board shall advise the Commissioner on policy matters related to aquaculture.

**Composition:**

The Governor shall appoint the Aquaculture Advisory Board, which shall be composed of seven members who are representative of the interests of the aquaculture industry. The Board shall meet at the call of the Commissioner.

**Term:**

Three year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Kimberly A. Huskey	6/30/2022
Heather Terry Lusk	6/30/2023
Travis Croxton	6/30/2023
Martin Gardner	6/30/2024
Michael H. Schwarz	6/30/2022
John E. Hofmeyer	6/30/2022
Michael J. Oesterling	6/30/2024

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## Charitable Gaming Board

**Location:**

Physical Address:  
102 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Mailing Address:

Post Office Box 1163  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2455

**Purpose:**

The Charitable Gaming Board (the Board) is hereby established as a policy board within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100 in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Board shall be to advise the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on all aspects of the conduct of charitable gaming in Virginia.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of eleven members who shall be appointed in the following manner:

Six nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly as follows: one member who is a member of a charitable organization subject to Article 1:1 (' 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 in good standing with the Department; one member who is a charitable gaming supplier registered and in good standing with the Department; one member who is an owner, lessor, or lessee of premises where charitable gaming is conducted; one member who is or has been a law-enforcement officer in Virginia but who (i) is not a charitable gaming supplier registered with the Department, (ii) is not a lessor of premises where charitable gaming is conducted, (iii) is not a member of a charitable organization, or (iv) does not have an interest in or is not affiliated with such supplier or charitable organization or owner, lessor, or lessee of premises where charitable gaming is conducted; and two members who do not have an interest in or are not affiliated with a charitable organization, charitable gaming supplier, or owner, lessor, or lessee of premises where charitable gaming is conducted; Three nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates as follows: two members who are members of a charitable organization subject to Article 1.1:1 (' 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 in good standing with the Department and one member who does not have an interest in or is not affiliated with a charitable organization, charitable gaming supplier, or owner, lessor, or lessee of premises where charitable gaming is conducted; and Two nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules as follows: one member who is a member of a charitable organization subject to Article 1.1:1 (' 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 in good standing with the Department and one member who does not have an interest in or is not affiliated with a charitable organization, charitable gaming supplier, or owner, lessor, or lessee of premises where charitable gaming is conducted. To the extent practicable, the Board shall consist of individuals from different geographic regions of the Commonwealth. Each member of the Board shall have been a resident of the Commonwealth for a period of at least three years next preceding his appointment, and his continued residency shall be a condition of his tenure in office. Members shall be appointed for four-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. Each Board member shall be eligible for reappointment for a second consecutive term at the discretion of the appointing authority. Persons who are first appointed to initial terms of less than four years shall thereafter be eligible for reappointment to two consecutive terms of four years each. No sitting member of the General Assembly shall be eligible for appointment to the Board. The members of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The Board shall elect from among its members a chairman who is a member of a charitable organization subject to Article 1.1:1 (' 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2. The Board shall elect a vice-chairman from among its members. A quorum shall consist of five members. The decision of a majority of those members present and voting shall constitute a decision of the Board. For each day or part thereof spent in the performance of his duties, each member of the Board shall receive such compensation and reimbursement for his reasonable expenses as provided in ' 2.2-2104. The Board shall adopt rules and procedures for the conduct of its business, including a provision that Board members shall abstain or otherwise recuse themselves from voting on any matter in which they or a mem

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*

Lea M. Roberts	6/30/2022
Amy Lynn Solares	6/30/2022
Ryant L. Washington	6/30/2023
Tanya Ann Conrad	6/30/2022
James Lewis	6/30/2023
Clay L. Dawson	6/30/2021

**Legislative Appointees:**

Charles Lessin	June 30, 2023
Lasonja Black	June 30, 2024
Sam Kaufman	June 30, 2023
Mark Cooper	June 30, 2023
Vacancy (Feasenmyer, Bill)	

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/356>

**Corn Board**

**Location:**

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**Code:**

§ 3.2-1401

**Purpose:**

The Board shall be charged with the management and expenditure of the Virginia Corn Fund established in the State Treasury and expend funds to provide for programs of market development, education, publicity, research, and the promotion of the sale and use of corn.

**Composition:**

The Corn Board, established by the passage of a referendum held pursuant to Chapter 395 of the 1980 Acts of Assembly, is continued within the Department. The Corn Board shall be composed of 11 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed in accordance with ' 2.2-107 from nominations by producer organizations representing corn producers. These organizations shall nominate at least two producers from each production area of corn as defined in ' 3.2-1410 and such nominations shall be submitted at least 90 days before the expiration of the member's term for which the recommendations are provided. If said organizations fail to provide the nominations at least 90 days before the expiration of the term, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the criteria provided by this section. The Governor shall appoint at least one producer from each production area and the membership of the Corn Board shall be composed of a majority of producers. The Governor shall appoint one member, if available, from each of the following classifications: seedsman, processor, country buyer, and exporter.

The terms for appointments to the Corn Board shall be three years. The Governor shall fill any vacancy occurring before the

expiration of any term for the unexpired term. If possible, vacancies shall be filled from the production area or classification from which the vacancy occurred from nominations as described in ' 3.2-1410.

**Term:**

Three year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Lloyd H. Eicher	6/30/2022
David W. Coleman	6/30/2022
G. Henry Goodrich	6/30/2023
Edward P. Hickman	6/30/2023
Wesley Steven Marshall	6/30/2023
Wallick Harding	6/30/2022
Raymond G. Keating	6/30/2024
William C. Crossman	6/30/2024
Charles D. McGhee	6/30/2024
Michael H. Bray	6/30/2024
Virginia P. Barnes	6/30/2022

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**Cotton Board**

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**Code:**

§ 3.2-1501

**Purpose:**

The Board has the authority to develop and implement program activities related to research, education, and the promotion and use of cotton. The Board, to help defray costs, may sell printed materials, rent exhibit space at meetings, and engage in any promotion of the growth and use of cotton.

**Composition:**

The Cotton Board shall be composed of eight members appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall be a resident of Virginia and a producer in Virginia. The Governor shall be guided in his appointments from nominations made by the following agricultural organizations: (i) the Virginia Cotton Growers Association, Inc.; (ii) the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation; and (iii) any other organization within the Commonwealth that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a certified cotton



grower organization representing Virginia producers pursuant to guidelines authorized by the Cotton Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. " 2101-2118). Each such agricultural organization may nominate producers from each production area. The Governor shall appoint a producer residing in each such production area. If no producer resides in a particular production area, the Governor shall appoint a qualified producer from any other production area. Each agricultural organization shall submit nominations for each available position before the expiration of the member's term for which the nomination is being provided. If said agricultural organizations fail to provide the nominations, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the foregoing criteria. Five members of the Cotton Board shall constitute a quorum.

The terms for appointments to the Cotton Board shall be for three years. The Governor shall fill any vacancy occurring before the expiration of any term through appointment of a qualified producer for the unexpired term. If possible, such vacancies shall be filled from the production area from which the vacancy occurred. No person may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

**Term:**

Three years; no more than two consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Michael W. Griffin	9/25/2024
James Babb	9/25/2024
Joseph Barlow	9/25/2023
Clayton Lowe	9/25/2022
Marvin L. Everett	9/25/2022
Christopher T. Parker	9/25/2023
Vacant	
Clifford S. Fox	9/25/2023

**Egg Board**

**Location:**

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**Code:**

§ 3.2-1604

**Purpose:**

The Egg Board shall be in charge of the management and expenditures of the Virginia Egg Fund established in the state treasury, may expend funds to provide for programs of research, education, publicity, advertising, and other promotion of eggs

that are the subject of the tax levy, manage the Virginia Egg Fund so as to accumulate a reserve for contingencies, establish an office and employ such technical, professional, and other assistants as may be required, contract for research, publicity, advertising, and other promotional services, and take measures to strengthen and promote the best interest of farmers producing eggs on which the tax has been levied in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The Egg Board may establish an executive committee and charge it with such powers, duties, and functions as the Egg Board deems proper. The chairman of the Egg Board shall make a report at each annual meeting of the Egg Board and furnish the members of the Egg Board with a statement of the total receipts and disbursements for the year. He shall file a copy of the report with the Commissioner and make copies of the report available for publication. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall audit the accounts of the Egg Board as provided for in ' 30-133.

**Composition:**

The Egg Board shall be composed of seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed in accordance with ' 2.2-107 from nominations submitted to him by the Virginia Egg Council or any other organization that represents persons who are involved in the commercial egg industry in the Commonwealth.

The Virginia Egg Council or other organization shall provide nominations for each available position before the expiration of the member's term for which the nominations are being provided. If the Virginia Egg Council fails to provide nominations for each available position, the Governor may appoint to such available position another person who is involved in the commercial egg industry.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor for a term concurrent with the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Ellen Demarest Baber	.....
..... Rodney Wagner	.....
..... Paul Ruzsler	.....
..... W. Keith Sheets	.....
..... Hobey Bauhan	.....
..... Lake Wagner	.....
..... Kenneth Shreiner Risser	.....

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**Horse Industry Board**

**Location:**

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Richmond, Virginia 23219  
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Fax: (804) 371-7786

**Code:**

§ 3.2-1700

**Purpose:**

The Horse Industry Board shall be responsible for the promotion and economic development of the equine industry in the Commonwealth. To accomplish this function, the Horse Industry Board is authorized to produce economic reports, develop a

horse industry directory, provide funding for educational programs, provide funding for research, engage in media liaison, collect and analyze data on the horse industry, disseminate industry-related data, and enter into contract and agreements to accomplish the purposes of this chapter. The Chairman of the Horse Industry Board shall make an annual report to the Horse Industry Board including a statement of the total receipts and disbursements for the year and shall file a copy of such report with the Commissioner.

**Composition:**

The Horse Industry Board shall consist of 12 members representing the horse industry, industry support services, education, and equine health. Four members shall be the presidents of the following industry organizations: the Virginia Horse Council, Inc., the Virginia Thoroughbred Association, the Virginia Horse Shows Association, and the Virginia Quarter Horse Association. Four members shall serve at large, to be appointed by the Governor from nominations made by the remaining statewide horse breed or use organizations. The Governor shall also appoint two members from recommendations submitted by the Virginia horse industry: one shall be a representative of the horse industry support services or professional community (feed manufacturing or sales, pharmaceutical sales, horseshoeing, marketing, veterinary services, etc.) and the other shall be an individual commercially involved in the horse industry (manager, trainer, etc.). Each organization shall submit nominations or recommendations for each available position. If the organizations fail to provide the nominations, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the foregoing criteria.

An extension equine specialist from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University shall serve as a voting member of the Horse Industry Board. The Commissioner shall serve as a nonvoting member. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The presidents of the Virginia Horse Council, Inc., the Virginia Thoroughbred Association, the Virginia Horse Shows Association, and the Virginia Quarter Horse Association may each designate in writing a member of his organization as an alternate who may attend meetings in his place and be counted as a member of the Horse Industry Board for the purposes of a quorum and for voting. The terms for appointments to the Horse Industry Board shall be for three years, with no at-large member serving more than two consecutive terms.

**Term:**

Three years; no more than two consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
John T. Wise	6/19/2022
Janie L. Shrader	6/19/2023
David R. Lands	6/19/2024
Floyd T. Barron	6/19/2024
Robert L. Banner	6/19/2024
Kelly S. Foltman	6/19/2024

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**Potato Board**

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**Code:**

§ 3.2-1801

**Purpose:**

The Potato Board shall have charge of the management and expenditures of the Virginia Potato Fund established in the state treasury. The Board may expend funds to provide for programs of research, education, publicity, advertising, and other promotion, manage the fund so as to accumulate a reserve for contingencies, establish an office and employ such technical and professional assistants as may be required, contract for research, publicity, advertising and other promotional services, and take all actions as will assist in strengthening and promoting the best interest of producers of potatoes. In carrying out the purposes of this chapter, the Board may cooperate with other state, regional, and national agricultural organizations in research, education, publicity, advertising, and other promotional activities. The Board may establish an executive committee and charge it with those powers, duties, and functions as the Board deems proper. The chairman of the Board shall make an annual report to the Board including a statement of the total receipts and disbursements for the year and shall file a copy of the report and the audit required by ' 3.2-1810 with the Commissioner. The Potato Board shall adopt regulations to establish standards for seed potatoes and to carry out the provisions of this chapter and, at the recommendation of the chairman, request that the Commissioner, the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the Chairman of the Certified Seed Board, and the Director of the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Painter appoint representatives to advise the Board.

**Composition:**

The Potato Board shall be composed of seven members appointed by the Governor from nominations by grower organizations, the appointments to be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. All members of the Potato Board shall be producers of potatoes. Each grower organization shall submit nominations for each available position before the expiration of the member's term for which the nomination is being provided. If said organizations fail to provide nominations, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the criteria provided by this section.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
John P. Holland	6/19/2025
David L. Long	6/30/2022
William Sinclair Floyd	6/19/2025
Ronald P. Bailey	6/30/2022
Mark A. Hickman	6/30/2022
Jimmy F. Holland	6/30/2022
Bruce Richardson	6/19/2022

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**Marine Products Board**

**Location:**

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**Code:**

§ 3.2-2700

**Purpose:**

The Marine Products Board shall plan and conduct marketing, educational, and promotional campaigns and programs for Virginia marine products. The board may carry on research and testing programs and conduct activities relating to the catching, processing, conservation, and marketing of Virginia marine products. In addition, the Board may investigate, study, and formulate recommendations regarding regulation, conservation, and management of marine resources in the state. The board may also name contracts and expend money from the Virginia Marine Products Fund necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The contracts, debts, and liabilities of the Marine Products Board shall not be an obligation of the Commonwealth, but shall be met utilizing the sums paid into the Virginia Marine Products Fund. The Marine Products Board may cooperate with other state, regional, and national seafood organizations in research, advertising, publicity, education, and other means of promoting the sale and use of seafood, and may expend moneys of the Virginia Marine Products Fund for such purposes.

**Composition:**

The Marine Products Board shall consist of 11 members appointed by the Governor from among those persons who earn their livelihood from the seafood industry. One member of the Marine Products Board shall be involved in the Virginia menhaden fishery.

The terms for appointments to the Marine Products Board shall be for three years. No member shall be eligible for appointment to more than two consecutive terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms and made in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Term:**

Three year terms; no more than two consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Michael J. Oesterling	6/30/2023
Hannah Ellery Kellum	6/30/2022
John Anthony Hall	6/30/2022
Ann Gallivan	6/30/2023
Daniel L. Knott	6/30/2023
Beverly S. Ludford	6/30/2024
Monica Schenemann	6/30/2024
James C. Hudgins	6/30/2024
Michael Schwarz	6/30/2022
James R. Sowers	6/30/2022
Michael Congrove	6/30/2022

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**Milk Commission**

**Location:**

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**Code:**

§ 3.2-3201

**Purpose:**

The Milk Commission shall be vested with the following powers: to confer and cooperate with the legally constituted authorities of other states and of the United States, with a view of securing a uniformity of milk control, with respect to milk coming into the Commonwealth and going out of the Commonwealth in interstate commerce, with a view of accomplishing the purposes of this chapter and to enter into a compact or compacts for such uniform system of milk control, to investigate all matters pertaining to the production, processing, storage, transportation, distribution, and sale of milk in the Commonwealth, to supervise, regulate, and control the production, transportation, processing, storage, distribution, delivery, and sale of milk for consumption within the Commonwealth, to act as mediator or arbiter in any controversial issue that may arise among or between milk producers and distributors, as between themselves, or that may arise between them as groups, to examine into the business, books, and accounts of any milk producer, association of producers, or milk distributors, their affiliates or subsidiaries, to issue subpoenas to milk producers, associations of producers, and milk distributors, and to require them to produce their records, books, and accounts, to subpoena any other person from whom information is desired, to take depositions of witnesses within, or without, the Commonwealth. Any member of the Commission, or any employee designated by the Commission, may administer oaths to witnesses and sign and issue subpoenas, and to make, adopt, and enforce all regulations or orders necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Every order of the Commission shall be posted for inspection in the main office of the Commission, and a certified copy filed in the office of the Commissioner. An order, applying only to a person named therein, shall be served on the person affected. An order, that is required to be served, shall be served by personal delivery of a certified copy, or by mailing a certified copy in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid, to each person affected, or, in the case of a corporation, to any officer or agent of the corporation upon whom legal process may be served. If an order is not required to be served, then it shall be posted in the main office of the Commission and filed in the office of the Commissioner, which shall constitute due and sufficient notice to any person affected by the order.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of an Administrator and seven members, all of whom shall be residents of the Commonwealth, appointed by the Governor, two of whom shall be producers, and five including the Administrator shall be consumers but none of such five latter members shall have any connection financially or otherwise with the production or distribution of milk or products derived therefrom. The remaining member of the Commission shall be a milk processor-distributor. The Administrator shall serve in an ex officio capacity without a vote. Any vacancies occurring shall be filled by appointment by the Governor. One member of the Commission shall act as chairman, who shall be elected annually by the membership of the Commission. No member shall serve as chairman and as Administrator and no chairman shall serve successive terms as chairman.

The Administrator shall devote full time to the duties of his office, which shall be located in the principal office of the Commission. The technical and other services for such Commission shall be performed, so far as practicable, by the Department, the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, and the Virginia Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, without additional compensation. The Administrator may appoint a secretary and any such additional technical and other assistants and employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and prescribe their powers and duties. The Administrator shall supervise such personnel and shall prepare, approve, and submit all requests for appropriations and be responsible for all expenditures pursuant to appropriations. The Administrator of the Commission shall hold office at the

pleasure of the Governor for a term concurrent with the term of the Governor making the appointment or until a successor to that Administrator is appointed by the next succeeding Governor. The remaining seven members shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of four years. No member except the Administrator may serve for more than two consecutive terms of four years each. Any member appointed to fill an interim vacancy may be appointed for two additional consecutive terms of four years each after the expiration of the term of the interim vacancy that the member filled. After an absence of two years from the Commission, any former member may be reappointed for a maximum of one additional term of four years.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Kevin C. Craun	6/30/2023
Rodrigo Velasquez	6/30/2023
Brian Linney	6/30/2024
Sandra Welsford	6/30/2025
James D. Kerr	6/30/2025
Jessica M. Jones	6/30/2022
Bruce Edward Mayer	6/30/2022

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**Peanut Board**

**Location:**

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**Code:**

§ 3.2-1901

**Purpose:**

The Peanut Board is responsible for administering all funds levied and collected under this chapter. The Peanut Board shall plan and conduct campaigns for education, advertising, publicity, sales promotion, and research as to Virginia peanuts. The Peanut Board may make contracts, expend money and do whatever else may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. The board may cooperate with other state, regional, and national agricultural and peanut organizations in research, advertising, publicity, education, and other means of promoting the sale and use of peanuts, and may expend moneys of the Peanut Fund for such purposes. The Peanut Board may enter into an agreement with the Federal Commodity Credit Corporation or its designee to collect and remit the specified assessment on all peanuts pledged as collateral for a marketing assistance or price support loan. The chairman shall make a report at the annual meeting of the Peanut Board and furnish the members of the Peanut Board with a statement of the total receipts and disbursements for the year. He shall file a copy of the report and the audit required by ' 3.2-1906 with the Commissioner.

**Composition:**

The Peanut Board shall consist of eight members representing as nearly as possible each peanut-producing section of the Commonwealth. Such members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, and each of whom shall be a resident of the Commonwealth and engaged in producing peanuts in the Commonwealth. The Governor shall be guided in his appointments by the recommendations of the Virginia Peanut Growers Association or other organizations representing peanut growers in peanut-producing counties. If the Virginia Peanut Growers Association or other organizations representing peanut growers fail to provide nominations, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the foregoing criteria.

**Term:**

Four Year Terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ernest L. Blount	6/30/2025
Wayne C. Barnes	6/30/2025
Michael J. Marks	6/30/2025
John R. Crumpler	6/30/2024
Donna N. Jones	6/30/2022
Robert C. Rogers	6/30/2022
Joey Doyle	6/30/2024
James Andrew Darden	6/30/2024

**Pork Industry Board**

**Location:**

Virginia Pork Council  
 1320 North Veitch Street #1414  
 Arlington, Virginia 22201

**Code:**

§ 3.2-2001

**Purpose:**

The Pork Industry Board shall administer all funds collected under this chapter. The Board shall plan and conduct programs for education and research relating to the Virginia pork industry, with primary emphasis on programs designed to increase the efficient production of slaughter hogs and feeder pigs in the Commonwealth. The Pork Industry Board may make contracts, expend moneys from the Virginia Pork Industry Fund, and do whatever else may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. The Board may cooperate with other state, regional, and national organizations in research, education, and other means for promoting the Virginia pork industry and may expend moneys of the Virginia Pork Industry Fund for such purpose. The Pork Industry Board may appoint a secretary and such other employees as may be necessary at salaries to be fixed by the Pork Industry Board subject to the provisions of the Virginia Personnel Act (' 2.2-2900 et seq.). All employees of the Pork Industry Board handling money shall be required to furnish surety bonds in an amount to be fixed by the Pork Industry Board. The chairman shall make a report at the annual meeting of the Pork Industry Board and furnish the members of the Pork Industry Board with a statement of the total receipts and disbursements for the year. The chairman shall also file a copy of such report and the audit required by ' 3.2-2005 with the Commissioner annually.

**Composition:**



The Pork Industry Board shall consist of 12 members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Members of the Pork Industry Board shall be selected, as far as possible, so as to give representation to the principal pork-producing areas of Virginia. At least seven of the members shall be pork producers.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Vacant	
T. Sean O'Hara	5/15/2018
Frank W. Nolen	5/15/2018
Vacant	
William Wooding	5/15/2015
Caleb Bryan	5/15/2015
Page Wilkerson	5/15/2016
Jessica Cunningham	5/15/2016
Jesse Austin	5/15/2016
Vacant	
Keith Allen	5/15/2017
B. Ryan Horsley	5/15/2017

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## Sheep Industry

**Location:**

102 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-3501

Matthew Sponaule  
540.383.7983  
matthew.sponaule@vdacs.virginia.gov

**Code:**

§ 3.2-2101

**Purpose:**

The Sheep Industry Board shall be responsible for the promotion and economic development of the sheep industry in the Commonwealth. To accomplish this function the Sheep Industry Board is authorized to provide funding for predator control, produce economic reports, develop a sheep industry directory, provide funding for educational programs, provide funding for research, engage in media liaison, collect and analyze data on the sheep industry, disseminate industry-related data, enter into contract and agreements to accomplish the purposes of this chapter, and establish, administer, manage, and make expenditures from the Virginia Sheep Industry Promotion and Development Fund as provided in ' 3.2-2111. The Sheep Industry Board may increase the original assessment of 50 cents (\$0.50) for each sheep sold within the Commonwealth no more than 10 cents (\$0.10) per year, up to a maximum assessment of \$1 per head. The chairman of the Sheep Industry Board shall make a report at the annual meeting of the Sheep Industry Board including a statement of the total receipts and disbursements for the

year, and shall file a copy of the report with the Commissioner.

**Composition:**

The Sheep Industry Board shall consist of 12 members representing the sheep industry and industry support services. The Governor shall appoint 12 individuals from nominations submitted by the Virginia Sheep Producers Association, Virginia sheep and wool marketing organizations, or other Virginia farm organizations representing sheep producers. One member shall represent the packing/processing/retailing segment of the industry, one shall represent the Virginia Livestock Markets Association, and one shall represent the purebred segment of the industry. The remaining nine members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows in accordance with ' 3.2-2110, with no more than one member appointed per locality: three members who reside in the Southwest District; three members who reside in the Valley District; two members who reside in the Northern District; and one member who resides in the South Central District. In addition, the extension sheep specialist from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Commissioner shall serve as nonvoting members.

Each association or organization shall submit nominations for each available position before the expiration of the member's term for which the nomination or recommendation is being provided. If the organizations fail to provide the nominations, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the foregoing criteria.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Matthew I. Miller	3/8/2020
John L. Roberts	3/8/2025
Rosalea R. Potter	3/8/2025
Larry W. Weeks	3/8/2025
Clinton M. Bell	3/8/2024
Amanda B. Fletcher	3/8/2024
James A. Mumaw	3/8/2024
Carroll McCheyne Swortzel	3/8/2024
Jason Shiflett	3/8/2024
James E. Hilleary	3/8/2024
Timothy A. Mize	3/8/2024
James A. Thomas	3/8/2024

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**Small Grains Board**

**Location:**

Physical Address:  
102 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 1163  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Phil Hickman  
804.371.6157  
phil.hickman@vdacs.virginia.gov

**Code:**

§ 3.2-2201

**Purpose:**

The Small Grains Board shall have charge of the management and expenditure of the Virginia Small Grains Fund established in the state treasury. The Small Grains Board may expend funds to provide for programs of market development, education, publicity, research, and the promotion of the sale and use of small grains; to manage the funds so as to accumulate a reserve for contingencies; to establish an office and employ such technical, professional, and other assistants as may be required; and to contract for market development, publicity, research, advertising, and other promotional services. The Small Grains Board may establish an executive committee and charge it with such powers, duties, and functions as deemed proper. The Small Grains Board shall not enter into an agreement with the Federal Commodity Credit Corporation to collect the specified assessment on all small grains pledged as collateral for a commodity credit corporation price support loan or purchase by the Federal Commodity Credit Corporation under its loan or purchase programs. The chairman of the Small Grains Board shall make a report at the annual meeting of the Virginia Grain Producers Association including a statement of the total receipts and disbursements for the year. He shall file a copy of the report with the Commissioner and the members of the Small Grains Board.

**Composition:**

The Small Grains Board shall be composed of 11 members appointed by the Governor from nominations by the Virginia Grain Producers Association or other organizations representing small grain producers, the appointments to be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The Virginia Grain Producers Association and any other organization submitting nominations shall nominate at least two producers from each production area of small grains. The Governor shall appoint at least one producer from each production area and the membership of the Small Grains Board shall be composed of a majority of producers. The Governor shall appoint one member, if available, from each of the following classifications: seedsman, processor, country buyer, and exporter.

Nominations shall be submitted at least 90 days before the expiration of the member's term for which the nomination is being provided. If the Virginia Grain Producers Association or any other organization submitting nominations fail to provide the nominations at least 90 days before the expiration date pursuant to this section, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the foregoing criteria. The terms for appointments to the Small Grains Board shall be for three years. The Governor shall fill any vacancy occurring before the expiration of any term for the unexpired term. If possible, such vacancies shall be filled from the production area or classification from which the vacancy occurred as described in ' 3.2-2210.

**Term:**

Three year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Dave Black	8/31/2024
Raymond G. Keating	8/31/2023
James H. Hundley	8/31/2022
Michael James Downing	8/31/2024
David Hula	8/31/2022
Lynn Gayle	8/31/2024
Ellen M. Davis	8/31/2022
Jimmy Oliver	8/31/2024
Michael B. Mayes	8/31/2022

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Floyd Childress	8/31/2023
Candice M. Wilson	8/31/2024

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## **Soybean Board**

### **Location:**

Virginia Soybean Board  
102 Governor Street  
Room 319  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 371-6157  
Fax: (804) 371-7786

### **Code:**

§ 3.2-2301

### **Purpose:**

The Soybean Board shall have charge of the management and expenditure of the Virginia Soybean Fund established in the state treasury. The Board may expend funds to provide for programs of research, education, publicity, and the promotion of the sale and use of soybeans; to manage the funds so as to accumulate a reserve for contingencies; to establish an office and employ such technical, professional, and other assistants as may be required; and to contract for research, publicity, advertising, and other promotional services. The Board may establish an executive committee and charge it with powers, duties, and functions as is deemed proper. The Soybean Board may enter into an agreement with the Federal Commodity Credit Corporation to collect the specified assessment on all soybeans pledged as collateral for a commodity credit corporation price support loan or purchase by the Federal Commodity Credit Corporation under its loan or purchase program. The chairman of the Soybean Board shall make an annual report to the Soybean Board including a statement of the total receipts and disbursements for the year, and shall file a copy of such report with the Commissioner.

### **Composition:**

The Soybean Board shall be composed of 11 members appointed by the Governor from nominations by the several producer organizations representing soybean producers, the appointments to be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The several producer organizations representing soybean producers shall nominate at least two producers from each production area of soybeans. The Governor shall appoint at least one producer from each production area as described in ' 3.2-2310, and the membership of the Soybean Board shall always be composed of a majority of producers. The Governor shall appoint one member, if available, from each of the following classifications: seedsman, producer, processor, country buyer, and exporter. Such appointments shall be made from nominations from the several producer organizations representing soybean producers.

Each organization shall submit nominations at least 90 days before the expiration of the member's term for which the nomination or recommendation is being provided. If the organizations fail to provide the nominations at least 90 days before the expiration date pursuant to this section, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the foregoing criteria. The terms for appointments to the Soybean Board shall be for three years. The Governor shall fill any vacancy occurring before the expiration of any term for the unexpired term. If possible, vacancies shall be filled from the production area or classification from which the vacancy occurred from nominations as described ' 3.2-2301.

### **Term:**

Three year terms

### **Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ronnie Lee Russell	9/30/2024
Raymond G. Keating	9/30/2022
Linda V. Smith	9/30/2022
Thomas R. Taliaferro	9/30/2022
Robert Wallace White	9/30/2023
Harrison A. Moody	9/30/2023
Colin Whittington	9/30/2023
Susan Watkins	9/30/2023
Reginald William Nelson	9/30/2024
Lynn Gayle	9/30/2024
Craig H. Giese	9/30/2024

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## **Wine Board**

### **Location:**

600 East Main Street, Suite 308  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 344-8200

### **Code:**

§ 3.2-3001

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Wine Board is to foster the development of the Virginia wine industry by expanding viticulture and enological research, increasing education, and promoting the production of grapes and wine in the Commonwealth.

### **Composition:**

The Wine Board shall consist of 10 members, nine of whom shall be voting nonlegislative citizen members, to be appointed by the Governor, and the tenth shall be the Commissioner, who shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall be either grape growers or owners or operators of a winery or farm winery in the Commonwealth. The Governor shall make his appointments upon consideration of the recommendations made by any grape grower, an owner or operator of a winery or farm winery, or the following agricultural organizations or their successor organizations: the Virginia Wineries Association, Inc.; the Virginia Vineyards Association, Inc.; the Virginia Farm Bureau; and the Virginia Agribusiness Council. Each entity or person shall submit two or more recommendations for each available position at least 90 days before the expiration of the member's term for which the recommendation is being provided. If said entities or persons fail to provide the nominations at least 90 days before the expiration date pursuant to this section, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the foregoing criteria.

Initial appointments of nonlegislative citizen members to the Wine Board shall be staggered as follows: six nonlegislative citizen members shall be owners or operators of wineries or farm wineries in Virginia, two of whom shall serve for terms of three years, two shall serve for terms of two years, and two shall serve a term of one year; and three nonlegislative citizen members shall be grape growers with no controlling financial interest in a winery or farm winery, one of whom shall serve a term of three years, one shall serve a term of two years, and one shall serve a term of one year. Thereafter, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. The Commissioner shall serve a term coincident with his term of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any

term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Term:**

Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Aubrey Rose	6/30/2025
Kirk Wiles	6/30/2023
Patrick G. Duffeler	6/30/2022
Tayloe M. Dameron	6/30/2022
George Hodson	6/30/2025
Courtney A. Mailey	6/30/2023
Megan Seibel	6/30/2023
Nathan Walsh	6/30/2025
Luca B. Paschina	6/30/2022

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**Tobacco Board**

**Location:**

Physical Address:  
102 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Mailing Address:  
Post Office Box 1163  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Jennifer Atkins  
804.839.9003  
Jennifer.Atkins@vdacs.virginia.gov

**Code:**

§ 3.2-2401

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Tobacco Board is to administer funds and levies collected, plan and conduct campaigns of education, advertising, publicity, sales promotion, and research to increase the demand for, and the consumption of, type 11 Bright Flue-Cured and Type 21 Dark-Fired tobaccos, make contacts, expend moneys of the Bright Flue-Cured Tobacco Promotion Fund and the Dark-Fired Tobacco Promotion, cooperate with other state, regional, and national agricultural organizations in research, advertising, publicity, and other means of promoting the sale, use, and exportation of Bright-Flue-Cured and Type 21 Dark-Fired Tobacco. The Tobacco Board may appoint a secretary and such other employees as may be necessary, at salaries to be fixed by the Tobacco Board, subject to the provisions of Chapter 29 (' 2.2-2900 et seq.) of Title 2.2. All employees handling money under this chapter shall be required to furnish surety bonds. The Chairman shall make a report at the annual meeting of the Tobacco

Board and furnish members with a statement of the total receipts and disbursements for the year. He shall file a copy of such report and the audit required by ' 3.2-2407 with the Commissioner.

**Composition:**

The Tobacco Board shall consist of nine members. Each of the six production areas of flue-cured tobacco set out in ' 3.2-2402 shall have a representative on the Tobacco Board, and three members shall represent, as nearly as possible, each important type 21 dark-fired tobacco-producing section in the Commonwealth. The Governor shall appoint members from nominations made by the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and other organizations representing bright flue-cured tobacco growers or type 21 dark-fired tobacco growers in tobacco-producing counties. Each member shall be a citizen of the Commonwealth and engaged in producing tobacco in the Commonwealth. If the organizations fail to provide nominations, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the foregoing criteria.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Donald Lee Moore	6/30/2024
Robert Johnson Mills	6/30/2024
Douglas S. Crowder	6/30/2024
Glenn Price Hudson	6/30/2024
Darrell E. Jackson	6/30/2024
Hugh Thomas Rogers	6/30/2024
Cecil E. Shell	6/30/2024
Richard T. Hite	6/30/2024
Johnny W. Bledsoe	6/30/2024

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**Cattle Industry Board**

**Location:**

Physical Address:

Virginia Beef Industry Council  
4466 Roanoke Road  
Daleville Virginia, 24083

Mailing Address:

Virginia Beef Industry Council  
Post Office Box 9  
Daleville VA, 24083

**Code:**

§ 3.2-1301

**Purpose:**

The Cattle Industry Board shall be responsible for the promotion and economic development of the Virginia cattle industry and of beef products, including the improvement of the commercial value of cattle for Virginia producers. The Board may expend funds collected pursuant to ' 3.2-1306 to provide for programs to serve the Virginia cattle industry for market development, education, publicity, research, and the promotion of the sale and use of cattle and beef products, to manage the funds so as to

accumulate a reserve for contingencies, to establish an office and employ such technical, professional, and other assistants as may be required, and to contract for market development, publicity, research, advertising, and other promotional services. The Board shall establish a meeting place anywhere within the Commonwealth, but the selection of the location shall be guided by consideration for the convenience of the majority of those most likely to have business with the Board or to be affected by this chapter. An annual report shall be made by the Board to the Commissioner and shall be published as a public record to include a statement on receipts and itemized disbursements of the Virginia Cattle Industry Fund.

**Composition:**

A. The Board shall be composed of 11 members, each of whom shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the Commonwealth. Each member shall have been actively engaged in the type of production or business that he will represent on the Board for at least five years, shall derive a substantial proportion of his income from such production or business, and shall continue to be actively engaged in such production or business during his term.

B. The Governor shall appoint the members, who represent the cattle industry as follows: 1. Six beef cattle producers, one from each cattle production area of the Commonwealth. The six areas shall be designated by the Board in general accordance with census-based feeder cattle populations and updated every five years using USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service information. 2. Two producers doing business in any of the six cattle production areas. 3. One dairy producer. 4. Two handlers.

C. Such appointments shall be made by the Governor and confirmed in accordance with ' 2.2-107. The Governor shall be guided in his appointments by nominations made by the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, Virginia Cattlemen's Association, Virginia Livestock Markets Association, or other agricultural organizations representing Virginia cattle producers. Each such agricultural organization may nominate producers from each production area or for each Board position. The recommendations shall be submitted prior to the expiration of the member's term for which the nomination is being provided. If any such agricultural organization fails to provide its nominations, the Governor may appoint other nominees who meet the criteria set out in this subsection. However, no nomination shall be considered if the nominee currently serves on a board appointed pursuant to the USDA-approved collection and administration of the National Beef Checkoff in accordance with the federal 1985 National Beef Promotion Act and Order.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
William D. Coleman	6/30/2024
Perry J. Huffman	6/30/2022
Matthew C. Hill	6/30/2024
Paige J. Pratt	6/30/2022
William A. Tucker	6/30/2024
Jared A. Burner	6/30/2022
Harry R. Lloyd	6/30/2024
Walter H. Shelton	6/30/2022
John H. Smith	6/30/2024
Steven Furrow	6/30/2022
Cecelia Craun Moyer	6/30/2022



**Location:**

900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903  
Tel. (434) 977-6555 ? Fax (434) 296-2369

**Code Reference:**

§ 10.1-1100

**Purpose:**

To supervise and direct all forest interests and matters pertaining to forestry within the Commonwealth.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.dof.virginia.gov>

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**Virginia Board of Forestry****Location:**

900 Natural Resources Drive  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903  
Tel. (434) 977-6555  
Fax: (434) 296-2369

**Code:**

§ 10.1-1102

**Purpose:**

The Board of Forestry shall be charged with matters relating to the management of forest resources in the Commonwealth. The Board shall advise the Governor and the Department on the state of forest resources within the Commonwealth and the management of forest resources. The Board shall encourage persons, agencies, organizations and industries to implement development programs for forest resource management and counsel them in such development. In addition, the Board shall recommend plans for improving the state system of forest protection, management and replacement, and shall prepare an annual report on the progress and conditions of state forest work. The Board shall formulate recommendations to the State Forester concerning regulations and other matters applicable to Article 10 (' 10.1-1170 et seq.), including types of equipment to be purchased, rental rates for equipment, and reforestation practices.

**Composition:**

The Board of Forestry within the Department of Forestry, referred to in this chapter as the Board, shall be composed of 13 members appointed by the Governor. At least two members shall be representatives of the pine pulpwood industry; two members shall be representatives of the pine lumber industry; two members shall be representatives of the hardwood lumber industry; one member shall be a representative of the timber harvesting industry; and two members shall be small forest landowners. In making appointments to the Board, the Governor shall take into account the geographic diversity of board membership as it relates to Virginia's forest resources. Beginning July 1, 2012, the Governor's appointments shall be staggered as follows: four members for a term of one year, three members for a term of two years, three members for a term of three years, and three members for a term of four years. After the initial staggering of terms, appointments shall be for four-year terms. The State Forester shall serve as executive officer of the Board.

No member of the Board, except the executive officer, shall be eligible for more than two successive terms; however, persons subsequently appointed to fill vacancies may serve two additional successive terms after the terms of the vacancies they were appointed to fill have expired. All vacancies in the membership of the Board shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term.

**Term:**

Four year terms; no more than two successive terms, except the executive officer

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Brian E. Irvine	6/30/2023
James R. Coleman	6/30/2024
Elizabeth Flippo Hutchins	6/30/2023
Ralph Sampson	6/30/2025
Heather M. Richards	6/30/2022
Michael C. Harold	6/30/2024
William F. Osl	6/30/2024
Julian Kenneth Morgan	6/30/2022
Michael A. Hinchler	6/30/2022
Jennifer L. Gagnon	6/30/2025
Chad Ev Shelton	6/30/2025
Greg Alan Scheerer	6/30/2023
Carolyn M. Mulligan	6/30/2025

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## VIRGINIA RACING COMMISSION

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**Location:**

5707 Huntsman Road  
Suite 201-B  
Richmond, Virginia 23250  
Tel. (804) 966-7400

**Code Reference:**

§ 59.1-366

**Purpose:**

To promote, sustain, grow, and control a native horse racing industry with parimutuel wagering by prescribing regulations and conditions that command and promote excellence and complete honesty and integrity in racing and wagering.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.vrc.virginia.gov/>

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### Racing Commission

**Location:**

5707 Huntsman Road Suite 201-B  
Richmond, Virginia 23250  
Tel. (804) 966-7400

**Code:**

§ 59.1-366

**Purpose:**

To promote, sustain, grow, and control a native horse racing industry with parimutuel wagering by prescribing regulations and conditions that command and promote excellence and complete honesty and integrity in racing and wagering. The Commission is vested with jurisdiction and supervision over all horse racing licensed under the provisions of this chapter including all persons conducting, participating in, or attending any race meeting. It shall employ such persons to be present at race meetings as are necessary to ensure that they are conducted with order and the highest degree of integrity. It may eject or exclude from the enclosure or from any part thereof any person, whether or not he possesses a license or permit, whose conduct or reputation is such that his presence may, in the opinion of the Commission, reflect on the honesty and integrity of horse racing or interfere with the orderly conduct of horse racing.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall be composed of five Virginia residents appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, each of whom shall have been a resident of Virginia for a period of at least three years and his continued residency shall be a condition of his tenure in office. The commission appoints an Executive Secretary.

**Term:**

Five year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
John F. Tanner	12/31/2022
Stuart Charles Siegel	12/31/2026
Marsha K. Hudgins	12/31/2023
Stephanie B. Nixon	12/31/2024
Julian S. Reynolds	12/31/2020

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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND TRADE

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### Brian Ball

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**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street, 4th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-7831 Fax (804) 786-5602

**Purpose:**

The Secretary of Commerce and Trade oversees the economic, community, and workforce development of the Commonwealth, ensuring that Virginia sustains its position as the preeminent place to live, work and conduct business.

**Website:**

<https://www.commerce.virginia.gov>

Secretary

**R. Brian Ball**

Deputy Secretary

**Cassidy Rasnick**

Assistant Secretary

**John Begala**

Executive Assistant

**Cathy Stephens**

Special Assistant

**Michael Jerakis**

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## BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

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**Location:**

Virginia Board of Accountancy  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 402

Henrico, Virginia 23233  
Tel. (804) 367-8505

**Code Reference:**

§ 54.1-4405

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Board of Accountancy (BOA) regulates certified public accountants in Virginia through a program of examination, licensure of individuals and CPA firms, consumer protection through enforcement of VBOA statutes and regulations, continuing professional education and peer review oversight.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.boa.virginia.gov/Home/AboutUs.shtml>

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## **Board of Accountancy**

**Location:**

Virginia Board of Accountancy  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 402  
Henrico, Virginia 23233  
Tel. (804) 367-8505

**Code:**

§ 54.1-4402

**Purpose:**

The Board of Accountancy shall have the power and duty to establish the qualifications of applicants for licensure, provided that all qualifications shall be necessary to ensure competence and integrity, examine, or cause to be examined, the qualifications of each applicant for licensure, including the preparation, administration and grading of the CPA examination, promulgate regulations in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (' 2.2-4000 et seq.) necessary to assure continued competency, to prevent deceptive or misleading practices by licensees, and to effectively administer the regulatory system, levy and collect fees for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of Virginia licenses that are sufficient to cover all expenses of the administration and operation of the Board, and levy on holders of Virginia licenses special assessments necessary to cover expenses of the Board. The Board of Accountancy shall also initiate or receive complaints concerning the conduct of holders of Virginia licenses or concerning their violation of the provisions of this chapter or regulations promulgated by the Board, and to take appropriate disciplinary action if warranted, initiate or receive complaints concerning the conduct of persons who use the CPA title in Virginia under the substantial equivalency provisions of ' 54.1-4411 or firms that provide attest services, compilation services, or financial statement preparation services to persons or entities located in Virginia under the provisions of subsection C of ' 54.1-4412.1, and to take appropriate disciplinary action if warranted, initiate or receive complaints concerning violations of the provisions of this chapter or regulations promulgated by the Board by persons who use the CPA title in Virginia under the substantial equivalency provisions of ' 54.1-4411 or firms that provide attest services, compilation services, or financial statement preparation services to persons or entities located in Virginia under the provisions of subsection C of ' 54.1-4412.1, and to take appropriate disciplinary action if warranted, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew or reinstate a Virginia license for just causes as prescribed by the Board, revoke or suspend, for just causes as prescribed by the Board, a person's privilege of using the CPA title in Virginia under the substantial equivalency provisions of ' 54.1-4411 or a firm's privilege of providing attest services, compilation services, or financial statement preparation services to persons or entities located in Virginia under the provisions of subsection C of ' 54.1-4412.1. The Board shall establish requirements for peer reviews, establish continuing professional educational requirements as a condition for issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a Virginia license, expand or interpret the standards of conduct and practice in ' 54.1-4413.3, enter into contracts necessary or convenient for carrying out the provisions of this chapter or the functions of the Board, and do all things necessary and convenient for carrying into effect this chapter and regulations promulgated by the Board of Accountancy.

**Composition:**

The Board of Accountancy shall consist of seven members appointed by the Governor as follows: one member shall be a public member who may be an accountant who is not licensed but otherwise meets the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of ' 54.1-107; one member shall be an educator in the field of accounting who holds a Virginia license; four members shall be holders of Virginia licenses who have been actively engaged in providing services to the public for at least three years prior to appointment to the Board; and one member shall hold a Virginia license and for at least three years prior to appointment to the Board shall have been actively engaged in providing services to the public or in providing services to or on behalf of an employer in government or industry. Members of the Board shall serve for terms of four years. The Governor may remove any member as provided in subsection A of ' 2.2-108. Any member of the Board whose Virginia license is revoked or suspended shall automatically cease to be a member of the Board.

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**Term:**

Four years; no more than two successive full terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Laurie Ann Warwick	6/30/2024
Wendy P. Lewis	6/30/2024
Jay Bernas	6/30/2024
William Russell Brown	6/30/2025
W. Barclay Bradshaw	6/30/2022
D. Brian Carson	6/30/2023
Nadia A. Rogers	6/30/2023

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**CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY**

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**Location:**

Center for Innovative Technology  
2214 Rock Hill Road  
Suite 600  
Herndon, Virginia 20170  
Tel. (703) 689-3000

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-2221.01

**Purpose:**

Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) is a nonprofit corporation that accelerates the next generation of technology and technology companies. CIT creates new technology companies through capital formation, market development and revenue generation services. To facilitate national innovation leadership and accelerate the rate of technology adoption, CIT creates partnerships between innovative technology startup companies and advanced technology consumers.

**Web Site:**

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## CENTER FOR RURAL VIRGINIA

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**Location:**

600 East Main Street  
Third Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Purpose:**

To work with policymakers and stakeholders to create innovative solutions and expand entrepreneurial opportunities to ensure economic prosperity for all regions of the Commonwealth.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.cfrv.org/about-us>

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### Board of Trustees of the Center for Rural Virginia

**Location:**

Virginia Rural Center  
600 East Main Street  
Third Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2721

**Purpose:**

The Board of Trustees of the Center for Rural Virginia shall manage, control, maintain and operate the center to sustain economic growth in the rural areas of the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Center shall be governed by a board of trustees consisting of 21 members that include six legislative members, 12 nonlegislative citizen members, and three ex officio members to be appointed as follows: four members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; six nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; four nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and two nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The Lieutenant Governor, or his designee, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, or his designee, and the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, or his designee, shall serve ex officio with voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Legislative members and ex officio members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Initial appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be staggered as follows: four members for a term of three years appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; two members for a term of two years appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and one member for a term of two years appointed by the Governor. Thereafter, nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates or the Senate Committee on Rules shall be appointed for a term of two years, and nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates or the Senate Committee on Rules shall

serve more than four consecutive two-year terms, and no nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the Governor shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Term:**

Legislative members and ex officio members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Initial appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be staggered as follows: four members for a term of three years appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; two members for a term of two years appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and one member for a term of two years appointed by the Governor. Thereafter, nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates or the Senate Committee on Rules shall be appointed for a term of two years, and nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates or the Senate Committee on Rules shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms, and no nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the Governor shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Frank M. Ruff Jr.  
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The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Roslyn C. Tyler  
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The Honorable Chris L. Hurst  
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The Honorable Gwendolyn W. (Wendy) Gooditis  
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The Honorable Leslie R. (Les) Adams

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Elizabeth G. Povar	6/30/2024
..... Hope F. Cupit	6/30/2022

**Legislative Appointees:**

..... Ronald Jefferson	June 30, 2022
..... Eddie Ramirez	June 30, 2022
..... Brian Isringhausen	June 30, 2022
..... Anne Herring	June 30, 2022
..... Chris Van Vlack	June 30, 2023
..... Aviva Shapiro-Frye	June 30, 2023
..... Julie Hensley	June 30, 2023
..... Patricia Harper-Tunley	June 30, 2023
..... Lindsey Watson	June 30, 2023
..... Dr. Willene Johnson	June 30, 2023

**Ex Officio Members:**



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The Honorable Justin E. Fairfax, Lieutenant Governor

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The Honorable Brian Ball, Secretary of Commerce and Trade

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The Honorable Bettina Ring, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/147>

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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**Location:**

1100 Bank Street, 8th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code Reference:**

§ 45.1-161.3

**Purpose:**

To enhance the development and conservation of energy and mineral resources in a safe and environmentally sound manner in order to support a more productive economy in Virginia.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.dmme.virginia.gov/>

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### Virginia Solar Energy Development and Energy Storage Authority

**Location:**

1100 Bank Street, 8th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 67-1501

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Solar Energy Development Authority is continued as the Virginia Solar Energy Development and Energy Storage Authority. The Authority constitutes a body corporate and a political subdivision of the Commonwealth and as such shall have, and is vested with, all of the politic and corporate powers as are set forth in this chapter. The Authority is established for the purposes of (i) facilitating, coordinating, and supporting the development, either by the Authority or by other qualified entities, of the solar energy and energy storage industries and solar energy and energy storage projects by developing programs that increase the availability of financing for solar energy projects and energy storage projects; (ii) facilitating the increase of solar energy generation systems and energy storage projects on public and private sector facilities in the Commonwealth; (iii) promoting the growth of the Virginia solar and energy storage industries; (iv) providing a hub for collaboration between entities, both public and private, to partner on solar energy projects and energy storage projects; and (v) positioning the Commonwealth as a leader in research, development, commercialization, manufacturing, and deployment of energy storage technology. The Authority may also consult with research institutions, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and stakeholders as the Authority deems appropriate. The Authority shall have only those powers enumerated in this chapter.

**Composition:**

The Authority shall be composed of fifteen nonlegislative citizen members appointed as follows: eight members shall be appointed by the Governor; four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and three members shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. All members of the Authority shall reside in the Commonwealth. Members may include representatives of solar businesses, solar customers, renewable energy financiers, state and local government solar customers, institutions of higher education who have expertise in energy technology, and solar research academics. Except as otherwise provided herein, all appointments shall be for terms of four years each. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two successive four-year terms. After expiration of an initial term of three years or less, two additional four-year terms may be served by such member if appointed thereto. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired terms. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made in the same manner as the original appointment. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. The initial appointments of members by the Governor made pursuant to Chapters 90 and 398 of the Acts of Assembly of 2015 shall be as follows: two members shall be appointed for terms of four years, two members shall be appointed for terms of three years, and two members shall be appointed for terms of two years. The initial appointments of members by the Speaker of the House of Delegates made pursuant to Chapters 90 and 398 of the Acts of Assembly of 2015 shall be as follows: one member shall be appointed for a term of four years, one member shall be appointed for a term of three years, and one member shall be appointed for a term of two years. The initial appointments of members by the Senate Committee on Rules made pursuant to Chapters 90 and 398 of the Acts of Assembly of 2015 shall be as follows: one member shall be appointed for a term of four years, and one member shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter all appointments shall be for terms of four years. The Authority shall appoint from its membership a chairman and a vice-chairman, both of whom shall serve in such capacities at the pleasure of the Authority. The chairman, or in his absence the vice-chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Authority. The meetings of the Authority shall be held on the call of the chairman or whenever a majority of the members so request. A majority of members of the Authority serving at any one time shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Members shall serve without compensation. However, all members may be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in " 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Such expenses shall be paid from such funds as may be appropriated to the Authority by the General Assembly. Members of the Authority shall be subject to the standards of conduct set forth in the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (' 2.2-3100 et seq.) and may be removed from office for misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, neglect of duty, or misconduct in the manner set forth therein. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, members of the Authority shall be subject to the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (' 2.2-3700 et seq.).

**Term:**

Four year terms; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Rumy J. Mohta	6/30/2025
Paul G. Duncan	6/30/2025
Damian R. Pitt	6/30/2022
Careth C. Nystrom	6/30/2022
Cliona Mary Robb	6/30/2023
John Ockerman	6/30/2023
William Gathright	6/30/2025
Colleen A. Lueken	6/30/2024

**Code:**

§ 67-1601

**Purpose:**

The Southwest Virginia Energy Research and Development Authority is created as a body corporate and a political subdivision of the Commonwealth and as such shall have, and is vested with, all of the politic and corporate powers as are set forth in this chapter. The Authority is established for the purposes of promoting opportunities for energy development in Southwest Virginia, to create jobs and economic activity in Southwest Virginia consistent with the Virginia Energy Plan prepared pursuant to Chapter 2 (' 67-200 et seq.), and to position Southwest Virginia and the Commonwealth as a leader in energy workforce and energy technology research and development. The Authority may also consult with research institutions, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and stakeholders as the Authority deems appropriate. The Authority shall have only those powers enumerated in this chapte

**Composition:**

The Authority shall be composed of 11 nonlegislative citizen members appointed as follows: Four members shall be appointed by the Governor, four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and three members shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. All members of the Authority shall reside in the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

4 Years - No member shall be eligible to serve more than two successive four-year terms. After expiration of an initial term of three years or less, two additional four-year terms may be served by such member if appointed thereto.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Kristen A. Westover	6/30/2024
Lydia Sinemus	6/30/2025
Michael E. Karmis	6/30/2022
Brad J. Kreps	6/30/2023

**Legislative Appointees:**

Steve Breeding	June 30, 2023
Dr. Marcy Hernick	June 30, 2023
Amanda Cox	June 30, 2023
Mr. Dan Poteet	June 30, 2023
Michael Quillen	June 30, 2023
Jasen Eige	June 30, 2023
Duane Miller	June 30, 2023

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/488>

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**Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board**

**Location:**

3405 Mountain Empire Road  
Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219

Tel. (276) 523-8100

**Code:**

§ 45.1-161.98

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board is to advise and make recommendations to the Chief on matters relating to the health and safety of persons working in the Virginia coal industry; serve as the regulatory work committee for the Department on all coal mine health and safety matters not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Examiners; and prescribe guidelines to the Chief for recommending mines to be considered for reduced inspections.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of nine members appointed by the Governor, subject to the confirmation of the General Assembly, as follows: three shall be appointed from a list of individuals nominated by the Virginia Coal and Energy Alliance, three shall be appointed from a list of individuals nominated by the United Mine Workers of America, and three shall be appointed from the Commonwealth at large. All members of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and shall be residents of the Commonwealth.

The members of the Board shall elect its chairman. Members shall serve for terms of four years and their successors shall be appointed for terms of the same length, but vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Any member may be reappointed for successive terms.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*

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Victoria S. Ratliff

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Patti Church

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Christoper D. Lester

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Michael G. Prater

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Joshua West

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Harless Mullins

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Brett Alan Holbrook

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Harry D. Childress

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**Board of Coal Mining Examiners**

**Location:**

3405 Mountain Empire Road  
Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219  
Tel. (276) 523-8100

**Code:**

§ 45.1-161.24

**Purpose:**

The Board of Coal Mining Examiners shall certify competent persons for employment in the coal mining industry. The board may require examination of applicants for certification; however, an examination is mandatory of applicants for the mine inspector certification. The board makes regulations to carry out the statute

**Composition:**

There is hereby created the Board of Coal Mining Examiners which shall consist of five members. One member shall be the Chief, and four members shall be appointed by the Governor. One appointed member shall be a miner holding a first class mine foreman's certificate with at least five years of experience in underground coal mining and who is employed at an underground coal mine in the Commonwealth in a nonmanagerial, nonsupervisory capacity at the time of appointment. One appointed member shall be a miner with at least five years of experience in surface coal mining and who is employed at a surface coal mine in the Commonwealth in a nonmanagerial, nonsupervisory capacity at the time of appointment. One appointed member shall be an individual holding a first class mine foreman's certificate with at least five years of experience in the operation of underground coal mines, who is (i) an operator of an underground coal mine, (ii) an officer or director of a corporation operating an underground coal mine, (iii) a general partner of a partnership operating an underground coal mine, or (iv) an employee in a managerial or supervisory capacity of an operator of an underground coal mine in the Commonwealth at the time of appointment. One appointed member shall be an individual with at least five years of experience in the operation of surface coal mines, who is (i) an operator of a surface coal mine, (ii) an officer or director of a corporation operating a surface coal mine, (iii) a general partner of a partnership operating a surface coal mine, or (iv) an employee in a managerial or supervisory capacity of an operator of a surface coal mine in the Commonwealth at the time of appointment. All appointed members shall be residents of the Commonwealth.

The terms of office of the appointed members of the Board shall be as follows: one shall be appointed for an initial term of one year; one shall be appointed for an initial term of two years; one shall be appointed for an initial term of three years; and one shall be appointed for an initial term of four years. Thereafter, the members shall be appointed for terms of four years. Vacancies occurring on the Board among appointed members shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. The Chief shall serve as chairman of the Board.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Larance E. Middleton	6/30/2022
Quintin Justice	6/30/2025
Phillip W. Hale	6/30/2023
Michael E. Stiltner	6/30/2024

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**Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board**

**Location:**

3405 Mountain Empire Road  
Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219  
Tel. (276) 523-8100

**Code:**

§ 45.1-270.7

**Purpose:**

The Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board shall oversee the general operation of the Fund and recommend any necessary regulations or changes for administration or operation of the Fund.

**Composition:**

The Reclamation Fund Advisory Board shall consist of seven members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, at least four of whom shall represent the coal industry, one of whom shall be a representative of the Director, and two of whom shall represent conservation interests and such other public and private interests as may be appropriate in accordance with Article V of the Interstate Mining Compact (' 45.1-271). The Director of the Division shall be a continuing ex officio nonvoting member of the Reclamation Fund Advisory Board and shall serve as Secretary thereto.

The voting members of the Reclamation Fund Advisory Board shall initially be appointed for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years, such terms to be assigned by lot. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for five-year terms. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The Reclamation Fund Advisory Board shall annually elect a chairman and shall formulate rules for its organization and procedure.

**Term:**

Five years; no more than two consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Gregory F. Baker	6/30/2022
Christopher James Stanley	6/30/2023
John P. Jones	6/30/2024
Timothy R. Browning	6/30/2025
Brad J. Kreps	6/30/2023
Barbara F. Altizer	6/30/2023
Donna D. Stanley	6/30/2023

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**Virginia Gas and Oil Board**

**Location:**

Russell County Government Center  
Post Office Box 159  
135 Highland Drive  
Lebanon, Virginia 24266-0159  
Tel. (276) 415-9700

**Code:**

§ 45.1-361.13

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Gas and Oil Board shall foster, encourage, and promote the safe and efficient exploration for and development, production, and conservation of the gas and oil resources located in the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of seven members. The Governor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, the chairman and six additional members of the Board...the members shall be appointed for terms of six years. At all times, the Board shall consist of the following qualified members: the Director or his designee; one but not more than one individual who

is a representative of the gas and oil industry; one but not more than one individual who is a representative of the coal industry; and four other individuals who are not representatives of the gas, oil or coal industry. All vacancies occurring on the Board shall be filled by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, for the unexpired term within sixty days of the occurrence of the vacancy. As the terms of office, respectively, of the members expire, the Governor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, to fill the vacancies so occasioned, qualified persons whose terms shall be for six years from the day on which that of their immediate predecessor expired. The Governor shall seek to appoint persons who reside in localities with significant oil or gas production or storage.

**Term:**

Six year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Donald L. Ratliff	6/30/2026
Donnie W. Rife	6/30/2022
Bruce A. Prather	6/30/2026
William S. Harris	6/30/2026
Mary A. Quillen	6/30/2024
David Spears	6/30/2022
Rita G. Surratt	6/30/2024

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**Virginia Offshore Wind Development Authority**

**Location:**

3405 Mountain Empire Road  
Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219  
Tel. (276) 523-8100

**Code:**

§ 67-1201

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Offshore Wind Development Authority is created as a body corporate and a political subdivision of the Commonwealth and as such shall have, and is vested with, all of the politic and corporate powers as are set forth in this chapter. The Authority is established for the purposes of facilitating, coordinating, and supporting the development, either by the Authority or by other qualified entities, of the offshore wind energy industry, offshore wind energy projects, and associated supply chain vendors by collecting relevant metocean and environmental data, by identifying existing state and regulatory or administrative barriers to the development of the offshore wind energy industry, by working in cooperation with relevant local, state, and federal agencies to upgrade port and other logistical facilities and sites to accommodate the manufacturing and assembly of offshore wind energy project components and vessels, and by ensuring that the development of such projects is compatible with other ocean uses and avian and marine resources, including both the possible interference with and positive effects on naval facilities and operations, NASA Wallops Flight Facility operations, shipping lanes, recreational and commercial fisheries, and avian and marine species and habitats. The Authority shall, in cooperation with the relevant state and federal agencies as necessary, recommend ways to encourage and expedite the development of the offshore wind energy industry. The Authority shall also consult with research institutions, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and stakeholders as the Authority deems appropriate.

**Composition:**

The Authority shall be composed of nine non legislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative of the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority. In addition, one ex officio member without voting privileges shall be selected by the Governor after consideration of the persons nominated by the Secretary of the Navy. With the exception of the representative of the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority, all members of the Authority shall reside in the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Benjamin H. Framme	6/30/2022
William J. Fediw	6/30/2025
Ashley K. Mcleod	6/30/2025
Phillip S. Green	6/30/2022
Eileen Woll	6/30/2025
James D. Mcarthur	6/30/2024
Christopher Gullickson	6/30/2024
Mark D. Mitchell	6/30/2022
Laura B. McKay	6/30/2024

**Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority**

**Location:**

1100 Bank Street, 8th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 692-3212

**Code:**

§ 67-1401

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority (VNECA) has been established for the purposes of making the Commonwealth a national and global leader in nuclear energy and serving as an interdisciplinary study, research, and information resource for the Commonwealth on nuclear energy issues.

**Composition:**

The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of seventeen members appointed as follows:the Director of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy or his designee; the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership or his designee; the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee; the President of Virginia Commonwealth University or his designee; the President of the University of Virginia or his designee; the President of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University or his designee; the President of George Mason University or his designee; two individuals to represent an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth not already represented on the Board, at least one of which shall be a private institution of higher education; six individuals, each to represent a single business entity located in the Commonwealth that is engaged in activities directly related to the nuclear energy industry; one



individual to represent a nuclear energy-related nonprofit organization; and one individual to represent a Virginia-based federal research laboratory.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Scott A. Kopple	6/30/2025
William John Briscoe	6/30/2023
Michael K. Lempke	6/30/2023
Daniel Stoddard	6/30/2025
Dayton Woodruff Lawman	6/30/2023
Tom Owen DePonty	6/30/2023
VACANT	
Eugene S. Grecheck	6/30/2025
Andrew M. Hutton	6/30/2025
Richard Le Diddams	6/30/2025

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**Clean Energy Advisory Board**

**Code:**

§ 45.1-395

**Purpose:**

The Clean Energy Advisory Board (the Board) is established as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Board is to establish a pilot program for disbursing loans or rebates for the installation of solar energy infrastructure in low-income and moderate-income households.

**Composition:**

The Board shall have a total membership of 17 members that shall consist of 16 nonlegislative citizen members and one ex officio member. Members may reside within or without the Commonwealth. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed as follows:

1. Six nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates upon consideration of the recommendations of the Board of Directors of the Maryland-DC-Delaware-Virginia Solar Energy Industries Association (the MDV-SEIA Board) and the Governor's Advisory Council on Environmental Justice (the Council), one of whom shall be a designee of the Virginia Housing Development Authority, created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 1.2 (' 36-55.24 et seq.) of Title 36; one of whom shall be a rooftop solar energy professional or employer or representative of rooftop solar energy professionals; one of whom shall be a current or former member of the Council; one of whom shall be a member or representative of the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC); one of whom shall be an expert with experience developing low-income or moderate-income incentive and loan programs for distributed renewable energy resources; and one of whom shall be an attorney who is licensed to practice in the Commonwealth and maintains a legal practice dedicated to rural development, rural electrification, and energy policy;
2. Three nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules upon consideration of the recommendations of the MDV-SEIA Board, one of whom shall be a solar energy professional or employer or representative of solar energy professionals, one of whom shall work for or with a Virginia-based investor-owned electric utility company, and one of whom shall be a member or representative of VMDAEC;
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nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor upon consideration of the recommendations of the MDV-SEIA Board and the Council and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, one of whom shall be an attorney who is licensed to practice in the Commonwealth and maintains a legal practice in renewable energy law and transactions, one of whom shall be an attorney who is licensed to practice in the Commonwealth and specializes in tax law and energy transactions, one of whom shall be an attorney with the Division of Consumer Counsel created pursuant to the provisions of ' 2.2-517, one of whom shall be an employee of a community development financial institution who specializes in impact investing, one of whom shall be a member of a Virginia environmental organization, and two of whom shall be designees of the Department of Housing and Community Development, created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 8 (' 36-131 et seq.) of Title 36. The Director or his designee shall serve ex officio with voting privileges and shall assist in convening the meetings of the Board. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth. The ex officio member of the Board shall serve a term coincident with his term of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of three years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

3 Years

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Janaka Casper	6/30/2022
Katherine C. Bleile	6/30/2022
VACANT	
William S. Greenleaf	6/30/2022
William Reisinger	6/30/2022
Hannah C. Coman	6/30/2022
Susan N. Kruse	6/30/2022

**Legislative Appointees:**

Katharine Bond	June 30, 2022
Mr. Taylor Brown	June 30, 2023
Kirk Johnson	June 30, 2022
Ms. Toni Ostrowski	June 30, 2022
Sarah Nerette	June 30, 2024
Kendyl Crawford	June 30, 2024
Samuel Brumberg	June 30, 2024
Will Cleveland	June 30, 2024
Carmen Bingham	June 30, 2024

**Ex Officio Members:**

John Warren, Director, Department of Energy

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/487>

## Interstate Mining Compact Commission

**Location:**

445-A Carlisle Drive  
Herndon, Virginia 20170  
Tel. (703) 709-8654  
Fax (703) 709-865

**Code:**

§ 45.1-271

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission is to advance the protection and restoration of land, water and other resources affected by mining; Assist in the reduction or elimination or counteracting of pollution or deterioration of land, water and air attributable to mining and assist the party States in their efforts to facilitate the use of land and other resources affected by mining, so that such use may be consistent with sound land use, public health, and public safety.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall be composed of one commissioner from each party State who shall be the Governor thereof. Pursuant to the laws of his party State, each Governor shall have the assistance of any advisory body (including membership from mining industries, conservation interests, and such other public and private interests as may be appropriate) in considering problems relating to mining and in discharging his responsibilities as the commissioner of his State on the Commission.

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## Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

**Location:**

Post Office Box 53127  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152  
Tel. (405) 525-8380  
Fax (405) 525-3592

**Code:**

§ 45.1-381

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission is to make inquiries and ascertain practices and circumstances in order to bring about conservation of oil and gas and the prevention of physical waste from any cause.

**Composition:**

The Governor is designated as the official representative of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Director of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy is designated to be the assistant representative to act as the official representative of the Commonwealth when such authority is delegated by the Governor.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

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*Term Expires*

Benny Wampler

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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**Location:**

600 East Main Street, Suite 300  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 371-7000 Fax (804) 371-7090

**Code Reference:**

§ 36-132

**Purpose:**

To enhance the quality of individuals' and community life by promoting suitable, safe housing, economically viable communities; provide community services assistance, policy analysis, and research in the fields of community planning and management, housing and economic development; and provide for building and fire safety regulations.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/>

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### Broadband Advisory Council

**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street, 4th Floor  
Patrick Henry Building  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-9579

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2699.3

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Broadband Advisory Council is to advise the Governor on policy and funding priorities to expedite deployment and reduce the cost of broadband access in the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Council shall have a total membership of 17 members that shall consist of seven legislative members, six nonlegislative citizen members, and four ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and six nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, of whom one shall be a representative of the Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association, one shall be a representative of the Virginia Telecommunications Industry Association, one shall be a representative from local government recommended by the Virginia Municipal League and Virginia Association of Counties, one shall be a representative of the Virginia Wireless Internet Service Providers Association, one shall be a representative of a wireless service authority, and one shall be a representative of the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives. The executive director of the Center for Rural Virginia and

three Secretaries as defined in ' 2.2-200 to be appointed by the Governor shall serve ex officio. Legislative and ex officio members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Other members shall be appointed for terms of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.

**Term:**

Two year terms

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Lynwood W. Lewis Jr.  
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The Honorable Jennifer B. Boysko  
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The Honorable Ghazala F. Hashmi  
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**House Members:**

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The Honorable Paul E. Krizek  
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The Honorable Roslyn C. Tyler  
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The Honorable Chris L. Hurst  
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The Honorable James A. (Jay) Leftwich Jr.  
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**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Raphael C. LaMura .....	6/30/2023
Richard Schollmann .....	6/30/2023
Steven Sandy .....	6/30/2023
James Carr .....	6/30/2023
Michael J. Culp .....	6/30/2023
Casey Logan .....	6/30/2023

**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Brian Ball, Secretary of Commerce and Trade  
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The Honorable Karen Jackson, Secretary of Technology  
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**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/224>

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**Board of Housing and Community Development**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

Main Street Centre

600 East Main Street

Suite 300

Richmond, VA 23219

Tel. (804) 371-7000

**Code:**

§ 36-135

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Housing and Community Development is to ensure the public's health and safety in buildings and structures in the Commonwealth; and to advise the Governor, the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Director of the Center for Housing Research on housing and community development issues.

**Composition:**

The Board of Housing and Community Development within the Department of Housing and Community Development shall consist of 14 members as follows: 11 members, one representing each congressional district in the Commonwealth, who are appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, the Executive Director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority as an ex officio voting member; a member of the Virginia Fire Services Board, to be appointed by the chairman of that Board; and the Director of Regulatory Compliance of the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association, who shall be a member of the Board's Codes and Standards Committee, but shall not serve as either the chairman of such committee or of the Board. Members shall serve for four-year terms and no member shall serve for more than two full successive terms. A chairman of the Board shall be elected annually by the Board.

**Term:**

Four year terms; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Larry B. Murphy	6/30/2024
Brett E. Meringoff	6/30/2023
Claudia K. Cotton	6/30/2024
Patricia P. Shields	6/30/2023
Mark F. Jackson	6/30/2024
Sylvia M. Hallock	6/30/2024
Richard W. Gregory	6/30/2024
Abigail "Abby" C. Johnson	6/30/2025
Andrew M. Friedman	6/30/2022
Paykon H. Sarmadi	6/30/2022
Azfar S. Abbasi	6/30/2022

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**Commission on Local Government**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development  
Main Street Centre  
600 East Main Street  
Suite 300  
Richmond, VA 23219  
Tel. (804) 371-7000

**Code:**

§§ 15.2-2901 and 15.2-2903

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Commission on Local Government is to create a procedure whereby the Commonwealth will help ensure that all of its localities are maintained as viable communities in which their citizens can live. The Commission's primary duties include: reviewing and publishing advisory reports on local boundary change and governmental transition issues for the courts and localities, publishing an annual report analyzing the comparative revenue capacity, revenue effort and fiscal stress of Virginia's counties and cities, publishing an annual catalog of state and Federal mandates on local governments, overseeing agency assessment of state and Federal mandates on local governments, and publishing an annual report on local government utilization of cash proffers.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The members' terms of office shall be for five years except that original appointments shall be made for such terms that the term of one member shall expire each year. Members initially appointed shall take office on January 1, 1980; thereafter, the members appointed for regular terms shall take office at the beginning of the term for which appointed and those appointed to fill vacancies shall take office immediately upon their appointment. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

Each member shall, at the time of appointment and during his term of office, be a qualified voter under the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth and shall further be a person qualified by knowledge and experience in local government. No member of the Commission shall hold any other elective or appointive public office. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no person shall be disqualified from membership on the Commission by virtue of any employment held by him with the United States or a public institution of higher education. Any vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development shall also serve as the Executive Director of the Commission, who shall employ such personnel as may be required to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The Executive Director shall also (i) make and enter into contracts as necessary or incidental to the performance of the Commission's duties; (ii) accept grants from the United States or other sources; (iii) exercise supervision of the administration of Commission affairs; and (iv) prepare and submit a budget to the Governor as requested.

**Term:**

Five year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Edwin S. Rosado	12/31/2026
Rosemary M. Mahan	12/31/2022
Stephanie D. Davis	12/31/2023
Diane M. Linderman	12/31/2024
Ceasor T. Johnson	12/31/2025

**Virginia Manufactured Housing Board**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development  
Main Street Centre  
600 East Main Street  
Suite 300

Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 371-7000

**Code:**

§ 36-85.17

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Manufactured Housing Board shall have the following powers and duties: to issue licenses to manufacturers, dealers, brokers, and salesmen; to require that an adequate recovery fund be established for all regulants; to receive and resolve complaints from buyers of manufactured homes and from persons in the manufactured housing industry; and to promulgate regulations in accordance with the Administrative Process Act.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of nine members, eight of whom shall be nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly and one of whom shall be the Director, who shall serve ex officio. The appointed members shall include two manufactured home manufacturers, two manufactured home dealers, and four members representing the public who have knowledge of the industry.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
David C. Bridges	3/31/2022
Keith Hicks	3/31/2024
Stephan Jo Geiser	3/31/2024
Walter Cleaton	3/31/2022
James P. Trepinski	3/31/2024
Sean D. Hicks	3/31/2024
Shawna J. Cheney	3/31/2022
John S. Montgomery	3/31/2022

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**State Building Code Technical Review Board**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development  
Main Street Centre  
600 East Main Street  
Suite 300  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 371-7000

**Code:**

§ 36-108

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the State Building Code Technical Review Board is to hear appeals from decisions arising under applications of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, the Virginia Amusement Device Regulations, the Virginia Statewide Fire



Prevention Code, and the Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations, and to render decisions on any such appeals; and to interpret the provisions of the Virginia Statewide Building Code and the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code and to make recommendations to the Board of Housing and Community Development for modification, amendment, or repeal of any such provisions.

**Composition:**

There is hereby continued, in the Department, the State Building Code Technical Review Board, consisting of 14 members, appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The members shall include one member who is a registered architect, selected from a slate presented by the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects; one member who is a professional engineer in private practice, selected from a slate presented by the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers; one member who is a residential builder, selected from a slate presented by the Home Builders Association of Virginia; one member who is a general contractor, selected from a slate presented by the Virginia Branch, Associated General Contractors of America; two members who have had experience in the field of enforcement of building regulations, selected from a slate presented by the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association; one member who is employed by a public agency as a fire prevention officer, selected from a slate presented by the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association; one member whose primary occupation is commercial or retail construction or operation and maintenance, selected from a slate presented by the Virginia chapters of Building Owners and Managers Association, International; one member whose primary occupation is residential, multifamily housing construction or operation and maintenance, selected from a slate presented by the Virginia chapters of the National Apartment Association; one member who is an electrical contractor who has held a Class A license for at least 10 years; one member who is a plumbing contractor who has held a Class A license for at least 10 years and one member who is a heating and cooling contractor who has held a Class A license for at least 10 years, both of whom are selected from a combined slate presented by the Virginia Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors and the Virginia Chapters of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America; and two members from the Commonwealth at large who may be members of local governing bodies. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
William Shaun Pharr	
Joanne Monday	
Christina D. Jackson	
J. Crigler	
Alan D. Givens	
Richard C. Witt	
Eric Mays	
Joseph Kessler	
James R. Dawson	
Robert J. Margarella	
Aaron Lee Zdinak	
Vince Butler	
David V. Hutchins	
Elizabeth C. White	

**Location:**

1108 East Main Street  
Suite 1100  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2485

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board is established as a policy board in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Board is to promote collaborative regional economic and workforce development opportunities and activities.

**Composition:**

The Board shall have a total membership of 24 members that shall consist of seven legislative members, 14 nonlegislative citizen members, and three ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: four members of the House of Delegates, consisting of the Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations and three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate, consisting of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and two members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; two nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, who shall be from different regions of the Commonwealth and have significant private-sector business experience; two nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, who shall be from different regions of the Commonwealth and have significant private-sector business experience; two nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, who shall be from different regions of the Commonwealth and have significant private-sector business experience; and eight nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to the confirmation of the General Assembly, who shall have significant private-sector business experience. Of the Governor's nonlegislative citizen appointments subject to General Assembly confirmation, no more than two appointees may be from any one region of the Commonwealth. The Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Senate Committee on Rules shall submit a list of recommended nonlegislative citizens with significant private-sector business experience for the Governor to consider in making his nonlegislative citizen appointments. The Governor shall also appoint three Secretaries from the following, who shall serve ex officio with voting privileges: the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Secretary of Education, and the Secretary of Finance. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

C. Legislative members and ex officio members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. No House member appointed by the Speaker of the House shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms, no Senate member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms, and no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.

**Term:**

Legislative members and ex officio members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Janet D. Howell  
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The Honorable Frank M. Ruff Jr.  
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The Honorable George L. Barker

**House Members:**

The Honorable Luke E. Torian, Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn  
The Honorable Lamont Bagby  
The Honorable Martha M. Mugler

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Leah Fremouw	6/30/2025
Lucia Anna Trigiani	6/30/2024
John O. (Dubby) Wynne	6/30/2024
Todd Stottlemeyer	6/30/2025
Eva Hardy	6/30/2022
Nancy Agee	6/30/2023
Marilyn West	6/30/2023
Don "Robin" Sullenberger	6/30/2022
Douglas B. Juanarena	6/30/2023
James Webster Dyke	6/30/2024

**Legislative Appointees:**

Mr. Steve Smith	June 30, 2022
Joseph R. Wilson	June 30, 2022
Ben Davenport	June 30, 2023
W. Heywood Fralin	June 30, 2023

**Ex Officio Members:**

Members of Governor's Cabinet, Cabinet Secretaries

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/427>

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DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS AND SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

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**Location:**

101 North 14th Street  
11th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-6585 ? Fax (804) 786-9736

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-1603

**Purpose:**

To promote small, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses; coordinate the state government programs that affect the establishment, preservation, and strengthening of these businesses; and serve as the liaison between the Commonwealth's existing business and state government in order to promote the development of Virginia's economy.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.sbsd.virginia.gov>

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## **Virginia Small Business Financing Authority**

**Location:**

4490 Cox Road  
Glen Allen, Virginia 23060  
Tel. (804) 643-7469

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2280

**Purpose:**

The General Assembly finds and determines that (i) there exists in the Commonwealth a need to assist small and other eligible businesses in the Commonwealth in obtaining financing for new business or in the expansion of existing business in order to promote and develop industrial development and to further the long-term economic development of the Commonwealth through the improvement of its tax base and the promotion of employment and (ii) it is necessary to create a governmental body to provide financial assistance to small and other eligible businesses in the Commonwealth by providing loans, guarantees, insurance and other assistance to small and other eligible businesses, thereby encouraging the investment of private capital in small and other eligible businesses in the Commonwealth. The creation of this governmental body to assist in such matters is essential to the industrial development of the Commonwealth. In making these determinations, the General Assembly has considered and affirmatively expresses its policy to assist small and other eligible businesses in Virginia, acknowledging that this determination has and will affect competition.

It is further declared that all of the foregoing are public purposes and that the activities of the Authority will serve a public purpose in that they will promote industry, develop trade and increase employment opportunities for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Commonwealth, either through the increase of commerce or through the promotion of safety, health, welfare, convenience or prosperity; and that the necessity of enacting the provisions herein set forth is in the public interest and is so declared as a matter of express legislative determination.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of the State Treasurer or his designee, the Director of the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, and nine members who are not employees of the Commonwealth or of any political subdivision thereof who shall be appointed by the Governor and, who shall have such small business experience as he deems necessary or desirable and at least five of whom shall have experience in small business lending. The appointment of members of the Board by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. All members of the Board shall be residents of the Commonwealth and shall have full voting privileges. Appointments shall be for terms of four years, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be made for the unexpired terms. No member appointed by the Governor shall serve more than two complete terms in succession. The members of the Board shall receive no salaries but shall be paid travel and other expenses incurred to attend meetings or while otherwise engaged in the discharge of their duties, all as may be deemed appropriate by the Board.

**Term:**

Appointments shall be for terms of four years, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be made for the unexpired terms. No member appointed by the Governor shall serve more than two complete terms in succession

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ronnie N. Johnson	6/30/2023
Michael Joyce	6/30/2023
Ronald K. Hobson	6/30/2023
Susana Marino	6/30/2024
William J. Smith	6/30/2024
Linh Duy Hoang	6/30/2024
John G. Dane	6/30/2025
Corey Holeman	6/30/2022
Sanjay Puri	6/30/2022

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## INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP INVESTMENT AUTHORITY

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**Location:**

2214 Rock Hill Road, Suite 600  
 Herndon, Virginia 20170-4228  
 Tel. (703) 689-3000  
 Fax: (703) 689-3041

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-2219

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority is to promote the economic development of the Commonwealth by attracting and retaining high technology jobs and businesses in Virginia.

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## VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

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**Location:**

901 East Cary Street  
 Post Office Box 798  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 545-5600  
 Fax (804) 545-5611

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-2234

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) was created by the Virginia General Assembly in 1995 to encourage, stimulate, and support development and expansion of the Commonwealth's economy. To accomplish these objectives, the Partnership focuses on business recruitment, expansion, and international trade. VEDP has offices in Virginia, Germany, Japan, and South Korea.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vedp.org>

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## Committee on International Trade, VEDP

**Location:**

901 East Cary Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 545-5600

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2239.2.

**Purpose:**

The Committee on International Trade shall advise the Board on all matters relating to international trade and trade promotion and shall make recommendations upon request of the Board.

**Composition:**

The Board shall establish a Committee on International Trade (the Committee) consisting of the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, serving as an ex officio member with voting privileges and whose term is coincident with his term of office, and eight nonlegislative citizen members as follows: one member who is a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority and two nonlegislative citizen members possessing experience or expertise in international trade or trade promotion appointed by the Governor and approved by the General Assembly; and five nonlegislative citizen members possessing experience or expertise in international trade or trade promotion appointed by the Joint Rules Committee. The Virginia Manufacturing Association shall submit to the Governor and the Joint Rules Committee a list of 12 recommendations for appointments to the Committee. One of the Governor's appointments pursuant to subdivision 1 shall be made from such list, and two of the Joint Rules Committee's 4 of 13 appointments pursuant to subdivision 2 shall be made from such list.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Stuart Malawer	6/30/2023
John G. Milliken	6/30/2025
James Yongjie Xu	6/30/2024

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## VIRGINIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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**Location:**

601 South Belvidere Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23220

**Code Reference:**

§ 36-55.27

**Purpose:**

To provide for low and moderate income persons and families financing and other assistance for safe and sanitary housing and energy-saving improvements which they could not otherwise afford.

**Web Site:**

## Virginia Housing Development Authority

**Location:**

601 South Belvidere Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23220  
Tel. (804) 782-1986 Fax (804) 783-6704

**Code:**

§ 36-55.27

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Virginia Housing Development Authority is to provide for low and moderate income persons and families financing and other assistance for safe and sanitary housing and energy-saving improvements which they could not otherwise afford.

**Composition:**

The powers of HDA shall be vested in the commissioners of HDA as follows: a representative of the Board of Housing and Community Development, such representative to be selected by that Board; the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development as an ex officio voting commissioner; the Treasurer of the Commonwealth; and seven persons appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, for terms of four years. An additional commissioner satisfying the criteria specified by Section 2 (b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated there under, shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, for a term of four years. If, however, after appointment, the additional commissioner no longer satisfies such criteria, he may be removed by the Governor effective upon the appointment and qualification of his successor, who shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. In appointing persons to the commission the Governor shall refrain from appointing more than three persons from any one commercial or industrial field.

**Term:**

Four year terms; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Lisa R. Porter	6/30/2023
Michael J. Schewel	6/30/2023
Thomas A. Gibson	6/30/2024
Carlos Larrazabal	6/30/2024
Nathalia D. Artus	6/30/2024
William C. Shelton	6/30/2025
Shekar Narasimhan	6/30/2022
Barbara Blackston	6/30/2022

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## VIRGINIA TOBACCO REGION REVITALIZATION COMMISSION

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**Location:**

Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission  
701 East Franklin Street Suite 501  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 225-2027  
Fax: (804) 786-3210

**Code Reference:**

§ 3.2-3101

**Purpose:**

The Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission was established for the purposes of determining the appropriate recipients of moneys in the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund and causing distribution of such moneys to provide payments to tobacco farmers as compensation for the adverse economic effects resulting from loss of investment in specialized tobacco equipment and barns and lost tobacco production opportunities associated with a decline in quota; and revitalize tobacco dependent communities.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.revitalizeva.org/>

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## VIRGINIA TOURISM CORPORATION

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**Location:**

901 East Byrd Street, 19th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-2315

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Tourism Authority (VTA) serves the broader interests of the Virginia economy by supporting, maintaining, and expanding the Commonwealth's domestic and international travel markets and motion picture production, thereby generating increased visitor expenditures, tax revenues, and employment. The VTA develops and implements programs beneficial to Virginia travel-related and motion picture production-related businesses and consumers.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vatc.org/>

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### Virginia Tourism Authority

**Location:**

901 E. Cary Street, Suite 900  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 545-5500 Fax (804) 545-5501

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2315

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Tourism Authority (VTA) serves the broader interests of the Virginia economy by supporting, maintaining, and expanding the Commonwealth's domestic and international travel markets and motion picture production, thereby generating



increased visitor expenditures, tax revenues, and employment. The VTA develops and implements programs beneficial to Virginia travel-related and motion picture production-related businesses and consumers.

**Composition:**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Lieutenant Governor, and 12 members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The members of the Board appointed by the Governor shall serve terms of six years. Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board shall be made for the unexpired term of the member whose death, resignation or removal created the vacancy. All members of the Board shall be residents of the Commonwealth. Members may be appointed to successive terms on the Board of Directors. The Governor shall make appointments in such a manner as to ensure the widest possible geographical representation of all parts of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

6 years

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Susan K. Payne	
Kelli S. Lemon	6/30/2024
Terry L. Stroud	6/30/2026
Damian Dajcz	6/30/2026
Phyllis A. Terrell	6/30/2024
Calvin D. Jamison	6/30/2024
Ssunny Shah	6/30/2024
Pete Eshelman	6/30/2024
Justin G. Reid	6/30/2025
Meredith G. Lusk	6/30/2025
Susan Payne	6/30/2025
Jean Ann Bolling	6/30/2025
Alethea J. Jeffries Robinson	6/30/2026

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**Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority**

**Location:**

Contact Us | Phone: 703.689.3000 | Fax: 703.689.3001 | [info@VirginiaIPC.org](mailto:info@VirginiaIPC.org)

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2353

**Purpose:**

B. It is found and determined by the General Assembly that there exists in the Commonwealth a need to support the life cycle of innovation, from translational research; to entrepreneurship; to pre-seed and seed stage funding; and to acceleration, growth, and commercialization, resulting in the creation of new jobs and company formation. A collaborative, consistent, and consolidated approach will assist the Commonwealth in identifying its entrepreneurial strengths, including the identification of talents and resources that make the Commonwealth a unique place to grow and attract technology-based businesses. It is also found and determined by the General Assembly that there exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia a need to (i) promote the technology-based economic development of the Commonwealth by building, attracting, and retaining innovation and high-technology jobs and

businesses in Virginia; (ii) increase industry competitiveness by supporting the application of innovative technologies that improve productivity and efficiency; (iii) attract and provide additional private and public funding in the Commonwealth to enhance and expand the scientific and technological research and commercialization at state and federal research institutions and facilities, including by supporting and working with technology transfer offices to advance research from proof-of-concept to commercialization resulting in new business and job creation; (iv) attract and provide additional private and public funding to support and enhance innovation-led entrepreneurship ecosystems and coordination of existing activities and programs throughout the Commonwealth to create new job opportunities and diversify the economy; (v) ensure promotion and marketing of Virginia's statewide innovation economy and support and coordinate regional marketing efforts to align local and statewide objectives; and (vi) close the Commonwealth's support gap through pre-seed and seed stage investments, coordination of private investor networks, and shared due diligence research.

C. To achieve the objectives set forth in subsection B, there is created and constituted a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to be known as the Commonwealth of Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority. The Authority's exercise of powers conferred by this article shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential governmental function and matters of public necessity for which public moneys may be spent and private property acquired. Nothing in this article shall be construed to diminish or limit the powers and responsibilities of institutions of higher education or other educational or cultural institutions set forth in Title 23.1, including but not limited to such institution's authority to establish its own independent policies and technology transfer offices.

**Composition:**

A. The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of 11 voting members as follows: (i) the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, or his designee; (ii) six nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor; (iii) three nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Joint Rules Committee; and (iv) one director of technology transfer office or equivalent position from a major research public institution of higher education, appointed by the Joint Rules Committee.

B. Of the nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, (i) two nonlegislative citizen members shall be from the investor community with experience as a partner in a venture capital fund with a minimum of \$35 million under management or experience qualifying as an accredited investor, as defined by the federal Securities and Exchange Commission, who have experience investing, as an individual or as part of an angel group, in 10 or more early stage companies; (ii) two nonlegislative citizen members shall be from the technology sector with experience (a) as a founder of a science-based or technology-based business and who have raised equity capital or (b) as a senior executive in a science or technology company with operations in Virginia and with annual revenues in excess of \$100 million; and (iii) two nonlegislative citizen members shall have experience acquiring or commercializing intellectual property through private research or experience acquiring or commercializing intellectual property from a university or other research institution. Of the nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Joint Rules Committee, two nonlegislative citizen members shall have experience in entrepreneurial development or entrepreneurial community and network development. In making the appointments, the Governor and the Joint Rules Committee shall consider the geographic and demographic diversity of the Board.

**Term:**

After an initial staggering of terms, members of the Board shall serve terms of four years. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two terms. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. A person appointed to fill a vacancy may be appointed to serve two additional terms. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Monique S. Adams	6/30/2024
Richard W. Hall	6/30/2025
Kurt M. John	6/30/2024
Chiedo John	6/30/2022
Barbara D. Boyan	6/30/2024
Paula Sorrell	6/30/2023

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## Research and Technology Investment Advisory Committee

**Location:**

Center for Innovative Technology  
2214 Rock Hill Road, Suite 600  
Herndon, Virginia 20170-4228  
Tel. (703) 689-3000  
Fax: (703) 689-3041

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2220.1

**Purpose:**

The Research and Technology Investment Advisory Committee shall assist the Authority in reviewing applications for awards from the Commonwealth Research Commercialization Fund pursuant to ' 2.2-2233.1 and make recommendations to the Authority concerning the awards. In reviewing the applications, the Advisory Committee shall only recommend for award those applications that, based upon the Commonwealth Research and Technology Strategic Roadmap and in the opinion of the Advisory Committee, are based upon sound scientific principles and present an opportunity for valid research, relate to a key industry sector identified in the Commonwealth Research and Technology Strategic Roadmap as an area of focus for technology investment in the Commonwealth, and present a significant potential for commercialization in the Commonwealth. In the case of an application for an award from the eminent researcher recruitment program pursuant to subdivision D 5 of ' 2.2-2233.1, the Advisory Committee shall only consider researchers who conduct viable research with significant potential for commercialization in an area related to a key industry sector identified in the Strategic Roadmap as an area of focus for technology investment in the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Research and Technology Investment Advisory Committee shall be administered by the Authority and consist of ten members as follows: the four vice-provosts of research at major state institutions of higher education from the state institutions of higher education not represented on the Authority, the president and chief executive officer of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and five citizen members appointed as follows: the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall appoint one citizen who shall have experience in financing emerging technology businesses and one citizen who shall be a representative of an engineering firm, the Senate Committee on Rules shall appoint one citizen who shall be a representative of an engineering firm and one citizen who shall represent an independent or federal research facility in the Commonwealth, and the Governor shall appoint one citizen who shall represent a technology company with significant operations in the Commonwealth. A vice-provost of a state institution shall serve until the president of the institution that he represents is appointed to serve on the Authority, at which time the vice-provost of the state institution no longer represented on the Authority shall become a member of the Advisory Committee. Citizen members shall be appointed for terms of four years. A citizen member may be appointed for successive terms.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Jay Scott Tolleson	6/30/2023

**Legislative Appointees:**

Dr. Venkat Rao	June 30, 2023
Craig R. Wanke	June 30, 2023
Cheryl Giggetts	June 30, 2020

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Stephen P. Clinton

June 30, 2020

**Ex Officio Members:**

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President & CEO or designee, Virginia Economic Partnership Development

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/358>

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

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**Fran Bradford**

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**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street, 3rd Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-1151

**Purpose:**

The Secretary of Education assists the Governor in the development and implementation of the state's education policy. The Education Secretariat provides guidance to the 16 public universities, the Virginia Community College System, five higher education and research centers, the Department of Education, and the state supported museums.

**Website:**

<https://www.education.virginia.gov/>

Secretary	<b>Fran Bradford</b>
Former Secretary	<b>Atif Qarni</b>
Deputy Secretary	<b>Kathy Burcher</b>
Deputy Secretary	<b>Holly Coy</b>
Assistant Secretary	<b>Tori Noles</b>
Executive Assistant	<b>Hala Al-tinawi</b>
Assistant Secretary of Early Childhood Education	<b>David Cary</b>

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**Location:**

1 Avenue of the Arts  
Newport News, Virginia 23606-3072  
Tel. (757) 594-7000 ? Fax (757) 594-7804

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-1400

**Purpose:**

The mission of Christopher Newport University is to provide educational and cultural opportunities that benefit CNU students, the residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation.

**Web Site:**

<http://cnu.edu/>

**Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University**

**Location:**

1 Avenue of the Arts  
Newport News, Virginia 23606-3072  
Tel. (757) 594-7000 ? Fax (757) 594-7804

**Code:**

§ 23.1-1400

**Purpose:**

The Board of Visitors shall appoint all teachers and fix their salaries, provide for the employment of other personnel as required, and generally direct the affairs of the University. The Board may confer degrees and, subject to the provisions of ' 23.1-203, approve new academic programs and discontinue academic programs offered by the University.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of fourteen members appointed by the Governor, of whom at least six shall be alumni of the University. The Board elects a rector, vice rector, and secretary every two years.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ella P. Ward	6/30/2022
William R. Ermatinger	6/30/2022
Maria Herbert	6/30/2022
Charles B. Hunter	6/30/2022
Gabe Morgan	6/30/2022
Christy T. Morton	6/30/2023
Steven Sheldon Kast	6/30/2023
Robert R. Hatten	6/30/2023
Terri Marrs McKnight	6/30/2024
Lindsey Carney Smith	6/30/2024

Regina Brayboy	6/30/2024
Judy F. Wason	6/30/2025
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Sean D. Miller	6/30/2025

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**Location:**

Physical Address  
James Monroe Building  
101 North 14th Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 2120  
Richmond, Virginia 23218  
Tel. (804) 225-2023

**Code Reference:**

§ 22.1-2

**Purpose:**

To provide leadership and supervision for a system of quality education appropriate to the individual needs of students.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/>

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### Commonwealth Health Research Board

**Location:**

101 North 14th Street, 2nd floor  
P.O. Box 1971  
Richmond, Virginia 23218  
Tel. (804) 371-7799 Fax (804) 692-0222

**Code:**

§ 32.1-162.23 and § 51.1-124.36

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Commonwealth Health Research Board shall be to provide financial support, in the form of grants, donations, or other assistance, for research efforts that have the potential of maximizing human health benefits for the citizens of the Commonwealth. Research efforts eligible for support by the Board shall include traditional medical and biomedical research relating to the causes and cures of diseases as well as research related to health services and the delivery of health care. The Board shall have the full power to invest, reinvest, and manage the assets of the Commonwealth Health Research Fund. The Board shall maintain a separate accounting for the assets of the Commonwealth Health Research Fund.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of seven members appointed as follows: three members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly and four members appointed by the Joint Rules Committee of the General Assembly. Individuals appointed shall have substantial experience or expertise, personal or professional, in at least one of the following areas: medicine, medical or scientific research, public policy, government, business, or education. No member shall be an incumbent elected official, state official or employee, or member of the governing board of a state agency or institution. Members of the Board need not be residents of the Commonwealth.

No member shall serve more than two consecutive five-year terms; however, a member appointed to serve an unexpired term is eligible to serve two additional consecutive five-year terms immediately succeeding such unexpired term.

**Term:**

Five year terms; no member shall serve more than two full successive five-year terms; however, a member appointed to serve an unexpired term is eligible to serve two additional consecutive five-year terms immediately succeeding such unexpired term

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Eric J. Lowe	3/31/2023
Robert Woodward Downs	4/1/2025
Julia Spicer	4/1/2022

**Legislative Appointees:**

Dr. Cynda A. Johnson	March 31, 2026
Dr. Thomas W. Eppes, Jr.	March 31, 2022
Dr. Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson	June 30, 2022
Vacancy (Cunnion, Kenji M. M.D., MPH)	

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/251>

**Board of Education**

**Location:**

Mailing Address:  
Post Office Box 2120  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Physical Address:  
James Monroe Building  
101 North 14th Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 22.1-8

**Purpose:**

The Board of Education shall prescribe standards and regulations for public education provided by local school divisions.



**Composition:**

The Board of Education shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor, at least two of whom shall represent business and industry in the private sector in the Commonwealth and of the nine members at least five shall reside in different superintendent's regions in the Commonwealth. Every appointment to the Board shall be for a term of four years, except that appointments to fill vacancies other than by expiration of term shall be for the unexpired terms. All appointments, including those to fill vacancies, shall be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, and any appointment made during the recess of the General Assembly shall expire at the end of 30 days after the commencement of the next session of the General Assembly. No member of the Board shall be appointed to more than two consecutive four-year terms.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Tammy L. Mann	6/30/2023
Daniel A. Gecker	6/30/2023
Pamela L. Davis-Vaught	6/30/2023
Anthony Swann	6/30/2024
Stewart D. Roberson	6/30/2024
Jamelle S. Wilson	6/30/2025
Anne Holton	6/30/2025
Keisha Lanell Pexton	6/30/2022
Francisco D. Duran	6/30/2022

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**EASTERN VIRGINIA MEDICAL SCHOOL**

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**Location:**

714 Woodis Avenue  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510  
Tel. (757) 446-5800

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-3001

**Purpose:**

Eastern Virginia Medical School is established as a public instrumentality, public body politic and corporate, and political subdivision of the Commonwealth. The primary offices and facilities of the Medical School shall be located in the Hampton Roads area of the Commonwealth.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.evms.edu/>

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**Board of Visitors for Eastern Virginia Medical School**

**Location:**

714 Woodis Avenue  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510  
Tel. (757) 446-5800

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3002

**Purpose:**

The Board shall make such rules, regulations and bylaws for its own government and procedures as it shall determine. The Board may generally, in respect to the government and management of the Medical School adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem expedient, which are not contrary to law.

**Composition:**

The Eastern Virginia Medical School shall be governed by a board of visitors composed of seventeen members as follows: two non legislative citizen members appointed by the Governor; two non legislative citizen members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; three non legislative citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; six non legislative citizen members appointed by the Eastern Virginia Medical School Foundation; and four non legislative citizen members appointed by their respective city councils as follows: two members for the City of Norfolk, one member for the City of Virginia Beach, and one member appointed by the following city councils in a rotating manner: the City of Chesapeake, the City of Hampton, the City of Portsmouth, the City of Suffolk, and the City of Newport News.

**Term:**

Three year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Guy R. Friddell	6/30/2024
Paul D. Fraim	6/30/2022

**Legislative Appointees:**

Sarah Bishop	June 30, 2022
Sharon Smith Goodwyn	June 30, 2022
The Honorable Daun Sessoms Hester	June 30, 2022
Chester M. Hart Jr.	June 30, 2022
Dr. Keith Howard Newby Sr.	June 30, 2024

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/250>

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## FRONTIER CULTURE MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA

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**Location:**

1290 Richmond Avenue  
P.O. Box 810  
Staunton, Virginia 2440  
Tel. (540) 332-7850  
Fax (540) 332-9989

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-3201

**Purpose:**

To develop and maintain an outdoor museum in order to commemorate the contribution which the pioneers and colonial frontiersmen of the 18th and 19th centuries made to the creation and development of the United States of America.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.frontiermuseum.org/>

**Board of Trustees for the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia**

**Location:**

1290 Richmond Avenue  
P.O. Box 810  
Staunton, Virginia 24401  
Tel. (540) 332-7850 Fax (540) 332-9989

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3202.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Trustees is to establish, operate, and maintain the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia.

**Composition:**

The Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia shall be administered by a Board of Trustees consisting of no more than twenty-five members. The members shall be appointed as follows: five members of the House of Delegates shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and nine non legislative citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor may appoint, upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, eight additional non legislative members for four-year terms who may be nonresidents of the Commonwealth and who shall serve at no expense to the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Peggy B. Sheets	6/30/2023
Dianne E. Fulk	6/30/2022
David W. Bushman	6/30/2022
John C. Welch	6/30/2022
Clifford Garstang	6/30/2022
Kenneth Lee Venable	6/30/2022
William F. Sibert	6/30/2025
Ronald Capps	6/30/2025
FRANK W. NOLEN	6/30/2023
Kevin J. Callanan	6/30/2023
Richard N. Ruby	6/30/2023
Iris Park	6/30/2024
Paul P. Vames	6/30/2024

Pamela R. Fox	6/30/2025
Eric Weston Bond	6/30/2025
Emmett W. Toms	6/30/2022
Nwachukwu Anakwenze	6/30/2022

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## GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

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**Location:**

4400 University Drive  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030-4444  
Tel. (703) 993-1000

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-1500

**Purpose:**

George Mason University (GMU) is Virginia's largest public research university with 34,000 students from all 50 states and 130 countries and a residential population of more than 6,000 students.

**Web Site:**

<https://www2.gmu.edu/>

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### Board of Visitors of George Mason University

**Location:**

4400 University Drive  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030-4444  
Tel. (703) 993-1000

**Code:**

§ 23.1-1500

**Purpose:**

The Board shall appoint all teachers, staff members, and agents and fix their salaries and generally direct the affairs of the University. The Board may confer degrees and, subject to the provisions of ' 23.1-203, approve new academic programs and discontinue academic programs offered by the University.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of sixteen members appointed by the Governor. At least one member appointed each year shall be an alumnus of the University. The alumni association of the University and the board may submit to the Governor a list of at least three nominees for each vacancy on the board, whether the vacancy occurs by expiration of a term or otherwise. The Governor may appoint a member from the list of nominees.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Simran Bhuller	6/30/2023
Dolly Oberoi	6/30/2025
Nancy G. Prowitt	6/30/2025
Anjan Chimaladinne	6/30/2025
Edward H. Rice	6/30/2022
Paul J. Reagan	6/30/2022
Ignacia S. Moreno	6/30/2022
Denise Gale Turner	6/30/2022
Carolyn J. Moss	6/30/2023
Mehmood S. Kazmi	6/30/2323
juan c iturregui	6/30/2023
James W. Hazel	6/30/2024
Jon M. Peterson	6/30/2024
Robert V. Witeck	6/30/2024
Jacqueline Wendy Marquez	6/30/2024
Horace L. Blackman	6/30/2025

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## GUNSTON HALL

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**Location:**

10709 Gunston Road  
Mason Neck, Virginia 22079  
Tel. (703) 550-9220 Fax (703) 550-9480

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-3204

**Purpose:**

Gunston Hall on the Potomac is the former home of George Mason, author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.gunstonhall.org/>

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**Board of Visitors for Gunston Hall**

**Location:**

10709 Gunston Road  
Mason Neck, Virginia 22079  
Tel. (703) 550-9220 Fax (703) 550-9480

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3204

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Visitors for Gunston Hall is to visit, examine, and faithfully report to the Governor all the proceedings of the Board of Regents, including their management and supervision of Gunston Hall.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of three members appointed by the Governor.

**Term:**

One year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Eileen C. Rivera	9/30/2022
Edmund Graber	9/30/2022
Tim Sargeant	9/30/2022

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**Board of Regents of Gunston Hall**

**Location:**

10709 Gunston Road  
Mason Neck, Virginia 22079  
Tel. (703) 550-9220 Fax (703) 550-9480

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3204, Acts of Assembly 1932, Chapter 138; Acts of Assembly 1948, Chapter 175; National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Acts in Council 1998.

**Purpose:**

The Board of Regents of Gunston Hall shall manage, maintain, and operate Gunston Hall, and accept and administer gifts of real and personal property made for the benefit of Gunston Hall.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of members of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America. The board shall consist of not less than eighteen women appointed by the Governor from nominations submitted by The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America, one to be the President of the Society of Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Term:**

Five year terms, no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Sue A. Tempero	10/25/2024
Carol Stephenson	10/25/2025
Miriam M. Hundley	10/25/2025
Anne C. Monfore	10/25/2024
Nancy E. Lindley	10/25/2024
Rowena Day Bond Van Dyke	10/25/2023

Margaret (Mrs. George) Crockett	10/25/2019
Virginia C. Nicholson	10/25/2023
Margo D. Caylor	10/25/2024
Anne R. McAteer	10/25/2024
Caro T. Williams	10/25/2021
Torey Cooke	10/25/2022
Anne Steele M. Bavin	10/25/2025
Susan B. Robertson	10/25/2022
Harrison Flynn Giddens	10/25/2023
Elizabeth Carswell Kingston	10/25/2022
Emma White Seymour	10/25/2020
Karen Lynne Parker	10/25/2021
Barbara Camp Linville	10/25/2023
Katherine Davis	10/25/2024
Ann O. Rea	10/25/2021
Phoebe Randolph Levering	10/25/2020
Margaret Schutrumpf	10/25/2024
Annie Gray- Dixon	10/25/2024
Charlotte L. Perry	10/25/2025
Susan Paige Trace	10/25/2025
Diana D. Madsen	10/25/2023
Catherine M. Strauch	10/25/2025
VACANT	
Carol Stephenson	10/25/2025
VACANT	
Carol F. Rush	10/25/2022
Virginia Simonds White	10/25/2023
Cynthia H. Lafferty	10/25/2024
Jackie Kelly	10/25/2023
Nancy K. White	10/25/2023
Homoiselle Sadler Bujosa	10/25/2021
Ann T. Schaeffer	10/25/2023
Stephanie Duke Hockensmith	10/25/2021
Bonnie W. Ward	10/25/2024
Katherine B. Shutkin	10/25/2024
Dale D. Walter	10/25/2023
Mary Christine "Christy" Love	10/25/2025
Toody W. Sullivan	10/25/2024
Mary Penelope Payne	10/25/2021
Elizabeth Field	10/25/2024
Virginia D. Finley	10/25/2023
Dorothy ( Mrs. Alexander) McLeod	10/25/2025
Helen-Bragg Curtin Cleary	10/25/2021

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# INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED LEARNING AND RESEARCH

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**Location:**

Institute for Advanced Learning and Research  
150 Slayton Avenue  
Danville, Virginia 24540  
Tel. (434) 766-6700

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-3107

**Purpose:**

The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) serves as a regional catalyst for economic transformation. The mission will be accomplished through applied research, advanced learning, and economic development.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.ialr.org/>

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## Institute for Advanced Learning and Research

**Location:**

150 Slayton Avenue  
Danville, Virginia 24540  
Tel. (434) 766-6700 | Fax (434) 791-3279

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3107

**Purpose:**

The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research seeks to diversify the Dan River Region's economy by engaging the resources of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in partnership with Danville Community College and Averett University and public and private bodies and organizations of the region and state.

**Composition:**

The Institute shall be governed by a fifteen member board of trustees that shall consist of eleven non legislative citizen members and four ex officio members. Non legislative citizen members shall be appointed as follows: one resident of the City of Danville, to be appointed by the Danville City Council; one resident of Pittsylvania County, to be appointed by the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors; and nine non legislative citizen members representing business and industry who reside in Southside Virginia, own a business headquartered or otherwise operating in Southside Virginia, or serve as a member of either the board of directors or senior management of a business headquartered or otherwise operating in Southside Virginia, of whom three shall be appointed by the Governor, three shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and three shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The presidents of Averett University, Danville Community College, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University or their designees and the chairman of the Board of the Future of the Piedmont Foundation or his designee shall serve ex officio with voting privileges. Non legislative citizen members of the board shall be non elected citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Three year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*



Petrina Anne Carter	6/30/2022
Lott T. Rogers	6/30/2024
Ben J. Davenport	6/30/2023

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## JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

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**Location:**

800 South Main Street  
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22807  
Tel. (540) 568-3705

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-1600

**Purpose:**

James Madison University is a comprehensive university offering programs on the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.jmu.edu/>

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### Board of Visitors of James Madison University

**Location:**

800 South Main Street  
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22807  
Tel. (540) 568-3705

**Code:**

§ 23.1-1600

**Purpose:**

The Board of Visitors shall appoint all teachers and agents and fix their salaries and generally direct the affairs of the University. The Board may confer degrees.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of fifteen members appointed by the Governor, of whom at least thirteen shall be residents of the Commonwealth. The alumni association of the University may submit to the Governor a list of at least three nominees for each vacancy on the board, whether the vacancy occurs by expiration of a term or otherwise. The Governor may appoint a member from the list of nominees. The Governor is not limited in his appointments to the individuals so nominated.

**Term:**

Four year terms; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Matthew A. Gray	6/30/2023

Kathy J. Warden	6/30/2022
Vanessa M. Evans-Grevious	6/30/2022
Jeffrey Elton Grass	6/30/2023
Deborah Tompkins Johnson	6/30/2023
Christopher Jason Falcon	6/30/2024
Mary Daley Herod	6/30/2024
Maria D. Jankowski	6/30/2023
Craig Brendan Welburn	6/30/2023
John C. Rothenberger	6/30/2024
Lara P. Major	6/30/2024
John C. Lynch	6/30/2024
Frank T. Gadams	6/30/2022
Maggie A. Ragon	6/30/2022
Lucy Hutchinson	6/30/2022

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## JAMESTOWN-YORKTOWN FOUNDATION

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**Location:**

P.O. Box 1607  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23187

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-3206

**Purpose:**

The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation (the Foundation) is established as an educational institution to administer certain historical museums and such related programs as may be established by the board of trustees.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.historyisfun.org/>

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**Board of Trustees of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation****Location:**

P.O. Box 1607  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23187  
Tel. (757) 253-4838 Fax (757) 253-5299

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3206

**Purpose:**

The Board of Trustees of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation shall develop and maintain national and international awareness of the important role played by Virginia in the creation of the United States through operations and programs at Jamestown Settlement, the Yorktown Victory Center, and related research and educational activities; and to actively direct private sector efforts to increase tourism in the areas in which the Foundation has its museums.

**Composition:**

A. The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, hereinafter referred to as the Foundation, is hereby continued and shall be deemed to be an institution of higher education within the meaning of ?? 23-3.1 and 23-9.2. The Foundation shall be administered by the Board of Trustees consisting of the following ex officio trustees: the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Speaker of the House of Delegates, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Secretary of Education. In addition, there shall be 12 members appointed by the Governor from the Commonwealth at large for four-year terms who shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of each house of the General Assembly; eight members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates from the membership thereof for terms concurrent with the terms for which they have been elected to office; four members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules from the membership of the Senate for terms concurrent with the term for which they have been elected to office; five members annually elected by the Board of Trustees, some of whom may be nonresidents of the Commonwealth; and any and all chairmen emeriti elected by the Board of Trustees pursuant to ? 23-288. The president of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Inc. shall also serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. Nonresident members of the Board of Trustees shall serve at no expense to the Commonwealth. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms.

The Board of Trustees shall elect a chairman, vice-chairman and such other officers as are deemed necessary. The chairman shall appoint seven or more members of the Board to constitute an executive committee, the membership of which shall include the chairman and vice-chairman.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Senate Members:**

- .....  
The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, President, pro tempore of the Senate
- .....  
The Honorable Janet D. Howell
- .....  
The Honorable Thomas K. Norment Jr.
- .....  
The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger Jr.
- .....  
The Honorable Mamie E. Locke
- .....  
The Honorable T. Montgomery 'Monty' Mason

**House Members:**

- .....  
The Honorable Kenneth R. Plum
- .....  
The Honorable Delores L. McQuinn
- .....  
The Honorable Betsy B. Carr
- .....  
The Honorable Michael P. Mullin
- .....  
The Honorable C. E. (Cliff) Hayes Jr.
- .....  
The Honorable R. Lee Ware
- .....  
The Honorable Barry D. Knight
- .....  
The Honorable Hyland F. (Buddy) Fowler Jr.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Constance R. Kincheloe	6/30/2024
..... Suzanne Owen Flippo	6/30/2023
..... Ervin Jordan	6/30/2023
..... Jeffrey B. Trammell	6/30/2023
..... Anedra W. Bourne	6/30/2024

Daun S. Hester	6/30/2024
Cassandra L. Newby-Alexander	6/30/2025
A. E. Dick Howard	6/30/2025
Stephen R. Adkins	6/30/2025
Susan Reid Swecker	6/30/2022
Fred Thompson	6/30/2022
Diane Leopold	6/30/2022

**Ex Officio Members:**

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor
The Honorable Justin E. Fairfax, Lieutenant Governor
The Honorable Mark R. Herring, Attorney General
The Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn, Speaker, Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Luke Torian, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Atif Qarni, Secretary of Education
President, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Inc.

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/230>

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## LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

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**Location:**

800 East Broad Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219-8000  
 Tel. (804) 692-3500

**Code Reference:**

§ 42.1-1

**Purpose:**

To manage a general reference and research library which is the official depository of state documents and a repository of local and federal documents; provide direction, assistance, and counsel to all libraries in the Commonwealth, to all communities which may propose to establish libraries, and to all persons interested in public libraries; administer and distribute state and federal library funds; contract with other states, regions or districts for the purpose of cooperative library services; conduct a program of records management for official state and local records; edit and publish original documents on deposit in the archives; and control, preserve, and make accessible the state's historically valuable records.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/>

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**Commission to Study Slavery and Subsequent De Jure and De Facto Racial and Economic Discrimination**

**Code:**

**Purpose:**

The Commission to Study Slavery and Subsequent De Jure and De Facto Racial and Economic Discrimination Against African Americans (the Commission) is established as an advisory commission in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission is to study the current impact and long-term inequities of slavery and subsequent de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African Americans.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of 11 members, including three legislative members and eight nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: (i) two members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates, (ii) one member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, (iii) eight nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Legislative members of the Commission shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Legislative members and nonlegislative citizen members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership.

**Term:**

No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Mamie E. Locke, Vice Chair

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Delores L. McQuinn, Chair  
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The Honorable Joshua G. Cole

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Jody L. Allen	6/30/2022
Edward L. Ayers	6/30/2022
Andrea N. Douglas	6/30/2022
John W. Kinney	6/30/2022
Cassandra L. Newby-Alexander	6/30/2022
Xavier R. Richardson	6/30/2022
Karen A. Sherry	6/30/2022
Daniel P. Watkins	6/30/2022

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/539>

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## The Library Board

**Location:**

Library of Virginia  
800 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-8000

**Code:**

§ 42.1-2

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Library Board is to determine the scope of the State Library's collection, establish policy concerning what books and other library materials are to be kept, housed, or exhibited by the State Library; enter agreements with institutions and organizations with similar purposes; promote education in the realm of history and library and archival science throughout the Commonwealth. The board is authorized to sell, grant, and convey to or change the form of investments or control of any funds, securities or other property. The board may confer an honorary degree of patron of letters on any person who has, in its opinion, made an outstanding contribution in the realm of history, library, or archival science.

**Composition:**

The Library of Virginia shall be directed by a board, consisting of fifteen members, to be appointed by the Governor, which shall be and remain a corporation under the style of "The Library Board," sometimes in this chapter called the Board. Prior to such appointments the Board may submit to the Governor lists of candidates based upon interest and knowledge, geographic representation, participation in community affairs, and concern for the welfare of the Commonwealth. In no case shall the Governor be bound to make any appointment from among the nominees of the Board. The Board shall meet and organize by electing from its number a chairman and vice-chairman. It shall have the power to appoint such committees and advisory bodies as it deems advisable.

**Term:**

Five years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Alanah T. Real	6/30/2025
Robert C. Light	6/30/2022
Robert L. Canida	6/30/2025
Barbara V. Little	6/30/2025
Suzette Denslow	6/30/2026
Shelley V. Murphy	6/30/2026
L Preston Bryant	6/30/2026
C. Paul Brockwell	6/30/2022
Mark Miller	6/30/2022
Martha J. Sims	6/30/2023
Robert D. Aguirre	6/30/2023
Blythe A. Scott	6/30/2023
Laura Blevins	6/30/2024
Maya Castillo	6/30/2024
Leonard C. Tengco	6/30/2024

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## State Historical Records Advisory Board

**Location:**

800 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-8000  
Tel. (804) 692-3500

**Code:**

§ 105-65.203-2 Federal Code

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the State Historical Records Advisory Board is to serve as the central advisory body for historical records planning and related projects developed and carried out by the State. The board may publish and sponsor surveys of conditions and needs of historical records in the State, review records and proposals by institutions in the State, and make recommendations to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

**Composition:**

Governors of each state desiring to participate in the program shall nominate for the Commission's approval a State Historical Records Advisory Board consisting of at least seven members. The board shall represent public and private archival and research institutions within the State. The State Historical Records Coordinator serves as chairman.

**Term:**

Three year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Katherine E. Gruber	10/31/2023
Kimberly D. Curtis	10/31/2023
Joshua M. Howard	10/31/2023
Sara Townsend	10/31/2023
Heather Bollinger	10/31/2023
Zachary L. Hottel	10/31/2023
Bernadette P. Battle	10/31/2023
Audrey Paulette Davis	10/31/2024
Brittany Jones	10/31/2024
Amanda R. Lloyd	10/31/2022
Lori Ann M. Terjesen	10/31/2024

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## VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

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**Location:**

21 Starling Drive  
Martinsville, Virginia 24112  
Tel. (276) 634-4141, Fax (276) 634-4199

**Code Reference:**

§ 10.1-2000

**Purpose:**

To investigate, preserve, and exhibit elements of the natural history of Virginia, the United States, and the world; foster an understanding of how man and the earth have evolved; encourage the study of and research in natural history; establish a state museum where specimens can be properly housed, cared for, cataloged, and studied; and coordinate an efficient network to facilitate use of the material of the museum, its branches, Virginia's institutions of higher education, and other museums.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vmnh.net/>

**Board of Trustees of the Virginia Museum of Natural History**

**Location:**

Virginia Museum of Natural History  
21 Starling Avenue  
Martinsville, Virginia 24112

**Code:**

§ 10.1-2002

**Purpose:**

The Board of Trustees of the Virginia Museum of Natural History shall manage, control, maintain, and operate the Museum; appoint the Director of the Museum and prescribe his duties; and prescribe rules and regulations for the operation of the Museum.

**Composition:**

The Board will consist of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. Two of the members appointed to the Board shall be members of the Virginia Academy of Science. The appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly if in session and, if not, then at its next succeeding session.

**Term:**

Five years; no more than two successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Roberto Quinones	6/30/2024
Anne Axton Burnett	6/30/2025
Thomas R. Benzing	6/30/2022
Mark Buss	6/30/2025
Melany R. Stowe	6/30/2025
Lisa L. Carter	6/30/2026
Jennifer Harris Burnett	6/30/2025
Michael Stephen Phillips	6/30/2022
Carole L. Nash	6/30/2024
Emma T. Ito	6/30/2026
Sherri D. Jordan	6/30/2024
Arthur V. Evans	6/30/2026
Makunda Abdul-Mbacke	6/30/2025



Nathan Thomas Sanford	6/30/2022
Cord Lonnie Cothren	6/30/2025

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## LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY

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**Location:**

201 High Street  
 Farmville, Virginia 23909-1800  
 Tel. (434) 395-2000

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-1700

**Purpose:**

Longwood University is a coeducational public institution offering more than 100 majors, minors and concentrations. Graduate programs include business, education, English, sociology and communication sciences & disorders.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.longwood.edu/>

### Board of Visitors of Longwood University

**Location:**

201 High Street  
 Farmville, Virginia 23909-1800  
 Tel. (434) 395-2000

**Code:**

§ 23.1-1700

**Purpose:**

The Board shall appoint all teachers and agents and fix their salaries and generally direct the affairs of the University. The Board may also confer degrees.

**Composition:**

The Board of Visitors shall consist of thirteen members appointed by the Governor, of whom at least two shall be alumni of the University and at least eleven shall be residents of the Commonwealth. The alumni association of the University may submit to the Governor a list of at least three nominees for each vacancy on the board, whether the vacancy occurs by expiration of a term or otherwise. The Governor may appoint a member from the list of nominees

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two consecutive four-year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Michael Alan Evans	6/30/2023
Shawn L. Smith	6/30/2025

Rhodes B. Ritenour	6/30/2023
Eileen M. Anderson	6/30/2022
Lucia Anna Trigiani	6/30/2022
N H Scott	6/30/2023
Katharine M. Bond	6/30/2024
Steven P. Gould	6/30/2024
Polly H. Raible	6/30/2024
Elia F. Carter	6/30/2025
Ricshawn A. Roane	6/30/2025
Nadine Marsh-Carter	6/30/2025
Larry I. Palmer	6/30/2022

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## NEW COLLEGE INSTITUTE

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**Location:**

191 Fayette St.  
Martinsville, Virginia 24112  
Tel. (276) 403-5600

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-3111

**Purpose:**

New College Institute (NCI) is a state-funded educational entity that provides access to bachelor's degree completion programs, master's degrees, teacher endorsement programs, teacher recertification courses, and more through partnerships with colleges and universities. NCI strives to be accessible and convenient for students of all ages. Our staff, faculty, and board members are all committed to making NCI a premier educational facility for students, businesses, and the community at large.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.newcollegeinstitute.org/>

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### **Board of Directors, New College Institute**

**Location:**

191 Fayette St.  
Martinsville, Virginia 24112  
Tel. (276) 403-5600

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3111

**Purpose:**

The Board of Directors shall seek to diversify the region's economy by engaging the resources of other institutions of higher education, public and private bodies, and organizations of the region and state; Serve as a catalyst for economic and community transformation by leveraging and brokering resources that support economic diversity; Facilitate development of the technology and trained workforce necessary for new economic enterprises to flourish, using the resources available from

collaborating educational institutions; Expand educational opportunities in the region by providing access to degree-granting programs, including undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, through partnerships with private and public institutions of higher education, the public schools, and public and private sectors; Encourage and coordinate the development and delivery of degree programs and other credit and noncredit courses with a focus on statewide and regional critical shortage areas as well as the needs of industry. This shall include needed adult education and workforce training; Serve as a resource and referral center by maintaining and disseminating information on existing educational programs, research, and university outreach and technology resources.

**Composition:**

New College shall be governed by a 15-member board of directors (the board) that shall consist of five legislative members and 10 nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the rules of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and 10 nonlegislative citizen members, three of whom shall be representatives of business and industry from the Commonwealth, to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. At least 13 members shall be residents of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of four years; legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger Jr.  
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The Honorable William M. Stanley Jr.  
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**House Members:**

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The Honorable Kathleen J. Murphy  
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The Honorable Rodney T. Willett  
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The Honorable Leslie R. (Les) Adams  
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**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Richard A. Hall	6/30/2022
Mary Yolanda Trigiani	6/30/2023
Naomi Lee Hodge-Muse	6/30/2022
Eric D. Jones	6/30/2024
Cameron D. Patterson	6/30/2024
Catherine T. Brown	6/30/2024
Maria P. Tamburri	6/30/2024
Treney Linette Tweedy	6/30/2023
Ellen F. Dyke	6/30/2022
Michael Edwards	6/30/2023

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/174>

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# NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY

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**Location:**

700 Park Avenue  
Norfolk, Virginia 23504  
Tel. (757) 823-8600

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-1900

**Purpose:**

Norfolk State University (NSU) is committed to transforming students' lives through exemplary teaching, research and service.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.nsu.edu/>

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## Board of Visitors of Norfolk State University

**Location:**

700 Park Avenue  
Norfolk, Virginia 23504  
Tel. (757) 823-8600

**Code:**

§ 23.1-1900

**Purpose:**

The Board shall make all provisions for teachers, staff members, and agents, fix their salaries, and prescribe their duties and generally direct the affairs of the University. The Board may take, hold, receive, and enjoy any gift, grant, devise, or bequest to the University for the uses and purposes designated by the donor, or if not so designated, for the general purposes of the Board. The Board may also confer degrees.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of thirteen members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly; four shall be alumni of Norfolk State University of which three may be nonresidents of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Harold L. Watkins	6/30/2025
Terri L. Best	6/30/2022
Heidi Abbott	6/30/2023
Devon M. Henry	6/30/2024
Mary Blunt	6/30/2023
James Dyke	6/30/2025
Dwayne B. Blake	6/30/2022
Deborah DiCroce	6/30/2022
Delbert Parks	6/30/2022
Joan G. Wilmer	6/30/2025

Brian Keith Fulton	6/30/2024
Kim W. Brown	6/30/2023
Lawrence A. Griffith	6/30/2022

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## OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

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**Location:**

511 Hampton Boulevard  
Norfolk, Virginia 23529-0015  
Tel. (757) 683-3000

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-2000

**Purpose:**

Old Dominion University (ODU), located in the City of Norfolk in the metropolitan Hampton Roads region of coastal Virginia, is a dynamic public research institution that serves its students and enriches the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation and the world through rigorous academic programs, strategic partnerships, and active civic engagement.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.odu.edu/>

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### Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University

**Location:**

511 Hampton Boulevard  
Norfolk, Virginia 23529-0015  
Tel. (757) 683-3000

**Code:**

§ 23.1-2000

**Purpose:**

The Board shall appoint all teachers, staff members, and agents and fix their salaries and generally direct the affairs of the University. The Board may confer degrees. The Board may take, hold, and enjoy any gift, grant, devise, or bequest made to the University for any use or purpose designated by the donor or for the general purposes of the Board when no use or purpose is designated, whether such gift, grant, devise, or bequest is made directly to the corporation or to trustees for its benefit.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of seventeen members appointed by the Governor, of whom at least fourteen shall be residents of the Commonwealth and at least three shall be alumni of the University. The alumni association of the University may submit to the Governor a list of at least three nominees for each vacancy on the board, whether the vacancy occurs by expiration of a term or otherwise. The Governor may appoint a member from the list of nominees.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive four-year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Armistead D. Williams	6/30/2023
Robert S. Corn	6/30/2025
Jerri Fuller Dickeski	6/30/2025
Ross A. Mugler	6/30/2025
Alton Jacinto Harris	6/30/2022
Paul M. Pitts	6/30/2022
Lisa B. Smith	6/30/2022
Carlton Frank Bennett	6/30/2022
Unwanna Bellinger Dabney	6/30/2022
Yvonne Toms Allmond	6/30/2023
Robert A. Broermann	6/30/2023
Peter G. Decker	6/30/2023
Toykea S. Jones	6/30/2024
Kay A. Kemper	6/30/2024
Robert Bruce Bradley	6/30/2024
Larry R. Hill	6/30/2024
Maurice D. Slaughter	6/30/2025

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## RADFORD UNIVERSITY

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**Location:**

Post Office Box 6910  
 Radford, Virginia 24142  
 Tel. (540) 831-5401

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-2100

**Purpose:**

Radford University offers 67 degree programs in 38 disciplines and two certificates at the undergraduate level; 22 master's programs in 17 disciplines and three doctoral programs at the graduate level; 10 post-baccalaureate certificates and one post-master's certificate.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.radford.edu/content/radfordcore/home.html>

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### Board of Visitors of Radford University

**Location:**

Post Office Box 6910  
 Radford, Virginia 24142  
 Tel. (540) 831-5401

**Code:**

§ 23.1-2100

**Purpose:**

The Board shall provide for the employment of personnel as required and fix their salaries and generally direct the affairs of the University. The Board may confer degrees.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of fifteen members appointed by the Governor, of whom at least eleven shall be residents of the Commonwealth. The alumni association of the University may submit to the Governor a list of at least three nominees for each vacancy on the board, whether the vacancy occurs by expiration of a term or otherwise. The Governor may appoint a member from the list of nominees.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Deb McMahon	6/30/2024
Robert A. Archer	6/30/2024
Krishna Chachra	6/30/2022
Susan W. Johnston	6/30/2022
David A. Smith	6/30/2023
Thomas M. Brewster	6/30/2022
Nancy An Rice	6/30/2022
Lisa K. Throckmorton	6/30/2023
Mark S. Lawrence	6/30/2023
Jay A. Brown	6/30/2024
Rachel D. Fowlkes	6/30/2024
Georgia Anne Snyder-Falkinham	6/30/2024
Charlene A. Curtis	6/30/2025
Lisa W. Pompa	6/30/2025
Marquett B. Smith	6/30/2025

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RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE

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**Location:**

11301 Johnson Road  
South Prince George, Virginia 23805  
Tel. (804) 862-6100

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-2806

**Purpose:**

As an extension of William & Mary, Richard Bland College is in the vanguard of learning-outcomes based liberal arts education for university transfer and a model for testing and applying outcomes-driven solutions in higher education.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.rbc.edu>

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## STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA

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**Location:**

James Monroe Building  
101 North 14th Street 10th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 225-2600

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-200

**Purpose:**

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) helps policymakers, college administrators, and other concerned leaders work cooperatively and constructively to advance educational excellence.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.schev.edu/>

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### State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

**Location:**

James Monroe Building  
101 North 14th Street, 10th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 225-2600 ? Fax (804) 225-2604

**Code:**

§ 23.1-200

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Council shall be to promote the development and operation of an educationally and economically sound, vigorous, progressive, and coordinated system of higher education.

**Composition:**

The Council shall consist of 13 members: 12 nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor and one ex officio member. At least one nonlegislative citizen member shall have served as a chief executive officer of a public institution of higher education. At least one nonlegislative citizen member shall be a division superintendent or the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The President of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority shall serve ex officio with voting privileges.

The Council shall be composed of individuals selected from the Commonwealth at large without regard to political affiliation but with due consideration of geographical representation. Nonlegislative citizen members shall have demonstrated experience, knowledge, and understanding of higher education and workforce needs. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be selected for their ability and all appointments shall be of such nature as to aid the work of the Council and inspire the highest degree of cooperation and confidence. No officer, employee, trustee, or member of the governing board of any institution of higher education, employee of the Commonwealth, member of the General Assembly, or member of the Board of Education is eligible



for appointment to the Council except as specified in this section. All members of the Council are members at large who shall serve the best interests of the whole Commonwealth. No member shall act as the representative of any particular region or of any particular institution of higher education.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Katharine M. Webb	6/30/2023
Alvin J. Schexnider	6/30/2023
Thaddeus B. Holloman	6/30/2024
Mirza A. Baig	6/30/2024
Kenneth E. Ampy	6/30/2024
Victoria D. Harker	6/30/2025
John R. Broderick	6/30/2025
Jennie O'holleran	6/30/2025
Maria Alexandra Arriaga	6/30/2022
Marge Connelly	6/30/2022
Henry D. Light	6/30/2022
Jeffery O. Smith	6/30/2025

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## THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

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**Location:**

Sadler Center  
200 Stadium Drive  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-2800

**Purpose:**

Founded in 1693, The College of William and Mary is the second oldest continuously operating college in the United States.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.wm.edu/>

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### The College of William and Mary Board of Visitors

**Location:**

Sadler Center  
200 Stadium Drive  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

**Code:**

§ 23.1-2801

**Purpose:**

The Board of Visitors is the governing authority of the College of William and Mary, including the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and Richard Bland College. In executing its duties, the Board will be guided by the laws and policies of the Commonwealth of Virginia. It will strive to preserve the ideals and traditions of the institutions under its jurisdiction, including the student-administered Honor System that originated in the earliest years of the College of William and Mary. The Board appoints Presidents for both the College of William and Mary and Richard Bland College; and it appoints academic officers, faculties, and other employees essential to the effective operation of all the institutions under its control.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of seventeen members appointed by the Governor, of whom at least thirteen shall be residents of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Charles E. Poston	6/30/2023
Ardine Williams	6/30/2025
Barbara Johnson	6/30/2025
J. E. Lincoln Saunders	6/30/2025
John P. Rathbone	6/30/2025
William D. Payne	6/30/2022
Lisa E. Roday	6/30/2022
Victor Ka Branch	6/30/2022
Sue H. Gerdelman	6/30/2022
Karen Kennedy Schultz	6/30/2023
Mari C. Aponte	6/30/2023
James A. Hixon	6/30/2023
S. Douglas Bunch	6/30/2024
Anne Leigh Kerr	6/30/2024
Cynthia E. Hudson	6/30/2024
John E. Littel	6/30/2024
Brian Patrick Woolfolk	6/30/2024

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THE SCIENCE MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA

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**Location:**

2500 West Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23220  
Tel. (804) 864-1400

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-3210

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Science Museum of Virginia is to improve the public understanding and application of science and technology.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.smv.org/>

**Board of Trustees of the Science Museum of Virginia**

**Location:**

2500 West Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23220  
Tel. (804) 864-1400

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3211

**Purpose:**

The Board of Trustees exercises the powers and duties of the museum to include: to select sites for the Museum and the divisions thereof and to provide for the erection, care and preservation of all property belonging to the Museum; to prescribe rules and regulations for the operation of the Museum, including, but not limited to, the kinds and types of instruction and exhibits, and the making of plans for expansion from time to time of the Museum.

**Composition:**

The Museum shall be governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of fifteen members who shall be appointed by the Governor. At least one of the members shall be a member of the Virginia Academy of Science. All appointments are subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.

Members shall be appointed for terms of five years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. No member is eligible to serve more than two consecutive five-year terms; however, a member appointed to serve an unexpired term is eligible to serve two consecutive five-year terms immediately succeeding such unexpired term.

**Term:**

Five years; no more than two successive full terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Denise Lowe Walters	6/30/2022
Cristina D. Ramirez	6/30/2025
John F. Benton	6/30/2025
Gina M. Burgin	6/30/2026
Frances C. Bradford	6/30/2026
Elsa Q. Falls	6/30/2026
Surendra Ganeriwala	6/30/2023
Patricia Nicoson	6/30/2026
Joanne Carter	6/30/2022
Lauren M. Mathena	6/30/2023
Glenn K. Davidson	6/30/2023
Eucharía N. Jackson	6/30/2024
Richard Groover	6/30/2024

Rodney L. Berry	6/30/2024
David J. Mills	6/30/2025

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## UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

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**Location:**

1301 College Avenue  
 Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401-5358  
 Tel. (540) 654-1000

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-1800

**Purpose:**

The University of Mary Washington (UMW) is one of Virginia's public liberal arts universities, providing an education that inspires and enables our students to make positive changes in the world.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.umw.edu/>

### Board of Visitors of University of Mary Washington

**Location:**

1301 College Avenue  
 Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401-5358  
 Tel. (540) 654-1000

**Code:**

§ 23.1-1800

**Purpose:**

The Board of Visitors shall appoint all teachers and fix their salaries, provide for the employment of other personnel as required, and generally direct the affairs of the University. The board may confer degrees and, subject to the provisions of § 23.1-203, approve new academic programs and discontinue academic programs offered by the University.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of twelve members appointed by the Governor, of whom at least nine shall be residents of the Commonwealth and at least six shall be alumni of the University. The alumni association of the University may submit to the Governor a list of at least three nominees for each vacancy on the board, whether the vacancy occurs by expiration of a term or otherwise. The Governor may appoint a member from the list of nominees.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive four-year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Deborah Santiago	6/30/2023

Edd Houck	6/30/2022
Martha G. Abbott	6/30/2022
Lisa E. Henry	6/30/2022
Kerri Barile	6/30/2023
Heather M. Crislip	6/30/2023
Charles S. Reed	6/30/2024
Robert J. Strassheim	6/30/2024
Princess R. Moss	6/30/2024
Allida Black	6/30/2025
Devon W. Cushman	6/30/2025
Patricia G. McGinnis	6/30/2025

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## UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

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**Location:**

Post Office Box 400222  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22904-4222  
Tel. (434) 924-0311

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-2200

**Purpose:**

The University of Virginia (UVA) is a public institution of higher learning founded by Thomas Jefferson and guided by his founding vision of discovery and innovation and the development of the full potential of talented students from all walks of life. The University serves the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation and the world by developing responsible citizen leaders and professionals, advancing, preserving and disseminating knowledge and providing world-class patient care.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.virginia.edu/>

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**Board of Visitors of University of Virginia and Affiliated Schools****Location:**

Post Office Box 400222  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22904-4222  
Tel. (434) 924-0311

**Code:**

§ 23.1-2200

**Purpose:**

The board shall care for and preserve all property belonging to the University, grant to the president of the University supreme administrative direction over all the schools, colleges, divisions, and branches of the University, and examine the progress of the students in each year and give to those who excel in any course of study such honors as it deems proper. The Board may

remove the president of the University or any professor with the assent of two-thirds of its members, prescribe the duties of each professor and the course and mode of instruction, appoint a comptroller and proctor and employ any other agent or servant, regulate the renting of the rooms and dormitories, and (v) to enable the board to procure a supply of water and construct and maintain a system of waterworks, drainage, and sewerage for the University, acquire such springs, lands, and rights-of-way as may be necessary, according to the provisions of Title 25.1.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of seventeen members appointed by the Governor, of whom at least twelve shall be appointed from the Commonwealth at large, twelve shall be alumni of the University, and one shall be a physician with administrative and clinical experience in an academic medical center. The alumni association of the University may submit to the Governor a list of at least three nominees for each vacancy on the board, whether the vacancy occurs by expiration of a term or otherwise. The Governor may appoint members from the list of nominees.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
James B. Murray, Jr	6/30/2024
Robert M. Blue	6/30/2025
Whittington W. Clement	6/30/2023
Charles E. Poston	6/30/2022
Frank Maxwell Conner	6/30/2022
James V. Reyes	6/30/2023
Angela Hucles Mangano	6/30/2023
Louis S. Haddad	6/30/2023
Mark Thumma Bowles	6/30/2024
Robert D. Hardie	6/30/2025
Elizabeth M. Cranwell	6/30/2024
Thomas Anthony DePasquale	6/30/2024
LF Payne	6/30/2025
Babur B. Lateef	6/30/2024
Barbara June Fried	6/30/2022
L.D. Britt	6/30/2022
Carlos M. Brown	6/30/2025

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VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS

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**Location:**

Virginia Commission for the Arts  
Main Street Centre  
600 East Main Street, Suite 330  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 225-3132

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-3222

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is the state agency that supports the arts through funding from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.arts.virginia.gov/>

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## VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

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**Location:**

910 West Franklin Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23284-2512  
Tel. (804) 828-0100

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-2300

**Purpose:**

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) is a public research university located in Richmond, Virginia.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vcu.edu/>

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### Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University

**Location:**

910 West Franklin Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23284-2512  
Tel. (804) 828-0100

**Code:**

§ 23.1-2300

**Purpose:**

The Board of Visitors shall appoint all teachers, staff members, and agents, fix their salaries, and prescribe their duties. The Board shall generally direct the affairs and business of the University. The Board may confer degrees, including honorary degrees. The Board may take, hold, receive, and enjoy any gift, grant, devise, or bequest to the University or its predecessors for the uses and purposes designated by the donor, or if not so designated, for the general purposes of the corporation, whether given directly or indirectly, and accept, execute, and administer any trust in which it may have an interest under the terms of the instrument creating the trust.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of sixteen members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.

Notwithstanding ' 23.1-1300, members are eligible to serve for a total of two four-year terms which may be served consecutively; however, a member appointed by the Governor to serve an unexpired term is eligible to serve two additional four-year terms.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Pamela K El	6/30/2023
Todd P. Haymore	6/30/2025
Tyrone E. Nelson	6/30/2025
Edward L. McCoy	6/30/2025
Coleen Santa Ana	6/30/2022
Gopinath R. Jadhav	6/30/2022
Peter Farrell	6/30/2022
Stuart Charles Siegel	6/30/2022
Carolina Espinal	6/30/2023
Shantaram Talegaonkar	6/30/2023
Alexis N. Swann	6/30/2023
Keith T. Parker	6/30/2024
Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins	6/30/2024
Carmen Lomellin	6/30/2024
Henry B. Dendy	6/30/2024
Andrew C. Florance	6/30/2025

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## VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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**Location:**

Virginia Community College System  
300 Arboretum Place, Suite 200  
Richmond, VA 23236  
Tel. (804) 819-4901

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-2901

**Purpose:**

Virginia's Community Colleges were created in 1966 to address Virginia's unmet needs in higher education and workforce training. The mission statement of the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) is: We give everyone the opportunity to learn and develop the right skills so lives and communities are strengthened.

The Code of Virginia identifies the duties of the VCCS, including the duty to serve as "the state agency with primary responsibility for coordinating workforce training at the postsecondary through the associate degree level, exclusive of the career and technical education programs provided through and administered by the public school system.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.vccs.edu>



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## State Board for Community Colleges

**Location:**

Virginia Community College System  
300 Arboretum Place, Suite 200  
Richmond, Virginia 23236  
Tel. (804) 819-4901

**Code:**

§ 23.1-2901

**Purpose:**

The State Board for Community Colleges shall be responsible for the establishment, control, and administration of a statewide system of publicly supported comprehensive community colleges.

**Composition:**

The Governor shall appoint fifteen members, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly and residents of the Commonwealth at large. The board elects a chairman from its membership and may elect a vice chairman.

Each member shall be a resident of the Commonwealth. No officer, employee, or member of the governing board of any public institution of higher education or of any school subject to the control of the State Board and no member of the Board of Education is eligible for appointment to the State Board. All members of the State Board are members at large charged with the responsibility of serving the best interests of the whole Commonwealth, and no member shall act as the representative of any particular region or institution of higher education.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Richard S. Reynolds	6/30/2023
Maurice A. Jones	6/30/2025
Terri A. Thompson	6/30/2025
Adnan S. Bokhari	6/30/2022
Eleanor B. Saslaw	6/30/2022
Nathaniel L. Bishop	6/30/2022
Ashby C. Kilgore	6/30/2024
Rajiv Narang	6/30/2023
David Ez Broder	6/30/2023
Douglas Garcia	6/30/2023
Darius A. Johnson	6/30/2024
Dana Beckton	6/30/2024
Brenda D. Calderon	6/30/2024
Peggy Layne	6/30/2025
Edward C. Dalrymple	6/30/2025

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## VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

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**Location:**

319 Letcher Avenue  
Lexington, Virginia 24450  
Tel. (540) 464-7000

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-2500

**Purpose:**

Virginia Military Institute (VMI) operates under the philosophy that the measure of a college lies in the quality and performance of its graduates and their contributions to society.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vmi.edu/>

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### Board of Visitors of Virginia Military Institute

**Location:**

201 Smith Hall  
Virginia Military Institute  
Lexington, Virginia 24450

**Code:**

§ 23.1-2500

**Purpose:**

The Board shall define the mission of the Virginia Military Institute, as a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, and oversee the development, revision and implementation of a strategic plan for the accomplishment of that mission.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of seventeen members, of whom sixteen shall be appointed by the Governor and one shall be the Adjutant General, who shall serve ex officio. Of the sixteen members appointed by the Governor, twelve shall be alumni of the Institute, of whom eight shall be residents of the Commonwealth and four shall be nonresidents, and four shall be non-alumni residents of the Commonwealth. The alumni association of the Institute may submit to the Governor a list of not more than three nominees for each vacancy on the board, whether the vacancy occurs by expiration of a term or otherwise. The Governor may appoint a member from the list of nominees.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms, except the ex officio member

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Conrad Garcia	6/30/2025
Thomas R. Watjen	6/30/2025
Hugh M. Fain	6/30/2025
Conrad M. Hall	6/30/2022
Richard Kennon Hines	6/30/2022
Joe R. Reeder	6/30/2022

Edward S. Lanier	6/30/2022
Michael L. Hamlar	6/30/2023
Lara Tyler Chambers	6/30/2023
David Lewis Miller	6/30/2023
Eugene Scott	6/30/2023
Gussie A. Lord	6/30/2025
Lester Johnson	6/30/2024
Charles E. Dominy	6/30/2024
Scot Wayland Marsh	6/30/2024
Allen D. Williams	6/30/2025

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## VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

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**Location:**

200 North Boulevard  
Richmond, Virginia 23220  
Tel. (804) 340-1405

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-3217

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) is a state-supported, privately endowed educational institution created for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Its purpose is to collect, preserve, exhibit, and interpret art, to encourage the study of the arts, and thus to enrich the lives of all.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vmfa.museum/>

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**Board of Trustees of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts****Location:**

200 North Boulevard  
Richmond, Virginia 23220  
Tel. (804) 340-1405

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3217

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts is to manage, control, maintain, and operate the museum.

**Composition:**

The management and control of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and its building, contents, furnishings, grounds, and other properties is vested in a board of trustees (the board) composed of (i) the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and

the mayor of the City of Richmond, who shall serve ex officio, and (ii) at least 25 but not more than 35 nonlegislative citizen members. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor after consideration of a list of nominees from the Museum submitted at least 60 days before the expiration of the member's term for which the nominations are being made.

Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of five years. No nonlegislative citizen member is eligible to serve more than two consecutive five-year terms; however, a member appointed to serve an unexpired term is eligible to serve two consecutive five-year terms immediately succeeding such unexpired term. Nine members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and a majority vote of those members present shall control in all matters. The board shall adopt bylaws governing its organization and procedure and may alter and amend the bylaws. The board shall elect one of its members president of the Museum. The board may provide for an executive committee composed of at least three members that may exercise the powers vested in it and perform the duties imposed upon it by the board.

**Term:**

Five years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Margaret N. Gottwald	6/30/2022
Gilbert Tyrone Bland	6/30/2023
Monroe Harris	6/30/2023
Susan S. Palmer	6/30/2023
Jeffrey L. Humber	6/30/2023
Joan p Brock	6/30/2023
Kenneth Johnson	6/30/2024
Pamela C. Reynolds	6/30/2024
Michele O. Petersen	6/30/2024
Ashlin T. Wilbanks	6/30/2024
Martha M. Glasser	6/30/2024
Edie H. Cabaniss	6/30/2022
Hubert Phipps	6/30/2024
Michel S. Zajur	6/30/2024
Cynthia H. Conner	6/30/2025
Janet T. Geldzahler	6/30/2025
Sara Elaine O'Keefe	6/30/2025
Betty Neal Crutcher	6/30/2025
Jim Cheng	6/30/2025
Kenneth M. Dye	6/30/2025
Matthew W. Cooper	6/30/2025
Anne Noland Edwards	6/30/2026
Charles N. Whitaker	6/30/2022
Lynette L. Allston	6/30/2026
Jil Womack Harris	6/30/2026
Robert B. Ball	6/30/2026
Aubrey L. Layne	6/30/2026
Rupa Tak	6/30/2026
Thomas William Papa	6/30/2026
David R. Goode	6/30/2022
Marland E. Buckner	6/30/2022
Carol Ann Bischoff	6/30/2022

Satya Rangarajan	6/30/2022
Andrew M. Lewis	6/30/2023
Pamela J. Royal	6/30/2023

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## VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

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**Location:**

210 Burruss Hall  
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061-0132  
Tel. (540) 231-6000 TDD (540) 231-3749

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-2600

**Purpose:**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VT) is a public, land-grant, research university with a main campus in Blacksburg, Virginia, educational facilities in six regions statewide, and study-abroad programs.

**Web Site:**

<https://vt.edu/>

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### Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

**Location:**

210 Burruss Hall  
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061-0132  
Tel. (540) 231-6000 TDD (540) 231-3749

**Code:**

§ 23.1-2600

**Purpose:**

The Board of Visitors is charged with the care, preservation, and improvement of the property belonging to the University and with the protection and safety of students and other persons residing on such property. Pursuant to such duties, the board may change roads or driveways on the property belonging to the University or entrances to such property, close temporarily or permanently the roads and driveways on such property and entrances to such property, prohibit undesirable and disorderly persons from entering such property, eject such persons from such property, and prosecute under state law trespassers and persons committing offenses on such property.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of fourteen members, of whom thirteen shall be appointed by the Governor and one shall be the president of the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services, who shall serve ex officio. Of the thirteen members appointed by the Governor, at least ten members shall be residents of the Commonwealth and at least six members shall be alumni of the University. All appointments by the Governor are subject to confirmation by the Senate. The alumni association of the University may submit to the Governor a list of three nominees for each vacancy on the board, whether it occurs by expired term or otherwise. The Governor may appoint a member from the list of nominees.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive term

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Sharon B. Martin	6/30/2023
Preston M. White	6/30/2022
Horacio A. Valeiras	6/30/2022
Mehul Praful Sanghani	6/30/2022
Letitia A. Long	6/30/2025
Melissa Byrne	6/30/2023
Charles Thomas Hill	6/30/2023
Chris Petersen	6/30/2024
Carrie H. Chenery	6/30/2024
Greta J. Harris	6/30/2024
Jeffrey E. Veatch	6/30/2024
Anna H. James	6/30/2025
Edward H. Baine	6/30/2022

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## VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

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**Location:**

104 VSDB Drive  
 Post Office Box 2069  
 Staunton, Virginia 24402  
 Tel. (540) 332-9000? Fax (540) 332-9042

**Code Reference:**

§ 22.1-346.2

**Purpose:**

The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (VSDB) is a state agency that serves students whose primary disability involves vision or hearing loss including those students who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/vision impaired, deaf-blind, and/or sensory impaired with other disabilities. VSDB is dually accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD).

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vfdb.k12.va.us/vfdb/>

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**Board of Visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind****Location:**

104 VSDB Drive  
 Post Office Box 2069

Staunton, Virginia 24402  
Tel. (540) 332-9000? Fax (540) 332-9042

**Code:**

§ 22.1-346.2

**Purpose:**

The Board of Visitors shall govern the educational programs and services to deaf, blind, and multi-disabled students enrolled at the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind.

**Composition:**

The Board shall have a total membership of 11 members that shall consist of four legislative members and seven nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: two members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and seven nonlegislative citizen members, of whom one shall be a parent of a child who is deaf or blind representing the Eastern region of the Commonwealth, one shall be a parent of a child who is deaf or blind representing the Western region of the Commonwealth, and one shall be a representative of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind Alumni Association, to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth. Legislative members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative members appointed shall serve for four-year terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed. However, no House member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms, no Senate member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms, and no nonlegislative member appointed by the Governor shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.

The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. The Board shall elect a secretary, who shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Board and of the executive committee if one is created by the Board, and such other officers as the Board deems appropriate. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall meet no more than four times each year. The meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

Four years, no more than two full successive terms

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable John J. Bell

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The Honorable Ghazala F. Hashmi

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Kathleen J. Murphy

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The Honorable Sally L. Hudson

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Daphne E. Cox	6/30/2021
..... Michael Patrick Asip	6/30/2021
..... Judy S. Sorrell	6/30/2022
..... J H Cline	6/30/2023

Ann O. Latham-Anderson	6/30/2020
VACANT	
John C. Pleasants	6/30/2020

**Legislative Details:**

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## VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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**Location:**

1 Hayden Drive  
Petersburg, Virginia 23806  
Tel. (804) 524-5000

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-2700

**Purpose:**

Virginia State University, a public, comprehensive 1890 Land Grant institution and historically black college/university, is committed to the preparation of a diverse population of men and women through the advancement of academic programs and services that integrate instruction, research, extension, and outreach.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.vsu.edu/>

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### Board of Visitors of Virginia State University

**Location:**

1 Hayden Drive  
Petersburg, Virginia 23806  
Tel. (804) 524-5000

**Code:**

§ 23.1-2700

**Purpose:**

The Board of Visitors shall be vested with all the rights and powers conferred by the provisions of this chapter insofar as the same are not inconsistent with the laws of the Commonwealth. The Board shall appoint all professors, teachers, and agents and fix their salaries and generally direct the affairs of the University.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of fifteen members appointed by the Governor, of whom at least three shall be alumni of the University and at least ten shall be residents of the Commonwealth. The alumni association of the University may submit to the Governor a list of three nominees for each vacancy on the board, whether the vacancy occurs by expiration of a term or otherwise. The Governor may appoint a member from the list of nominees.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms



**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ed Owens	6/30/2025
Valerie K. Brown	6/30/2022
Christine M. Darden	6/30/2024
Glenn D. Sessoms	6/30/2023
Wayne M. Turnage	6/30/2023
Charlie Wyatt Hill	6/30/2022
Xavier R. Richardson	6/30/2022
Thursa D. Crittenden	6/30/2022
William L. Murray	6/30/2024
Pamela A. Currey	6/30/2024
Shavonne D. Gordon	6/30/2024
Michael David Flemming	6/30/2023
James J. L. Stegmaier	6/30/2024
Raul R. HERRERA	6/30/2022
Jon D. Moore	6/30/2025

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**American Revolution 250 Commission**

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2544

**Purpose:**

The American Revolution 250 Commission (the Commission) is established as an advisory commission within the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission is to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the independence of the United States.

This article shall expire on July 1, 2027.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall have a total membership of 22 members that shall consist of 17 nonlegislative citizen members and five ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows:

1. One representative from each of the lead commemoration partners: the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, the primary state agency and fiscal agent; the Virginia Museum of History & Culture, the primary nonstate agency; and Gunston Hall, the primary representative of Virginia's historic homes and related sites;
2. One representative from the American Battlefield Trust, the secretariat of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission, and one representative from the Virginia Bar Association;
5. Six members appointed by the Governor from a list of 10 provided by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation; and
6. Six members appointed by the Governor from a list of 10 provided by the Virginia Museum of History & Culture. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Stephen R. Adkins	7/1/2027
Leslie G. Neuhoff	7/1/2027
Gretchen M. Bulova	7/1/2027
Spencer R. Crew	7/1/2027
Kimberly A. Hall	7/1/2027
Jacquelyn E. Stone	7/1/2027
Edward H. Baine	7/1/2027
H. Benson Dendy	7/1/2027
Clifford B. Fleet	7/1/2027
Sue Gerdelman	7/1/2027
Karin Wulf	7/1/2027
Anne Richardson	7/1/2027

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## Virginia STEM Education Advisory Board

### Location:

The Virginia STEM Coordinator at the Science Museum of Virginia shall serve as staff to the Board. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall assist the Board upon request.

### Code:

§ 22.1-364.

### Purpose:

The Virginia Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Advisory Board (the Board) is established as an advisory board, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Board is to advise the Governor, Cabinet members, and the General Assembly on strategies to align STEM education efforts and report STEM education challenges, goals, and successes across the Commonwealth.

### Composition:

The Board shall have a total membership of 16 members that shall consist of 10 nonlegislative citizen members and six ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor shall represent or have STEM experience with the public and private sector, industry partners, environmental organizations, and both formal and informal STEM educational organizations. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

### Term:

No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.

### Gubernatorial Appointees:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Damodar R. Ambur	6/30/2022
Padhu Seshaiyer	6/30/2025
Venicia Ferrell	6/30/2022
Gary R. Artybridge	6/30/2023
Susheela Shanta	6/30/2023

Casey M. Roberts	6/30/2024
Amy S. White	6/30/2024
Zaina H. Tarafder	6/30/2024
Christopher P. Dovi	6/30/2025
Amy E. Sabarre	6/30/2025

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## Board of Trustees A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership - Genedge Alliance

### Location:

32 Bridge Street, Suite 200  
Martinsville, Virginia 24112  
Tel. (276) 666-8890

### Code:

§ 23.1-3101

### Purpose:

A. The A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership (the Extension Partnership), doing business as Genedge Alliance, is established as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to help create and maintain industrial and manufacturing jobs. The Extension Partnership shall:

1. Develop, demonstrate, test, and assist in the implementation of advanced manufacturing technologies;
  2. Promote industrial expansion by providing manufacturing technology consulting services to manufacturers in the Commonwealth;
  3. Foster the creation of manufacturing networks and the development of buyer and supplier relationships in the region and throughout the Commonwealth;
  4. Serve as a resource center for industrial training and technology transfer programs for the renewal, enhancement, and expansion of existing manufacturing enterprises and manufacturing modernization outreach;
  5. Be available as a federal demonstration center for the training of displaced workers in any manufacturing area; and
  6. Receive and accept any available grants from any federal, state, or private agency, corporation, association, or person to be expended in fulfilling the duties enumerated in this subsection.
- B. The Extension Partnership is a local or regional industrial or economic development authority or organization for purposes of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (' 2.2-3700 et seq.).

### Composition:

The Extension Partnership shall be governed by a 24-member board of trustees (the board) consisting of (i) three presidents of comprehensive community colleges; two presidents of baccalaureate public institutions of higher education; one president of a baccalaureate private institution of higher education; and 15 nonlegislative citizen members representing manufacturing industries, to be appointed by the Governor and (ii) the director of the Center for Innovative Technology and two Secretaries as defined in ' 2.2-200 to be appointed by the Governor, to serve ex officio with voting privileges.

Appointments shall be for terms of four years. Ex officio members of the board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed. No member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms; however, a member appointed to serve an unexpired term is eligible to serve two consecutive four-year terms immediately succeeding such unexpired term.

### Term:

Four years, no more than two successive full terms

### Gubernatorial Appointees:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Peter Bale	6/30/2023
Marilyn Kay Hanover	6/30/2021
Abdelkarim I. Moharram	6/30/2022
Kaushikkumar Vashee	6/30/2025
Gabriel L. Lamois	6/30/2024
Marc M. Foglia	6/30/2024
Douglas Frost	6/30/2023
Matthew J. Clarke	6/30/2023
John Mead	6/30/2024
Karen D. Sorber	6/30/2024
John A. Downey	6/30/2022
Richard J. Gagliano	6/30/2025
Wayne P. Stilwell	6/30/2025
Shannon L. Kennedy	6/30/2023
Kristen A. Westover	6/30/2024
Makola M. Abdullah	6/30/2024
Brian O. Hemphill	6/30/2022
Tiffany McKillip Franks	6/30/2023
Wesley V. Reid	6/30/2022
Jeffrey Jaycox	6/30/2024
VACANT	

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## Virginia Commission for the Arts

**Location:**

600 East Main Street, Suite 330  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 225-3132

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3222

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Virginia Commission for the Arts is to support and stimulate excellence in the arts through public awareness, interest and participation in all parts of the State.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of thirteen members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. No employee of the Commonwealth or member of the General Assembly is eligible for appointment as a member of the Commission. At least one but no more than two members shall be appointed from each congressional district in the Commonwealth

**Term:**

Five year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*

laurie Naismith	6/30/2023
Asa M. Jackson	6/30/2023
Latasha J. Do'zia	6/30/2026
Frazier M. Armstrong	6/30/2026
Barbara B. Parker	6/30/2026
Sushmita Mazumdar	6/30/2024
Michael T. Markley	6/30/2024
David Ball Trinkle	6/30/2024
Jan P. Monroe	6/30/2024
Verdena R. Jennings	6/30/2024
Amanda L. Pillion	6/30/2024
Robert E. Goudie	6/30/2024
Terry E. Buntrock	6/30/2023

**Virginia Commission on Higher Education**

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2518

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Commission on Higher Education Board Appointments shall develop and implement a process for evaluating potential appointees to higher education governing boards, based on substantive qualifications, including merit and experience and make recommendations to the Governor at least 30 days prior to the expiration of terms for which recommendations have been requested to fill vacancies on higher education governing boards.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall have a total membership of eight members that shall consist of six non legislative citizen members and two ex officio members. Non legislative citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: two who shall be former members of either the board of visitors of a public institution of higher education or the State Board for Community Colleges; one who shall be either a former president, provost, or executive vice-president of a public institution of higher education; one who shall be a faculty member of a public institution of higher education; and two who shall be citizens at large. The Secretary of Education or his designee and the Secretary of the Commonwealth or his designee shall serve as ex officio members of the Commission with non voting privileges. The non legislative citizen member appointed who is a faculty member of a public institution of higher education shall serve without voting privileges. Non legislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and ex officio members of the Commission shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Joni L. Ivey	
Catherine (Cathy) M Lewis	
Carlos Del Toro	
Eva Teig Hardy	
James Michael Burke	

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## Board of Regents of the James Monroe Law Office-Museum and Memorial Library

**Location:**

908 Charles Street  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401  
Tel. (540) 654-1043

**Code:**

Acts of Assembly, 1964, Chapter 641

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Regents of the James Monroe Law Office-Museum and Memorial Library is to administer the activities specified by the University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors pertaining to the James Monroe Law Office-Museum and Memorial Library.

**Composition:**

The members of the Board shall consist of not less than eighteen members, two of whom shall be the Rector and President of the University of Mary Washington, two of whom shall be the President and Secretary of the James Monroe Memorial Foundation, and fourteen shall be appointed by the Governor of Virginia upon nomination of the Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington and the James Monroe Memorial Foundation. An equal number of Regents will be appointed by the Governor from the respective lists of nominations submitted by the Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington and the James Monroe Memorial Foundation.

**Term:**

Two years terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
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**Ex Officio Members**

- G. William Thomas Jr., President of the James Monroe Memorial Foundation
- Dr. Troy D. Paino, President of the University of Mary Washington
- Heather M. Crislip, Rector of the University of Mary Washington

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## Board of Trustees of the Roanoke Higher Education Authority

**Location:**

108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 208  
Roanoke, Virginia 24016  
Tel. (540) 767-6161

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3115

**Purpose:**

The Board of Trustees of the Roanoke Higher Education Authority shall expand access to higher education in the Roanoke Valley by providing for adult and continuing education and degree-granting programs, including undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, through partnerships with the Commonwealth's public and private institutions of higher education.

**Composition:**

The Authority shall be governed by a 20-member board of trustees (the board) as follows: two members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; the Director of the Council or his designee; the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee; the presidents of Averett University, James Madison University, Mary Baldwin College, Old Dominion University, Radford University, the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Virginia Western Community College or their designees; the Director of Total Action for Progress (TAP) This Valley Works; and five nonlegislative citizen members representing business and industry in the Roanoke Valley to be appointed by the Governor. Nonlegislative citizen members of the board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and residents of the Roanoke region.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Elda J. Stanco Downey	6/30/2025
Katherin Elam	6/30/2025
Tracy H. Nester	6/30/2022
Charles A. Price	6/30/2022
George L. Hayth	6/30/2022

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## Board of Trustees of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center

**Location:**

820 Bruce Street  
South Boston, Virginia 24592  
Tel. (434) 572-5440 ? Fax 434-572-5462

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3120

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center is to encourage the expansion of higher education, including adult and continuing education, associate, undergraduate, and graduate degree programs in the region, and foster partnerships between the public and private sectors to enhance higher education in the region; to coordinate the development and delivery of continuing education programs offered by those educational institutions serving the region; to facilitate the delivery of teacher training programs leading to licensure and graduate degrees; and to develop, in coordination with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, specific goals for higher education in Southside Virginia.

**Composition:**

The Center shall be governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of fifteen members as follows: two members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; the Director of the Council or his designee; the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee; the presidents of Longwood University, Danville Community College, and Southside Virginia Community College or their designees; and seven non legislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, including two members of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Foundation, one superintendent of a local school division located in the Southside region, and four representatives of business and industry. The Speaker of the House of Delegates may appoint an alternate for one delegate appointed to the board. The alternate shall serve a term coincident with the term of the delegate and has the power to act in his absence. The Senate Committee on Rules may appoint an alternate for the senator appointed to the board. The alternate shall serve a term coincident with the term of the senator and may act in his absence.

**Term:**

Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of four years; legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Dennis Witt	6/30/2023
John Charles Lee	6/30/2024
Hubert Pannell	6/30/2024
Douglas Edward Lee	6/30/2022
Mattie Cowan	6/30/2023
Charlette T. Woolridge	6/30/2022
Paul C. Nichols	6/30/2025

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**Board of Trustees of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center**

**Location:**

Post Office Box 1987  
Abingdon, Virginia 24212  
Tel. (276) 619-4300

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3125

**Purpose:**



The purpose of the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center is to encourage the expansion of higher education, including adult and continuing education, associate degrees to be offered by Virginia Highlands Community College, undergraduate degrees to be offered by the University of Virginia's College at Wise, and graduate degree programs, in the Southwest region of the Commonwealth, and foster partnerships between the public and private sectors to enhance higher education in the region.

**Composition:**

The Center shall be governed by a Board of Trustees, consisting of twenty-three members as follows: four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; the Director of the Council or his designee; the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee; the chief executive officers of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Radford University, the University of Virginia, the University of Virginia's College at Wise, Old Dominion University, Emory and Henry College, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia Highlands Community College or their designees; and seven non legislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor who represent Southwest Virginia public education and area business and industry, including one division superintendent, one public school teacher, two business and industry leaders, one representative of the technology industry, one representative of the tourism industry, and one representative of the healthcare industry. Non legislative citizen members of the board shall be chosen from among residents of the Southwest region of the Commonwealth and shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of four years; legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Lennie G. Mitcham	6/30/2023
Sandy J. Ratliff	6/30/2022
Hannah Ingram	6/30/2023
Steve P. Ahn	6/30/2023
Keith Perrigan	6/30/2022
Karen E. Shelton	6/30/2025
Esther Wj Bolling	6/30/2025

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**Online Virginia Network Authority**

**Location:**

Office of the Vice President SEES  
Old Dominion University  
Norfolk, Virginia 23529  
1026B Koch Hall  
Tel. (757) 683-5032

**Code:**

§ 23.1-3135

**Purpose:**

The Online Virginia Network Authority (the Authority) is established as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth for the purpose of providing a means for individuals to earn degrees and postsecondary education credentials by improving the quality of and expanding access to online degree and credential programs that are beneficial to citizens, public institutions of higher education, and employers in the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Authority shall be governed by a Board of Trustees (the Board) that has a total membership of 19 members that shall consist of four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; three nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor; one nonlegislative citizen member to be appointed by the board of visitors of George Mason University; one nonlegislative citizen member to be appointed by the board of visitors of Old Dominion University; one nonlegislative citizen member to be appointed by the State Board; one nonlegislative citizen member to be appointed by the board of visitors of James Madison University, and five members who shall serve ex officio with voting privileges, consisting of the President of George Mason University or his designee, the President of Old Dominion University or his designee, the President of James Madison University or his designee, the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee, and the Director of the Council. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Authority shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Legislative and ex officio members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. No House member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms, no Senate member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms, and no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years; legislative and ex officio members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Stephen D. Newman  
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The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin  
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The Honorable Ghazala F. Hashmi  
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**House Members:**

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The Honorable Mark L. Keam  
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The Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn  
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The Honorable Alex Q. Askew  
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The Honorable M. Kirkland Cox  
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**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Karen R. Jackson .....	6/30/2025
..... Susan Da Patrick .....	6/30/2023
..... Susan A. Moyer .....	6/30/2024

**Ex Officio Members:**

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President, George Mason University (or designee)  
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President, Old Dominion University or designee  
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Chancellor, Virginia Community College System or designee  
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Peter Blake, Director, State Council of Higher Education  
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Jonathan R. Alger, President, James Madison University

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/443>

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**School Readiness Committee**

**Location:**

Secretary of Education

Post Office Box 1475

Richmond, Virginia 23218

Tel. (804) 786-1151

**Code:**

§ 2.2-208.1.

**Purpose:**

In recognition of the fact that early care and education of young children is linked to academic success and workforce readiness, the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, and upon receiving recommendations for appointments from the Virginia Education Association, the Virginia School Boards Association, the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals, the Virginia Council for Private Education, the Virginia Child Care Association, the Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education, and the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, shall establish and appoint members to the School Readiness Committee (the Committee).

**Composition:**

The Committee shall have a total membership of no fewer than twenty-seven members that shall consist of seven legislative members, no fewer than sixteen nonlegislative citizen members, and four ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules on the recommendation of the Chair of the Senate Committee on Education and Health; and no fewer than sixteen nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Secretary of Education. Nonlegislative citizen members shall include at least three representatives of the office of the Secretary of Education, one representative of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, one representative of a baccalaureate public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth with a teacher education program, one representative of an associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth with a teacher education program, one representative of the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation, one representative of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, four representatives of the private business sector, one early childhood education teacher from a public early childhood education program, one early childhood education teacher from a private early childhood education program, one administrator from a public early childhood education program, and one administrator from a private early childhood education program. The Commissioner of Social Services or his designee, the Secretary of Education or his designee, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources or his designee, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee shall serve ex officio with voting privileges.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, legislative members and nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of three years

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin

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The Honorable Siobhan S. Dunnavant

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The Honorable David R. Suetterlein

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Kaye Kory

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The Honorable Lamont Bagby

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The Honorable Schuyler T. VanValkenburg

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The Honorable Barry D. Knight

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

..... *Term Expires*  
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**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Atif Qarni, Secretary of Education

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The Honorable Vanessa Walker Harris , M.D., Secretary of Health and Human  
Resources

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James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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S. Duke Storen, Commissioner, Department of Social Services

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/420>

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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE

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### Joe Flores

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**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street, 3rd Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-1148, Fax (804) 692-0676

**Purpose:**

The Secretary of Finance provides guidance to the four key agencies within the Finance Secretariat. These agencies handle all the financial transactions of the Commonwealth ' from collecting taxes to paying bills to distributing aid to localities. Their responsibilities include: forecasting and collecting revenues, managing the Commonwealth's cash and investments, selling bonds, overseeing internal audits, making strategic financial plans, preparing and executing the Commonwealth's budget

**Website:**

<http://finance.virginia.gov/>

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Secretary

**Joe Flores**

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Former Secretary

**Aubrey Layne**

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Deputy Secretary

**June Jennings**

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Executive Assistant

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## DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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**Location:**

Department of Accounts  
James Monroe Building  
101 North 14th Street, 2nd Floor

Richmond Virginia 23219-3638  
Tel. (804) 225-3038  
Fax: (804) 371-8587

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-800

**Purpose:**

The Department of Accounts (DOA) is a central service agency providing a uniform system of accounting, financial reporting, and internal controls to protect and account for the Commonwealth's financial resources.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.doa.virginia.gov/>

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## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUDGET

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**Location:**

Patrick Henry Building  
1111 East Broad Street, 5th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-7455 ? Fax (804) 225-3291

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-1500

**Purpose:**

To provide advice and analytical services in planning, budgeting, evaluation, and policy development for the Governor, Secretaries and other government officials in order to formulate the Executive Budget and to operate a system of budgetary execution. To coordinate the executive regulatory process and to provide review and analysis of regulations that are promulgated.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.dpb.virginia.gov>

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### Joint Advisory Board of Economists

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Planning and Budget  
1111 East Broad Street  
Room 5040  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-1922

**Code:**

§ 2.2-1503

**Purpose:**

The Joint Advisory Board of Economists is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations regarding economic assumptions and the general economic climate of the Commonwealth, to evaluate the validity of the economic forecast, to prepare the Governor's annual six year estimates of anticipated general fund revenues, and to project general fund revenues for the current and future biennial.

**Composition:**

The Joint Advisory Board of Economists is established as an advisory board, within the meaning of '2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government for such purpose. Chapter 422 (2010) changed the membership and appointment process for this board. The Board shall be chaired by the Secretary of Finance, and consist of the Staff Director of the House Committee on Appropriations, the Staff Director of the Senate Committee on Finance and consists of fifteen non legislative citizen members, twelve to be appointed by the Governor, at least eight being citizens of the Commonwealth, and three by the Joint Rules Committee, at least two being citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Senate Members:**

- .....  
The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, President, pro tempore of the Senate
- .....  
The Honorable Janet D. Howell, Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
- .....  
The Honorable Richard L. Saslaw, Senate Majority Leader
- .....  
The Honorable Thomas K. Norment Jr.
- .....  
The Honorable George L. Barker

**House Members:**

- .....  
The Honorable Luke E. Torian, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
- .....  
The Honorable Vivian E. Watts, Chair, House Finance
- .....  
The Honorable Mark D. Sickles
- .....  
The Honorable Charniele L. Herring, Majority Leader, House of Delegates
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The Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn, Speaker of the House
- .....  
The Honorable R. Lee Ware

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*

- .....  
Ann Battle Macheras
- .....  
Christine Chmura
- .....  
Mark Vitner
- .....  
Robert M. McNab
- .....  
Gerald T. Prante
- .....  
Alice Louise Kassens
- .....  
Roy H. Webb
- .....  
A. Fletcher Mangum
- .....  
Roy L. Pearson
- .....  
Stephen S. Fuller
- .....  
Michelle Albert Vachris

**Legislative Appointees:**

- .....  
Harley T. Duncan
- .....  
William Merritt Shobe
- .....  
Terry L. Clower Ph.D.

**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Joseph Flores, Chair, Secretary of Finance  
Anne Oman, Staff Director, House Appropriations Committee  
April Kees, Staff Director, Senate Committee on Finance  
The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor

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**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/216>

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**Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Planning and Budget  
1111 East Broad Street  
Room 5040  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-1922

**Code:**

§ 2.2-1503

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates shall review the economic assumptions and the general economic climate of the Commonwealth and evaluate the validity of the revenue forecast.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates is established as an advisory council, within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government for such purpose. The Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates, of which the Governor shall be chairman, shall include the Speaker and Majority Leader of the House of Delegates; the President pro tempore and Majority Leader of the Senate; the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Finance, and the Senate Committee on Finance or their designees; two members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance; and fifteen to twenty non legislative citizen members representing the private sector appointed by the Governor. Legislative members appointed shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office and nonlegislative citizen members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. All members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Members shall not receive compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses for the performance of their duties as provided in " 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department of Taxation. The Department of Taxation shall provide staff support. A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the Council shall be held upon the call of the chairman or whenever a majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor; legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, President, pro tempore of the Senate  
The Honorable Janet D. Howell, Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
The Honorable Richard L. Saslaw, Senate Majority Leader  
The Honorable Thomas K. Norment Jr.



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The Honorable George L. Barker  
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**House Members:**

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The Honorable Luke E. Torian, Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
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The Honorable Vivian E. Watts, Chair, House Finance  
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The Honorable Mark D. Sickles  
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The Honorable Charniele L. Herring, Majority Leader, House of Delegates  
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The Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn, Speaker of the House  
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The Honorable R. Lee Ware  
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**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*

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Neil P. Amin  
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Alison T. Corazzini  
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Thomas I. Barkin  
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Robert M. Blue  
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Nancy Bagranoff  
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Karen Ien Campbell  
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George F. Ricketts  
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Robert D. Hardie  
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Jennifer J. Bailey  
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Edward D. Whitmore  
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Nancy Agee  
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Brooke Kintz  
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Jody M. Wagner  
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Marc H. Katz  
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Stephen Movius  
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James M. Davis  
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Ronald L. Tillett  
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Howard P. Kern  
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**Legislative Appointees:**

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Harley T. Duncan  
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William Merritt Shobe  
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Terry L. Clower Ph.D.  
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**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Joseph Flores, Chair, Secretary of Finance  
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Anne Oman, Staff Director, House Appropriations Committee  
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April Kees, Staff Director, Senate Committee on Finance  
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The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor  
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**Legislative Details:**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

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**Location:**

Virginia Department of Taxation  
1957 Westmoreland Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23230

**Purpose:**

The mission of the Virginia Department of Taxation (TAX) is to administer the tax laws of the Commonwealth with integrity and efficiency to support funding of government services for Virginia's citizens.

**Web Site:**

<https://tax.virginia.gov/>

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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**Location:**

James Monroe Building  
101 North 14th Street, 3rd Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 225-2142

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-1800

**Purpose:**

To provide statewide financial management services for the Commonwealth in the service areas of cash management and banking, investment management, debt management, risk management and insurance, cash disbursement and bank reconciliation, trust accounting, and unclaimed property administration.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.trs.virginia.gov/>

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### Debt Capacity Advisory Committee

**Location:**

Virginia Department of the Treasury  
101 North 14th Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 225-2142

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2712

**Purpose:**

The Debt Capacity Advisory Committee shall have the power and duty to annually review the size and condition of the Commonwealth's tax-supported debt and submit to the Governor and to the General Assembly an estimate of the maximum amount of new tax-supported debt that prudently may be authorized for the next biennium. The estimate shall be advisory and in no way bind the Governor or the General Assembly. The Committee shall also annually review the amount and condition of bonds, notes, and other security obligations of the Commonwealth's agencies, institutions, boards, and authorities, for which the Commonwealth has a contingent or limited liability or General Assembly is permitted to replenish reserve funds if deficiencies occur, and submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an annual report with the Committee's recommendation to ensure the prudent use of such obligations. Such review shall be submitted on or before January 1 of each year, and conduct ongoing reviews of the amount and condition of bonds, notes, and other security obligations of the Commonwealth's agencies, institutions, boards, and authorities not secured by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth or for which the General Assembly is not permitted to replenish reserve funds, and when appropriate, shall recommend limits on such additional obligations to the Governor and to the General Assembly.

**Composition:**

The Committee shall consist of the Secretary of Finance; the State Treasurer; the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget; State Comptroller; the Auditor of Public Accounts; the Director of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission; the Staff Director of the House Committee on Appropriations; the Staff Director of the Senate Committee on Finance; and two citizen members who have expertise in financial matters to be appointed by the Governor.

Of the citizen members appointed for terms beginning July 1, 1994, one shall be appointed for an initial term of three years and the other for an initial term of five years. Successors shall be appointed to serve for terms of four years each. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled by appointment of the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. All appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Members shall continue to hold office until their successors have been appointed and qualified.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ronald Lee Tillett	6/30/2022
Hossein Sadid	6/30/2023

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**The Treasury Board**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of the Treasury  
101 North 14th Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 225-2142

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2415

**Purpose:**

The Treasury Board shall supervise investment of state funds, administer the Virginia Security for Public Deposits Act, administer the Government Non-Arbitrage Investment Act, approve the terms and structure of appropriation-supported bonds, and act as the issuing agent on general obligation bonds.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of seven members to be appointed as follows: four members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor; the State Treasurer, the Comptroller, and the Tax Commissioner. The members appointed by the Governor should have a background and experience in financial management and investments. The State Treasurer, the Comptroller, and the Tax Commissioner shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
James P. Carney	
Neil P. Amin	

**Board of the Virginia College Building Authority**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of the Treasury  
101 North 14th Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 225-2142

**Code:**

§ 23.1-1201

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of the Virginia College Building Authority is to manage and administer all assets, money, and obligations transferred to the Authority; purchase bonds issued by institutions of higher education; and issue and refund bonds of the authority.

**Composition:**

The Board of the Virginia College Building Authority consist of the State Treasurer, the State Comptroller, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, and the Director of the Council, all of whom shall serve ex officio, and seven additional members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Appointed members shall serve for a term of four years. Ex officio members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No appointed member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

The Governor shall appoint one member as chairman who shall serve a two-year term. No member is eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as chairman. The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Authority and shall receive such compensation as the Governor determines. No ex officio member is eligible to serve as chairman. The Governor shall appoint one member as chairman who shall serve a two-year term. No member is eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as chairman. The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Authority and shall receive such compensation as the Governor determines. No ex officio member is eligible to serve as chairman. The Authority shall elect one appointed

member as vice-chairman, who shall exercise the powers of the chairman in the absence of the chairman. The Authority shall elect a treasurer, a secretary, and an assistant secretary to perform the duties and functions commonly performed by such officers. All such officers, except the secretary and the assistant secretary, shall be selected from members of the Authority. The secretary and the assistant secretary may receive such compensation as the Authority provides. Each appointed member of the Authority and the secretary and the assistant secretary shall execute a surety bond in such penal sum as shall be determined by the Attorney General to be (i) conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office, (ii) executed by a surety company authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as surety, (iii) approved by the Attorney General, and (iv) filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Corynne S. Arnett	6/30/2022
Stephanie A. Calliott	6/30/2022
Barry R. Green	6/30/2025
Tiffany M. Boyle	6/30/2022
Lane Bryan Ramsey	6/30/2022
Jerrell D. Saunders	6/30/2024
Martin A. Thomas	6/30/2024

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**Board of the Virginia Public Building Authority**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of the Treasury  
101 North 14th Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 225-2142

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2261

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Public Building Authority is created for the purpose of constructing, improving, furnishing, maintaining, acquiring, financing, refinancing, and operating public buildings for the use of the Commonwealth (heretofore or hereafter constructed), state arsenals, armories, and military reserves, state institutions of every kind and character (heretofore and hereafter constructed), additions and improvements to public institutions of higher education, including land grant colleges and medical colleges, and the purchase of lands for rehabilitation purposes in connection with state institutions and for use of state colleges, and museum facilities for a trust instrumentality of the United States, and the purchase of lands for the development of public buildings that may be authorized by the General Assembly in the future, the acquisition of items of personal property for the use of the Commonwealth, the constructing, improving, maintaining, acquiring, financing, and refinancing of major information technology projects as defined in ' 2.2-2006, the financing or refinancing of capital projects that benefit the Commonwealth and any of its agencies, authorities, boards, departments, instrumentalities, institutions, or regional or local authorities, the provision of financing on behalf of any of the Commonwealth's agencies, authorities, boards, departments, instrumentalities, institutions, or regional or local authorities or governments of land, buildings, infrastructure, and improvements for the benefit of an MEI project incentive package endorsed by the MEI Project Approval Commission created pursuant to ' 30-309, and the

financing or refinancing of reimbursements to localities or governmental entities of all or any portion of the Commonwealth's share of the costs for capital projects made pursuant to other applicable provisions of Virginia law, and the refinancing of obligations issued by other state and local authorities or political subdivisions of the Commonwealth where such obligations are secured by a lease or other payment agreement with the Commonwealth or the Commonwealth's obligations under such leases or payment agreements, the purpose and intent of this article being to benefit the people of the Commonwealth by, among other things, increasing their commerce and prosperity.

**Composition:**

The Authority shall be comprised of the State Treasurer or his designee, the State Comptroller, and five additional members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Unconfirmed appointments shall expire 30 days after the convening of the General Assembly. Members of the Authority shall be entitled to no compensation for their services as members, but shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties as provided in ' 2.2-2825. The term of each member appointed by the Governor shall be five years.

Vacancies in the membership of the Authority shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. The Governor shall designate one member of the Authority as chairman who shall serve a two-year term. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as chairman. The Department of the Treasury shall serve as staff to the Authority.

**Term:**

Five years, Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Sarah Bane Williams	6/30/2022
Ann H. Shawver	6/30/2023
Carolyn L. Bishop	6/30/2024
John A. Mahone	6/30/2026
Suzanne S. Long	6/30/2025

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## VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHORITY

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**Location:**

Virginia Resources Authority  
1111 East Main Street, Suite 1920  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 644-3100 | Fax: (804) 644-3109

**Code Reference:**

§ 62.1-197

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Resources Authority, working with its state agency partners, provides Virginia localities access to cost-effective, sustainable, and innovative financial solutions for projects that support vibrant and healthy Virginia communities.

**Web Site:**

## Virginia Resources Authority, Board of Directors

**Location:**

1111 East Main Street, Suite 1920  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 644-3100 | Fax: (804) 644-3109

**Code:**

§ 62.1-201

**Purpose:**

The Board of Directors shall further the Commonwealth of Virginia's goals in economic development, the environment, public health, and transportation by providing local governments with affordable and innovative infrastructure financing.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of the State Treasurer, the Executive Director of the Department of Aviation, the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Health Commissioner; and seven members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, all residents of the Commonwealth. The Governor appoints one member chairman. The Executive Director serves as ex officio secretary.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Cynthia Bailey	6/30/2023
Cecil Rudelle Harris	6/30/2024
Charlette T. Woolridge	6/30/2024
Mary B. Bunting	6/30/2024
Barbara M. Donnellan	6/30/2025
Thomas Lloyd Hasty	6/30/2022
William A. Kittrell	6/30/2024

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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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### Vanessa Walker-Harris

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**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street, 4th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-7765

**Purpose:**

The Secretary of Health and Human Resources oversees twelve state agencies which provide often vital services to Virginians. Individuals with disabilities, the aging community, low-income working families, children, caregivers and the provider network are supported through the work of this Secretariat. In addition, our agencies license health practitioners and ensure safe drinking water in the Commonwealth.

**Website:**

<https://www.hhr.virginia.gov>

Secretary	<b>Vanessa Walker-Harris</b>
Former Secretary	<b>Daniel Carey</b>
Deputy Secretary	<b>Catherine Finley</b>
Assistant Secretary	<b>Corey Pleasants</b>
Executive Assistant	<b>Jennifer Bean</b>
Advisor on Childhood Trauma & Resiliency	<b>Chidimma Uche</b>
Communications Director and Policy Director	<b>Rachel Becker</b>
Special Assistant for Constituent Services	<b>Dorothy "Dot" Swann</b>

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**Location:**

1602 Rolling Hills Drive, Suite 107  
Richmond, Virginia 23229  
Tel. (866) 835-5976 Fax (804) 662-9533

**Code Reference:**

§ 51.5-57

**Purpose:**

To administer and manage the Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority. The Fund shall be used to provide loans to individuals with disabilities within the Commonwealth for the purpose of acquiring assistive technology, other equipment, or other authorized

**Web Site:**

<https://atlfa.org/>

**Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority**

**Location:**

1602 Rolling Hills Drive, Suite 107  
Richmond, Virginia 23229  
Tel. (866) 835-5976 Fax (804) 662-9533

**Code:**

§ 51.5-55

**Purpose:**

The Fund shall be used to provide loans to individuals with disabilities within the Commonwealth for the purpose of acquiring assistive technology, other equipment, or other authorized purposes designed to help such individuals become more independent. The Fund shall also be used to buy down interest rates of lending institutions making such loans and provide a loan guarantee for loans made by lending institutions for such purposes. The Fund shall be used only when, in the discretion of the Board, loan applicants have met eligibility criteria and the release of money is deemed appropriate. The Fund shall be administered and managed by the Authority. The costs and expenses of maintaining, servicing and administering the Fund may be paid out of amounts in the Fund.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of twelve members as follows: the Secretary of Health and Human Resources or his designee; an employee of the Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center; an experienced consumer lender; a certified public accountant; two persons with investment finance experience; and six persons with a range of disabilities. The citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the General Assembly.

**Term:**

Citizen members of the Board shall be appointed for four-year terms, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be made for the unexpired terms. Representatives of state agencies shall serve coincident with the term of the Governor. No member appointed by the Governor shall be eligible to serve more than two complete terms in succession.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Elise Nelson	6/30/2022
Marques Jones	6/30/2024
Christopher O. Grandle	6/30/2025
Vanessa S. Rakestraw	6/30/2022

Lamont M. Henry	6/30/2024
Sarah A. Liddle	6/30/2023
Ronald L. Lanier	6/30/2023
Michael E. Vandyke	6/30/2025
Kristoffer A. Peterson	6/30/2024
Douglas A. Bierly	6/30/2024

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## DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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**Location:**

8004 Franklin Farms Drive  
 Henrico, Virginia 23229  
 Tel. (804) 662-7000

**Code Reference:**

§ 51.5-117

**Purpose:**

To ensure effective programs and services, and to improve coordination of these programs and services, for citizens of the Commonwealth who, for reasons of age, disability, or other physical factors, face challenges in living independently in the community and accessing the full range of programs and services to help them achieve independence and an improved quality of life

**Web Site:**

<https://vadars.org/>

### State Rehabilitation Advisory Council

**Location:**

Department of Rehabilitative Services  
 8004 Franklin Farms Drive  
 Richmond, Virginia 23229  
 Tel. (804) 662-7000  
 TTY in Virginia (800) 464-9950

**Code:**

§ 51.5-129; 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.; 29 U.S.C. § 795 et seq.; 29 U.S.C. § 725

**Purpose:**

The State Rehabilitation Advisory Council shall publicize the policies and programs of the Department in order to educate the public and elicit public support for the Department's programs; Monitor the activities of the Department and have the right of access to Department information, provided that such access does not violate the confidentiality of client records; Advise the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Commissioner, and the General Assembly on the delivery of public services to and the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities on matters relating to this title, and on such other matters as the Governor, Secretary, Commissioner, or the General Assembly may request; Perform such other duties as may be prescribed to the Council by Title I and Title VI of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**Composition:**

The Governor shall appoint at least one representative of the following: at least one representative of the Statewide Independent Living Council established under section 796d of Title 29 of the United States Code, which representative may be the chairperson or other designee of the Council; at least one representative of a parent training and information center established pursuant to section 671 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; at least one representative of the client assistance program established under section 732 of Title 29 of the United States Code; at least one qualified vocational rehabilitation counselor, with knowledge of and experience with vocational rehabilitation programs, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Council if the counselor is an employee of the designated State agency; at least one representative of community rehabilitation program service providers; four representatives of business, industry, and labor; representatives of disability advocacy groups representing a cross section of individuals with physical, cognitive, sensory, and mental disabilities and individuals representatives of individuals with disabilities who have difficulty in representing themselves or are unable due to their disabilities to represent themselves; current or former applicants for, or recipients of, vocational rehabilitation services; in a State in which one or more projects are funded under section 741 of Title 29 of the United States Code, at least one representative of the directors of the projects located in such State; at least one representative of the State educational agency responsible for the public education of students with disabilities who are eligible to receive services under this subchapter and part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and at least one representative of the State workforce development board.

**Term:**

Three year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Garrett Shane Brumfield	9/30/2022
Joliefawn Liddell	9/30/2022
Aaron J. Bossard	9/30/2022
Madeline H. Nunnally	9/30/2024
Karen Michalski-Karney	9/30/2024
Heidi L. Lawyer	9/30/2022
Angela D. Leonard	9/30/2023
Daniel Irwin	9/30/2023
	9/30/2023
Jennifer C. Witteborg	9/30/2023
Frederick C. Foard	9/30/2024
Linda Garris-Bright	9/30/2021
Billie J. Cook	9/30/2023
Justin Spurlock	9/30/2024
Talisha N. Mcauley-Davis	9/30/2022
Brian Keith Evans	9/30/2022
Kathryn Hayfield	9/30/2021

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**Statewide Independent Living Council**

**Location:**

Department of Rehabilitative Services  
8004 Franklin Farms Drive

Richmond, Virginia 23229  
Tel. (804) 662-7000  
TTY in Virginia (800) 464-9950

**Code:**

USC Title 29, Chapter 16, Section 796c; § 51.5-164

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Statewide Independent Living Council is to jointly plan with the Department of Rehabilitative Services carried out under Title VII of the Federal Rehabilitation Act and to provide advice to the Department regarding such activities.

**Composition:**

The Governor appoints members. The Council shall consist of at least one director of a center for independent living, parents and guardians of individuals with disabilities, representatives of private business, representatives from organizations that provide services for individuals with disabilities, and other appropriate individuals. Ex officio members are non-voting representatives from other state agencies that provide services for individuals with disabilities.

**Term:**

Three years; no more than two consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Edmond Turner	9/30/2024
Robert G. Targos	9/30/2022
Kenneth Jessup	9/30/2022
Chandra N. Robinson	9/30/2022
Karen Karney	9/30/2022
Gayl Brunk	9/30/2024
Brian S. Montgomery	9/30/2024
Wilfredo A. Benavides Medrano	9/30/2022
Shawn M. Utt	9/30/2022
Daniel Aranda	9/30/2023
Gary W. Talley	9/30/2023
Vasantha Rayman	9/30/2023
Leelynn Cherease Untalan Brady	9/30/2022
Marcia C. DuBois	9/30/2024
Judy Jackson	9/30/2024
Eric Raff	9/30/2024

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**Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission**

**Location:**

8004 Franklin Farms Drive  
Henrico, Virginia 23229  
Tel. (804) 662-7000

**Code:**

**Purpose:**

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission is established as an advisory commission. The purpose of the entity is to assist people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of fifteen nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; two members to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and ten members to be appointed by the Governor, of whom seven shall be from among the boards, staffs, and volunteers of the Virginia chapters of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association and three shall be from the public at large.

All members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Margie Shaver	6/30/2024
Carol Anne Manning	6/30/2023
Karen Garner	6/30/2024
Gary R. Jackson	6/30/2024
Destiny Levere	6/30/2025
Vanessa R. Crawford	6/30/2025
Lana J. Sargent	6/30/2024
Travonia B. Hughes	6/30/2024
L. Karen Darner	6/30/2023
Laura S. Bowser	6/30/2023

**Legislative Appointees:**

Ms. Kim Kutner	June 30, 2024
Ms. Ishan Williams	June 30, 2024
Christopher Desimone	June 30, 2022
Krystal Thompson	June 30, 2024
Ms. Pamela Teaster	June 30, 2023

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/196>

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**Commonwealth Council on Aging**

**Location:**

7501 Boulders View Drive, Suite 630  
North Chesterfield, Virginia 23225

Tel. (804) 525-7728  
Toll Free (866) 393-0957

**Code:**

§ 51.5-127

**Purpose:**

The Commonwealth Council on Aging shall promote an effective, coordinated approach to meeting the needs of older Virginians.

**Composition:**

The Commonwealth Council on Aging shall consist of twenty four members as follows: one member from each of the eleven congressional districts of the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly; four at-large nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; four at-large nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, the Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, and the President of the Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging, or their designees, who shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members. Members of the Commonwealth Council on Aging shall be citizens of the Commonwealth appointed at large without regard to political affiliation but with due consideration of geographical representation. Appointees shall be selected for their ability, and all appointments shall be of such nature as to aid the work of the Commonwealth Council on Aging and to inspire the highest degree of cooperation and confidence.

After the initial staggering of terms, all appointments shall be for four-year terms. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term. No person having served on the Commonwealth Council on Aging for two full consecutive terms shall be eligible for reappointment to the Commonwealth Council on Aging for two years thereafter. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility to serve.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Deborah V. Taylor	6/30/2022
Jennifer Disano	6/30/2022
Diana M. Paguaga	6/30/2024
Carla V. Hesseltine	6/30/2022
Tresserlyn L. Kelly	6/30/2025
John C. Countryman	6/30/2022
Jay White	6/30/2025
William Gorman	6/30/2025
Deborah E. Davidson	6/30/2022
Erica Wood	6/30/2024
Amy R. Duncan	6/30/2025

**Legislative Appointees:**

Roland Winston	June 30, 2024
Harvey Chambers	June 30, 2024
Debra Preston	June 30, 2024
Jyoti 'Tina' Savla	June 30, 2024

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Carter Randolph Harrison	June 30, 2022
Beverley A. Soble	June 30, 2024
Michael Wampler	June 30, 2024
David E. Broder	June 30, 2024

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**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Vanessa Walker Harris , M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources

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Terry A. Smith, Designee of Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services (Designee)

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Gail S. Nardi, Designee of Commissioner, Department of Social Services

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James A. Rothrock, Interim Commissioner, Virginia Department for the Aging

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Paul LaVigne, Designee of President, Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Designee)

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**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/151>

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**Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board**

**Location:**

8004 Franklin Farms Drive  
Henrico, Virginia 23229  
Tel. (804) 662-7000

**Code:**

§ 51.5-149.1

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board shall be to report to and advise the Commissioner of the Department for the Aging on the means for effectuating the purposes of this article and shall assist in the coordination and management of the local and regional programs appointed to act as public guardians and conservators pursuant to Chapter 4 (' 37.1-128.01 et seq.) of Title 37.1.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of no more than fifteen members who shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: one representative of the Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging; one representative of the Virginia State Bar; one active or retired circuit court judge upon recommendation of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; one representative of ARC of Virginia; one representative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Virginia; one representative of the Virginia League of Social Service Executives; one representative of the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards; the Commissioner of Social Services or his designee; the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or his designee; and one person who is a member of the Commonwealth Council on Aging and such other individuals who may be qualified to assist in the duties of the Board, who may include a representative of the Commonwealth's designated protection and advocacy system.

**Term:**

Five appointees serve four years; the remainders serve three years; no more than two successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Cristen C. Zedd	6/30/2022
Rose A. Palmer	6/30/2022
Latroyal Roxburgh	6/30/2022
Ming Truong	6/30/2024
Susan A. Elmore	6/30/2022
Lindsay M. Pickral	6/30/2023
James Frederifck Almand	6/30/2022
VACANT	
Erica Wood	6/30/2022
Donna F. Smith	6/30/2024
Monica L. Karavanic	6/30/2022
Katherine C. Harkey	6/30/2022
Betty A. Dougherty	6/30/2022

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**Employment Service Organization Steering Committee**

**Code:**

§ 51.5-169.2.

**Purpose:**

The Employment Service Organization Steering Committee (the Committee) is established as an advisory board, within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Committee shall be to report to and advise the Commissioner on policy, funding, and the allocation of funds to employment services organizations for Long-Term Employment Support Services and Extended Employment Services pursuant to ' 51.5-169.1.

**Composition:**

The Committee shall consist of 11 nonlegislative citizen members who shall be appointed as follows: four members to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, two of whom shall be representatives of the Virginia Association of Community Rehabilitation Programs, one of whom shall be a representative of the Virginia Goodwill Network, and one of whom shall be a representative of the Virginia Association of People Supporting Employment First; five members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, two of whom shall be representatives of the Virginia Association of Community Rehabilitation Programs, one of whom shall be a representative of the Virginia Goodwill Network, one of whom shall be a representative of the Virginia Association of People Supporting Employment First, and one of whom shall be an individual who has a family member receiving services in an employment services organization that is eligible to receive funding pursuant to ' 51.5-169.1; and two at-large members to be appointed by the Governor. No employee, agent, or representative of the Commonwealth may serve as a member of the Committee.

Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. No member shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Each year, the Committee shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman from among its members. Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall meet no more than four times per year.

**Term:**



No member shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
James W. Fenerty	6/30/2022
Alan Hargraves	6/30/2022

**Legislative Appointees:**

Robin B. Metcalf	June 30, 2022
Charles J. McElroy	June 30, 2022
Jason Bucker Harper	June 30, 2022
Stephanie Hoer	June 30, 2022
Ms. Megan Bergen	June 30, 2022
Ms. Teresa Hall	June 30, 2022
Ms. Shirley Lyons	June 30, 2022
Ms. Joanne Orchant Aceto	June 30, 2022
Chris Lavach	June 30, 2022

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/489>

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## DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND AND VISION IMPAIRED

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**Location:**

397 Azalea Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia 23227  
Tel. (804) 371-3140 ? Fax (804) 371-3157

**Code Reference:**

§ 51.5-118

**Purpose:**

Cooperating with the federal government in carrying out the provisions and purposes of the federal Rehabilitation Act and is empowered and directed to cooperate with the federal government in the administration of such act, to prescribe and provide services as may be necessary for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, to provide for the supervision of such services, and to disburse and administer federal funds provided for the rehabilitation of such persons.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vdbvi.org/>

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### State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and Vision Impaired

**Location:**

397 Azalea Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia 23227  
Tel. (804) 371-3140 ? Fax (804) 371-3157

**Code:**

USCS § Title 29, Chapter 16, Sec. 725 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and Vision Impaired is to provide advice to the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired regarding vocational services provided pursuant to Title I and Title VI of the federal Rehabilitation Act.

**Composition:**

The Governor shall appoint at least one representative of the following: at least one representative of the Statewide Independent Living Council established under section 796d of Title 29 of the United States Code, which representative may be the chairperson or other designee of the Council; at least one representative of a parent training and information center established pursuant to section 671 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; at least one representative of the client assistance program established under section 732 of Title 29 of the United States Code; at least one qualified vocational rehabilitation counselor, with knowledge of and experience with vocational rehabilitation programs, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Council if the counselor is an employee of the designated State agency; at least one representative of community rehabilitation program service providers; four representatives of business, industry, and labor; at least one representative of a disability advocacy group representing individuals who are blind; at least one individual's representative, of an individual who is an individual who is blind and has multiple disabilities and has difficulty in representing himself or herself or is unable due to disabilities to represent himself or herself; current or former applicants for, or recipients of, vocational rehabilitation services; in a State in which one or more projects are funded under section 741 of Title 29 of the United States Code, at least one representative of the directors of the projects located in such State; at least one representative of the State educational agency responsible for the public education of students with disabilities who are eligible to receive services under this subchapter and part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and at least one representative of the State workforce development board.

**Term:**

Three year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Julie B. Akers	9/30/2022
VACANT	
Alexa R. Bowe	9/30/2023
Christine Louise Appert	9/30/2022
Ricardo S. Lizama Montecino	9/30/2023
Liang L. Liao	9/30/2023
Mark Roane	9/30/2022
Irene Conlin	9/30/2022
Chanthen S. Nene	9/30/2023
Marianne Moore	9/30/2023
Annette Hyde	9/30/2023
Rachael Rounds	9/30/2024
Milford J. Stern	9/30/2023
Edna E. Johnson	9/30/2023
Leelynn Cherease Untalan Brady	9/30/2024
Prem Jadhvani	9/30/2022

## Board for the Blind and Vision Impaired

**Location:**

401 Azalea Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia 23227  
Tel. (804) 371-3151

**Code:**

§ 51.5-61

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Board for the Blind and Vision Impaired shall advise the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Commissioner, and the General Assembly on the delivery of public services to and the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities on matters relating to this title, and on such other matters as requested; and review and comment on policies, budgets and requests for appropriations for the Department prior to their submission to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Governor and on applications for federal funds.

**Composition:**

The Governor appoints seven members; membership shall, at all times, include four persons who are blind. The chairman must be selected from the blind members.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Debra Persinger Helms	6/30/2023
Paul W, D'Addario	6/30/2022
Mazen M. Basrawi	6/30/2025
Bonnie Atwood	6/30/2024
Barbara N. McCarthy	6/30/2022
Robert J. Bartolotta	6/30/2025
Kenneth W. Jessup	6/30/2024

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## DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING

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**Location:**

Ratcliffe Building  
1602 Rolling Hills Drive, Suite 203

Henrico, Virginia 23229  
Tel./TDD (804) 662-9502

**Code Reference:**

§ 51.5-108

**Purpose:**

To function as a communication bridge between deaf and hearing people, and help provide an environment in which deaf persons of all ages have an equal opportunity to participate fully as active, responsible, and independent citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vddhh.org/>

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## **Advisory Board for the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing**

**Location:**

1602 Rolling Hills Drive, Suite 203  
Henrico, Virginia 23229-5012  
Tel. (804) 662-9502

**Code:**

§ 51.5-106

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board for the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing shall advise the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Director of the Department, and the General Assembly on matters relating to hearing-impaired Virginians; ensure the development of long-range programs and plans provided by state and local governments; and review and comment on all budgets and requests for appropriations for the Department prior to their submission to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Governor and on all applications for federal funds.

**Composition:**

The Governor appoints nine members: four representatives of deafness-oriented professions concerned with the health, education, rehabilitation, mental health, and welfare of deaf and hard-of-hearing; four citizens who are hearing impaired; and one member who is a parent of a hearing-impaired child. The board elects a chairman.

Appointments shall be for terms of four years. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two successive terms, except that a person appointed to fill a vacancy may serve two additional successive four-year terms.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Traci Branch	6/30/2023
Jason M. Zuccari	6/30/2023
Roy Martin	6/30/2023
Carrie Humphrey	6/30/2023
Karen A. Engelhardt	6/30/2024
Timothy R. Patterson	6/30/2024
Susanne Be Wilbur	6/30/2024
Colin H. Wells	6/30/2022

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## DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

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**Location:**

Thomas Jefferson Building  
1220 Bank Street, 13th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-3921

**Code Reference:**

§ 37.2-300

**Purpose:**

To provide a comprehensive system of services that is responsive to the mental health, intellectual disability, and substance abuse services to address the needs of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/>

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### State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

**Location:**

State BHDS Board  
Post Office Box 1797  
Richmond Virginia 23218-1797  
Tel. (804) 786-3921

**Code:**

§ 37.2-200

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services is to develop and establish programmatic and fiscal policies governing the operation of state hospitals and community services boards; ensure development of long-range programs and plans for Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; review and comment on all budgets; monitor activities of the department; advise the Governor, Commissioner, and the General Assembly; make, adopt, and promulgate rules and regulations; and develop programs to educate citizens and elicit support for activities of the department and of community services boards.

Appointments shall be made for terms of four years each, except appointments to fill vacancies that shall be for the unexpired terms of vacated appointments. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed. However, no member shall be eligible to serve more than two four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. No person shall serve more than a total of 12 years. Members of the Board may be suspended or removed by the Governor at his pleasure.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of nine nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The nine members shall consist of one individual who is receiving or who has received services, one family member of an individual who is receiving or who has received services, one individual who is receiving or who has received services or family member of such individual, one elected local government official, one psychiatrist licensed to practice in Virginia, and four citizens of the Commonwealth at large. The Governor, in appointing the psychiatrist member, may make his selection from nominations submitted by the Medical Society of Virginia in collaboration with the Psychiatric Society of Virginia and the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Washington Psychiatric Society.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Varun Choudhary	6/30/2023
Jerome P. Hughes	6/30/2023
Christopher S. Olivo	6/30/2024
Kendall L. Lee	6/30/2024
Rebecca C. Graser	6/30/2024
Elizabeth C. Hilscher	6/30/2024
Moira C. Mazzi	6/30/2025
Sandra F. Price-Stroble	6/30/2025
Emily P. Cash	6/30/2022

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**Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Advisory Board**

**Location:**

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services  
8004 Franklin Farms Drive  
Richmond, Virginia 23229

**Code:**

§ 51.5-180

**Purpose:**

The Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Advisory Board shall administer, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Health, the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Trust Fund, in accordance with such regulations of the Board of Health as shall be established for the Fund. The Fund shall be administered by the Department of Rehabilitative Services.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of seven members as follows: one person licensed to practice medicine in Virginia experienced with brain or spinal cord injury; one person licensed by a health regulatory board within the Department of Health Professions with experience in brain or spinal cord injury rehabilitative programs or services; one Virginian with traumatic spinal cord injury or a caretaker thereof; one Virginian with traumatic brain injury or a caretaker thereof; one citizen at-large who shall not be an elected or appointed public official; the State Health Commissioner; and the Commissioner of Rehabilitative Services.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
David X. Cifu	6/30/2024
David B. Reid	6/30/2025
Richard M. Bagby	6/30/2025
Raighne C. Delaney	6/30/2024
Joshua B. Sloan	6/30/2025
Marissa Levine	
James Rothrock	

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**Governor's Substance Abuse Services Council**

**Location:**

Thomas Jefferson Building  
1220 Bank Street, 13th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-3921

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2696

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Governor's Substance Abuse Services Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Board on broad policies and goals and on the coordination of the Commonwealth's public and private efforts to control alcohol and other drug abuse.

**Composition:**

The Council shall consist of twenty-nine members. Four members of the House of Delegates shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates, and two members of the Senate shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. The Governor shall appoint one member representing the Virginia Sheriffs' Association, one member representing the Virginia Drug Courts Association, one member representing the Substance Abuse Certification Alliance of Virginia, two members representing the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, and two members representing statewide consumer and advocacy organizations. The Council shall also include the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; the Commissioner of Health; the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles; the Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Directors of the Departments of Juvenile Justice, Corrections, Criminal Justice Services, Medical Assistance Services, and Social Services; the Chief Operating Officer of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; the Executive Director of the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth or his designee; the Executive Director of the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program or his designee; and the chairs or their designees of the Virginia Association of Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Virginia Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, and the Substance Abuse Council and the Prevention Task Force of the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards.

**Term:**

Appointments of agency heads shall be for terms consistent with their terms of office. All other appointments of nonlegislative members shall be for terms of three years, except an appointment to fill a vacancy, which shall be for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two successive terms, provided that a person appointed to fill a vacancy may serve two full successive terms.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Jennifer B. Boysko  
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The Honorable John J. Bell  
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**House Members:**

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The Honorable C. E. (Cliff) Hayes Jr.  
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The Honorable Patrick A. Hope  
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The Honorable Gwendolyn W. (Wendy) Gooditis  
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The Honorable Jeffrey L. Campbell  
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**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Marjorie Yates .....	6/30/2023
..... Peter Breslin .....	6/30/2023
..... Robert Mosier .....	6/30/2023
..... Natale A. Christian .....	6/30/2022
..... Sandra S O'Dell .....	6/30/2023
..... Madeline M. Berry .....	6/30/2023
..... Marla H. Newby .....	6/30/2022
..... Mary Gresham McMasters .....	6/30/2020

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/173>

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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**Location:**

Perimeter Center

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300

Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463

Tel. (804) 367-4400 ? Fax (804) 527-4475

**Code Reference:**

§ 54.1-2501

**Purpose:**

To ensure competent and qualified health practitioners delivering services to citizens in the Commonwealth

**Web Site:**

<https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/>  
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**Advisory Board on Music Therapy**

**Code:**



§ 54.1-3709.3

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board on Music Therapy (Advisory Board) is hereby established to assist the Board in formulating regulations related to the practice of music therapy. The Advisory Board shall also assist in such other matters relating to the practice of music therapy as the Board may require.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Board shall have a total membership of five nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: three members shall be licensed music therapists, one member shall be a licensed health care provider other than a music therapist, and one member shall be a citizen at large.

After the initial staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Gary L. Verhagen	6/30/2025
Anthony Meadows	6/30/2022
Michelle N. Westfall	6/30/2024
Anna Mcchesney	6/30/2023
Linda R. Stone	6/30/2024

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**Advisory Board on Art Therapy**

**Location:**

Department of Health Professions

**Code:**

§ 54.1-3516

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board on Art Therapy (the Advisory Board) is hereby established to assist the Board in formulating regulations related to the practice of art therapy. The Advisory Board shall also assist in such other matters relating to the practice of art therapy as the Board may require.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Board shall have a total membership of five nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: three members shall be licensed art therapists, one member shall be a licensed health care provider other than an art therapist, and one member shall be a citizen at large.

After the initial staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Elizabeth A. Mills	6/30/2025
Gretchen Graves	6/30/2022
Leila Saadeh	6/30/2023
Brenda Bonuccelli	6/30/2023
Holly Zajur	6/30/2024

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**Advisory Board on Surgical Assisting**

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2956.14

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board shall, under the authority of the Board, recommend to the Board for its enactment into regulations (i) standards for continued licensure of surgical assistants, including continuing education requirements, and (ii) standards relating to the professional conduct, termination and reinstatement and renewal of licenses of surgical assistants.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Board shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. Three members of the Board shall be, at the time of appointment, surgical assistants who have practiced in the Commonwealth for not less than three years; one member shall be a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or podiatry whose practice shall include surgery; and one member shall be a citizen member appointed from the Commonwealth at large. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve on the Advisory Board for more than two consecutive terms.

**Term:**

No person shall be eligible to serve on the Advisory Board for more than two consecutive terms.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*

Thomas H. Gochenour	6/30/2022
Deborah Redmond	6/30/2024
Jessica Wilhelm	6/30/2023
Srikanth Mahavadi	6/30/2024
Nicole Meredith	6/30/2025

## Advisory Board on Acupuncture

### Location:

Virginia Board Of Medicine  
 Perimeter Center  
 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
 Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
 Tel. (804) 367-4600

### Code:

§ 54.1-2956.11

### Purpose:

The Advisory Board on Acupuncture shall assist the Board of Medicine in carrying out the provisions of this chapter regarding the qualifications, examination, licensure, and regulation of acupuncturists.

### Composition:

The Board shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Governor; Three members shall be licensed acupuncturists who have been practicing in Virginia for not less than three years. One member shall be a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic or podiatry who is qualified to practice acupuncture in Virginia, and one shall be a citizen member appointed from the Commonwealth at large. Beginning July 1, 2011, the Governor's appointments shall be staggered as follows: two members for a term of one year, two members for a term of two years, and one member for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments shall be for four-year terms. Any vacancy occurring during a member's term shall be filled for the unexpired balance of that term. No person shall be eligible to serve on the Advisory Board for more than two successive terms.

### Term:

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

### Gubernatorial Appointees:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Janet L. Borges	6/30/2022
R. Keith Bell	6/30/2022
Sharon P. Crowell	6/30/2022
Luke Robinson	6/30/2022
Beth L. Rodgers	6/30/2022

## Advisory Board on Athletic Training

**Location:**

Virginia Board Of Medicine  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4600

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2957.5

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training shall assist the Board of Medicine in formulating its requirements for the certification of athletic trainers and in such other matters relating to the practice of athletic training as the Board may require; recommend the criteria for the standards of professional conduct for certificate holders.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Board shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. The first appointments shall provide for staggered terms with two members being appointed for a two-year term, two members being appointed for a three-year term and one member being appointed for a four-year term. Three members shall be at the time of appointment athletic trainers who are currently licensed by the Board and who have practiced in Virginia for not less than three years, including one athletic trainer employed at a secondary school, one employed at an institution of higher education, and one employed in the public or private sector; one member shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth; and one member shall be a citizen appointed by the Governor from the Commonwealth at large.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Michael Jo Puglia	6/30/2023
Deborah B. Corbatto	6/30/2022
David F. Pawlowski	6/30/2023
Jeff B. Roberts	6/30/2023
Trilizsa Ann Trent	6/30/2023

**Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology**

**Location:**

Virginia Board Of Medicine  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4630

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2602

**Purpose:**

The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology shall promulgate canons of ethics under which the professional activities of the persons regulated shall be conducted.

**Composition:**

The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology shall consist of seven members as follows: two licensed audiologists, two licensed speech-language pathologists, one otolaryngologist, and two citizen members. The terms of Board members shall be four years. All professional members of the Board shall have actively practiced their professions for at least two years prior to their appointments.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Melissa A. McNichol	6/30/2022
Erin G. Piker	6/30/2022
Alison R. King	6/30/2022
Kyttra L. Burge	6/30/2023
Corliss V. Booker	6/30/2023
Angela W. Moss	6/30/2022
Bradley W. Kesser	6/30/2024

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**Board of Counseling**

**Location:**

Virginia Board Of Medicine  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4610

**Code:**

§ 54.1-3503

**Purpose:**

The Board of Counseling shall regulate the practice of counseling, substance abuse treatment, art therapy, and marriage and family therapy.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of 12 members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Ten members shall be professionals licensed in the Commonwealth, who shall represent the various specialties recognized in the profession, and two shall be nonlegislative citizen members. Of the 10 professional members, six shall be professional counselors, three shall be licensed marriage and family therapists who have passed the examination for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, and one shall be a licensed substance abuse treatment practitioner.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Johnston M. Brendel	6/30/2023
Angela Charlton	6/30/2023
Tiffinee S. Yancey	6/30/2025
Barry J. Alvarez	6/30/2025
Natalie F. Harris	6/30/2024
Bev-Freda L. Jackson	6/30/2024
Gerard Lawson	6/30/2024
Terry R. Tinsley	6/30/2022
Vivian Y. Sanchez-Jones	6/30/2022
Maria Baggot	6/30/2025
Danielle N. Hunt	6/30/2023
Holly J. Tracy	6/30/2022

## Board of Dentistry

### Location:

Virginia Board Of Medicine  
 Perimeter Center  
 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
 Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
 Tel. (804) 367-4600

### Code:

§ 54.1-2702

### Purpose:

The purpose of the Board of Dentistry shall be to regulate the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting.

### Composition:

The Governor appoints ten members: seven dentists, two dental hygienists, and one citizen member. The professional members of the Board shall be licensed practitioners of dentistry and dental hygiene, of acknowledged ability in the profession, and must have practiced dentistry or dental hygiene in the Commonwealth for at least three years.

### Term:

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

### Gubernatorial Appointees:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Patricia B. Bonwell	6/30/2022
Margaret F. Lemaster	6/30/2024
Sidra Butt	6/30/2025
Sultan E. Chaudhry	6/30/2024
Jamiah K. Dawson	6/30/2025
Alf R. Hendricksen	6/30/2025
Joshua W. Anderson	6/30/2022
Dagoberto G. Zapatero	6/30/2023

J Michael Martinez de Andino	6/30/2023
Nathaniel C. Bryant	6/30/2024

**Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers**

**Location:**

Perimeter Center  
 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
 Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
 Tel. (804) 367-4479

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2802

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers is to establish standards of service and practice; regulate and inspect funeral service establishments, their operations, and licenses; enforce relevant regulations of the State Board of Health; enforce local ordinances; establish, supervise, regulate, and control programs for resident trainees; establish standards for and approve schools of mortuary science or funeral service; and regulate preneed funeral contracts and preneed funeral trust accounts.

**Composition:**

The Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers shall consist of nine members as follows: seven funeral service licensees of the Board with at least five consecutive years of funeral service practice in the Commonwealth immediately prior to appointment and two nonlegislative citizen members. The terms of office shall be for four years from July 1. Appointments shall be made annually on or before June 30 as the terms of the members respectively expire. Appointments to the Board should generally represent the geographical areas of the Commonwealth. The Board shall annually elect a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Kenneth S. Hickey	6/30/2022
Mia Mimms	6/30/2024
Lacyn Barton	6/30/2025
Robert Thomas Slusser	6/30/2022
Jason S. Graves	6/30/2023
Blair H. Nelsen	6/30/2023
Joseph Francis Walton	6/30/2023
Michael Williams	6/30/2024
Muhammad Hanif	6/30/2025

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## Board of Health Professions

**Location:**

Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4600

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2507

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Health Professions is to evaluate the need for coordination among the health regulatory boards; evaluate all healthcare professions and occupations in the Commonwealth to consider whether each profession or occupation should be regulated and the degree of regulation; to facilitate communication with the public, review policies and procedures of the Department, Practitioner Self-Referral Act and to promote development of standards to evaluate the competency of professions and occupations represented.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of one member from each regulatory board appointed by the Governor and five members appointed by the Governor from the Commonwealth at-large. No member of the board who represents a health regulatory board shall serve as such after he ceases to be a member of a board. The board elects a chairman from its members.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
James Steven Wells	6/30/2023
Carmina . Teresa V Bautista	6/30/2024
Sheila E. Battle	6/30/2025
Brenda L. Stokes	6/30/2024
Michael E. Hayter	6/30/2022
Sahil Chaudhary	6/30/2022
Martha Perry Rackets	6/30/2022
Alison R. King	6/30/2022
Mitchell Patrick Davis	6/30/2023
Allen Jones	6/30/2022
Helene D. Clayton-Jeter	6/30/2023
Sarah T. Melton	6/30/2024
A. Tucker Gleason	6/30/2024
Barry J. Alvarez	6/30/2025
Susan B. Wallace	6/30/2023
Margaret F. Lemaster	6/30/2024
Steve B. Karras	6/30/2023
Kenneth S. Hickey	6/30/2022

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## Board of Long Term Care Administrators

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4600

**Code:**

§ 54.1-3101

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Long Term Care Administrators is to promulgate canons of ethics under which the professional activities of persons regulated shall be conducted.

**Composition:**

The Board of Long-Term Care Administrators shall consist of nine nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed as follows: three who are licensed nursing home administrators; three who are assisted living facility administrators; two who are from professions and institutions concerned with the care and treatment of chronically ill and elderly or mentally impaired patients or residents; and one who is a resident of a nursing home or assisted living facility or a family member or guardian of a resident of a nursing home or assisted living facility. One of the licensed nursing home administrators shall be an administrator of a proprietary nursing home. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

After the initial staggering of terms, the terms of Board members shall be four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed consistent with ' 54.1-107.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Lisa A. Kirby	6/30/2025
..... Ashley B. Jackson	6/30/2024
..... Mitchell Patrick Davis	6/30/2023
..... Kimberly R. Searcy	6/30/2025
..... Jenny Inker	6/30/2024
..... Martha Hunt	6/30/2023
..... Pamela M. Dukes	6/30/2025
..... Ali Faruk	6/30/2023
..... Ann L. Williams	6/30/2024

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## Advisory Board on Massage Therapy

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4400 ? Fax (804) 527-4475

**Code:**

§ 54.1-3029.1

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board on Massage Therapy shall assist the Board in areas of qualifications, examination, registration, regulation, and standards of professional conduct of massage therapists as described in ' 54.1-3029. The Advisory Board shall also assist in such other matters relating to the practice of massage therapy as the Board may require.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of five members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: three members shall be licensed massage therapists who have practiced in the Commonwealth for not less than three years prior to their appointment; one shall be an administrator or faculty member of a nationally accredited school of massage therapy; and one shall be a citizen member appointed from the Commonwealth at large.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Maria M. Olivieri	6/30/2024
Erin C. Osiol	6/30/2023
Shawnte L. Peterson	6/30/2023
Dawn M. Hogue	6/30/2024
Lisa Speller	6/30/2025

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**Board of Medicine**

**Location:**

Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4600

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2911

**Purpose:**

The Board of Medicine shall regulate the professions practicing the healing arts.

**Composition:**

The Board of Medicine shall consist of one medical physician from each congressional district, one osteopathic physician, one podiatrist, one chiropractor, and four citizen members. No two citizen members shall reside in the same congressional district. Citizen members shall have all voting and participation rights of other members. The term of office of the members of the Board shall be four years. If any medical physician member of the Board ceases to reside in the district from which he was appointed, except by reason of redistricting, his office shall be deemed vacant.

The officers of the Board shall be a president, vice-president and a secretary, who shall also act as treasurer, who shall be members of and selected by the Board.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
James R. Arnold	6/30/2022
Brenda L. Stokes	6/30/2022
Alvin Edwards	6/30/2023
Jane D. Hickey	6/30/2023
Manjit Singh Dhillon	6/30/2024
Ryan P. Williams	6/30/2023
Amanda L. Barner Welch	6/30/2022
Lindsey B. Marchese	6/30/2025
joel j silverman	6/30/2023
Oliver J. Kim	6/30/2025
Milly Rambhia	6/30/2022
Madge E. Ellis	6/30/2024
Jacob W. Miller	6/30/2024
Khalique S. Zahir	6/30/2022
David F. Archer	6/30/2024
Karen A. Ransone	6/30/2024
Pradeep K. Pradhan	6/30/2025
Jennifer M. Rathmann	6/30/2025

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**Advisory Board on Midwifery**

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4600

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2957.10

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board on Midwifery shall assist the Board of Medicine in formulating regulations pertaining to the practice of midwifery.

**Composition:**

The initial appointments shall provide for staggered terms with two members being appointed for two-year terms, two members being appointed for three-year terms, and one member being appointed for a four-year term. Thereafter, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by

expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

The Advisory Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Advisory Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Rebecca R. Banks	6/30/2023
Ildiko L. Baugus	6/30/2025
Erin K. Hammer	6/30/2024
Natasha Jones	6/30/2023
Ami Keatts	6/30/2023

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**Board of Nursing**

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4515

**Code:**

§ 54.1-3002

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Nursing is to regulate the practice of registered and practical nurses, certified nurse aides, certified massage therapists, clinical nurse specialists, registered medication aides, and jointly with the Board of Medicine, licensed Nurse Practitioners.

**Composition:**

The Board of Nursing shall consist of 14 members as follows: eight registered nurses, at least two of whom are licensed nurse practitioners; two licensed practical nurses; three citizen members; and one member who shall be a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse. The terms of office of the Board shall be four years.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Dixie L. McElfresh	6/30/2023
Laurie Buchwald	6/30/2025

Teri C. Brown	6/30/2022
Jennifer Marie Phelps	6/30/2021
Margaret J. Friedenber	6/30/2025
Meenakshi S. Shah	6/30/2024
Felisa A. Smith	6/30/2023
James L. Hermansen-Parker	6/30/2023
Yvette L. Dorsey	6/30/2024
Ann T. Gleason	6/30/2024
Brandon A. Jones	6/30/2023
Cynthia M. Swineford	6/30/2025
Marie Fiascone Gerardo	6/30/2022
Mark D. Monson	6/30/2022

## Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy

### Location:

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
 Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
 Tel. (804) 367-4600

### Code:

§ 54.1-2956.2

### Purpose:

The purpose of the Advisory Board of Occupational Therapy is to advise the Board of Medicine on matters concerning occupational therapy such as criteria for licensure, assessment of qualifications, and sanctions for professional misconduct and unlawful acts.

### Composition:

The Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the Governor as follows: three members shall be occupational therapists who have practiced for not less than three years, one member shall be a physician licensed to practice in Virginia, and one member appointed from the Commonwealth at-large.

### Term:

Four year terms

### Gubernatorial Appointees:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Kathryn B. Skibek	6/30/2024
Breshae A. Bedward	6/30/2023
Raziuddin Ali	6/30/2025
Karen L. Lebo	6/30/2024
Dwayne Pitre	6/30/2023

## Board of Optometry

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4630

**Code:**

§ 54.1-3207

**Purpose:**

The Board of Optometry shall regulate the practice of optometry.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of six members as follows: five licensed optometrists and one citizen member. Licensed optometrists appointed to the Board shall be individuals who, at the time of appointment, (i) have been engaged in the practice of optometry for at least five years, (ii) have met all requirements for practice as an optometrist set forth in this chapter and are qualified to engage in the full scope of the practice of optometry, and (iii) are actively engaged in the delivery of clinical care to patients. The terms of office of the members shall be four years.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Fred E. Goldberg	6/30/2024
Clifford A. Roffis	6/30/2024
Evan J. Kaufman	6/30/2025
Helene Clayton-Jeter	6/30/2022
Devon B. Cabot	6/30/2023
Lisa G. Wallace-Davis	6/30/2023

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## Board of Pharmacy

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4456

**Code:**

§ 54.1-3305

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Pharmacy is to regulate the practice of pharmacy and the manufacturing, dispensing, selling, distributing, processing, compounding or disposal of drugs, cosmetics, and devices; control character and standards; and investigate and take action on complaints.

**Composition:**

The Board of Pharmacy shall consist of ten members, as follows: eight licensed pharmacists who are graduates of an approved school or college of pharmacy and two citizen members. The terms of office of the members shall be four years.

The Board shall annually elect from its members a chairman. There shall be an executive director for the Board of Pharmacy who shall be licensed or eligible for licensure in the Commonwealth as a pharmacist.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Sarah T. Melton	6/30/2024
Patricia Lynn Richards-Spruill	6/30/2022
Roger D. Stclair	6/30/2024
Cheryl L. Garvin	6/30/2025
Larry G. Bolyard	6/30/2022
James L. Jenkins	6/30/2023
William T. Lee	6/30/2023
Bernard Henderson	6/30/2022
Kristopher S. Ratliff	6/30/2022
Cheryl H. Nelson	6/30/2022

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**Board of Physical Therapy**

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4674

**Code:**

§ 54.1-3475

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Physical Therapy is to regulate the practice of physical therapy regarding the qualifications, examination, licensure and regulation of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of seven members, appointed by the Governor, five of whom shall be physical therapists who have been in active practice for at least seven years prior to appointment with at least three of such years in Virginia; one shall be a licensed physical therapist assistant; and one shall be a citizen member.

Members shall be appointed for terms of four years and shall serve until their successors are appointed. The initial appointments shall provide for staggered terms with two members being appointed for a one-year term, two members being appointed for a two-year term, two members being appointed for a three-year term, and one member being appointed for a four-year term. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve on the Board for more than two successive full terms.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Elizabeth Locke	6/30/2025
Mira H. Mariano	6/30/2025
Allen R. Jones, Jr.	6/30/2022
Rebecca Je Duff	6/30/2022
Tracey Adler	6/30/2023
Arkena L. Dailey	6/30/2023
Susan S. Palmer	6/30/2025

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**Advisory Board on Physician Assistants**

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4600

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2950.1

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Advisory Board on Physician Assistants is to advise the Board of Medicine on matters related to the practice of physician assistants.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: three members shall be licensed physician assistants who have practiced their professions in Virginia for not less than three years prior to their appointments; one shall be a physician who collaborates with at least one physician assistant; and one shall be a citizen member appointed from the Commonwealth at large. Appointments shall be for four-year terms. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve on the Advisory Board for more than two successive terms.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Tracey Dunn	6/30/2022
James B. Carr	6/30/2022
Kathleen A. Scarbalis	6/30/2022
Portia S. Tomlinson	6/30/2022
Frazier W. Frantz	6/30/2022

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## Board of Psychology

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4697

**Code:**

§ 54.1-3603

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Psychology is to regulate the private practice of psychology and school psychology.

**Composition:**

The membership of the Board shall be representative of the practices of psychology and shall consist of nine members as follows: five persons who are licensed as clinical psychologists, one person licensed as a school psychologist, one person licensed in any category of psychology, and two citizen members. At least one of the seven psychologist members of the Board shall be a member of the faculty at an accredited institution of higher education in the Commonwealth actively engaged in teaching psychology. The terms of the members of the Board shall be four years.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Peter L. Sheras	6/30/2022
Kathryn L. Zeanah	6/30/2023
Norma H. Murdoch-Kitt	6/30/2025
James L. Werth	6/30/2022
Stephanie T. Valentine	6/30/2022
Susan Brown Wallace	6/30/2023
Christine A. Payne	6/30/2023
Aliya R. Chapman	6/30/2025
John D. Ball	6/30/2024

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## Advisory Board on Radiological Technology

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4600

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2956.8

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board on Radiological Technology shall assist the Board of Medicine in carrying out the provisions of this chapter regarding the qualifications, examination, registration and regulation of certified radiological technology practitioners.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Board shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: three members shall be licensed radiological technology practitioners who have been practicing in the Commonwealth for not less than three years prior to their appointments, one member shall be a board-certified radiologist licensed in the Commonwealth, and one member shall be a citizen member appointed from the Commonwealth at large. Beginning July 1, 2011, the Governor's appointments shall be staggered as follows: two members for a term of one year, one member for a term of two years, and two members for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments shall be for four-year terms.

Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve on the Advisory Board for more than two consecutive terms.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Joyce O. Hawkins	6/30/2022
David L. Roberts	6/30/2022
Rebecca Faye Keith	6/30/2022
Uma R. Prasad	6/30/2022
William E. Quarles	6/30/2022

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**Advisory Board on Respiratory Care**

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4600

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2956

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Care shall advise the Board of Medicine in carrying out the provisions of this chapter regarding the qualifications, examination, registration, and regulation of licensed respiratory therapists.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Board shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor as follows: three members shall be at the time of appointment respiratory therapists who have practiced for not less than three years, one member shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth, and one member shall be appointed by the Governor from the Commonwealth at large. Beginning July 1, 2011, the Governor's appointments shall be staggered as follows: two members for a term of one year, one member for a term of two years, and two members for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments shall be for four-year terms.

Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve on the Advisory Board for more than two consecutive terms.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Santiera L. Brown	6/30/2022
Daniel U. Gochenour	6/30/2022
Shari A. Toomey	6/30/2022
Denver B. Supinger	6/30/2022
Bruce Kalman Rubin	6/30/2022

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**Board of Social Work**

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300

Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463

Tel. (804) 367-4441

**Code:**

§ 54.1-3703

**Purpose:**

The Board of Social Work shall regulate the practice of social work. In addition to the powers granted in ' 54.1-2400, the Board shall have the following specific powers and duties: to cooperate with and maintain a close liaison with other professional boards and the community to ensure that regulatory systems stay abreast of community and professional needs, to conduct inspections to ensure that licensees conduct their practices in a competent manner and in conformance with the relevant regulations, to designate specialties within the profession, to license baccalaureate social workers, master's social workers, and clinical social workers to practice consistent with the requirements of the chapter and regulations of the Board and to register persons proposing to obtain supervised post-degree experience in the practice of social work required by the Board for licensure as a clinical social worker.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of nine nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, seven of whom shall be licensed social workers who have been in active practice of social work for at least five years prior to appointment and two of whom shall be nonlegislative citizen members at large. The terms of the members of the Board shall be four years.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Jamie Clancey	6/30/2023
Teresa B. Reynolds	6/30/2024
Canek Aguirre	6/30/2024
Gloria P. Manns	6/30/2024

Dolores Sweeny Paulson	6/30/2022
Angelia Nicole Allen	6/30/2023
Eboni Bugg	6/30/2025
Maria Eugenia Del Villar	6/30/2022
Michael Edward Hayter	6/30/2022

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## Board of Veterinary Medicine

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
 Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
 Tel. (804) 367-4468

**Code:**

§ 54.1-3802

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Veterinary Medicine is to regulate the profession of veterinary medicine and veterinary technicians and regulate animal facilities.

**Composition:**

The Board of Veterinary Medicine shall consist of seven members as follows: five licensed veterinarians, one licensed veterinary technician and one citizen member. The terms of the members of the Board shall be for four years.

The Board shall annually elect a president, vice-president and secretary.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Tregel Cockburn	6/30/2024
Steven B. Karras	6/30/2024
Thomas B. Massie	6/30/2025
Jeffery B. Newman	6/30/2023
Mary Spencer	6/30/2023
Ellen Hillyer	6/30/2022
Autumn Nicolle Halsey	6/30/2023

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## Advisory Board for Polysomnographic Technology

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4600

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2957.14

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board on Polysomnographic Technology shall assist the Board in carrying out the provisions of this chapter regarding the qualifications, examination, and regulation of licensed polysomnographic technologists.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. Three members shall be at the time of appointment polysomnographic technologists who have practiced for not less than three years, one member shall be a physician who specializes in the practice of sleep medicine and is licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth, and one member shall be appointed by the Governor from the Commonwealth at large.

Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve on the Advisory Board for more than two consecutive terms.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Raid Mohaidat	6/30/2022
Jonathan Clay Clark	6/30/2022
Hannah A. Tyler	6/30/2022
Ronnie D. Hayes	6/30/2022
Abdul Amir	6/30/2022

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## **Advisory Board on Behavior Analysis**

**Location:**

Virginia Board Of Medicine  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico Virginia 23233-1463  
Tel. (804) 367-4600

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2957.18

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board on Behavior Analysis (Advisory Board) shall assist the Board in carrying out the provisions of this chapter regarding the qualifications, examination, and regulation of licensed behavior analysts and licensed assistant behavior analysts.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Board shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms as follows: two members shall be, at the time of appointment, licensed behavior analysts who have practiced for at least three years; one member shall be, at the time of appointment, a licensed assistant behavior analyst who has practiced for not less than three years; one member shall be a physician licensed by the Board who is familiar with the principles of behavior analysis; and one member shall be a consumer of applied behavior analysis who does not hold a license as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst who is appointed by the Governor from the Commonwealth at large. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of terms shall be filled for the unexpired term.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Jerita J. Dubash	6/30/2024
Christina N. Giuliano	6/30/2025
Autumn L. Kaufman	6/30/2023
Stephan Hoprich	6/30/2024
Mark W. Llobell	6/30/2023

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**Advisory Board on Genetic Counseling**

**Location:**

Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2957.22

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board on Genetic Counseling (Advisory Board) is established as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government. The Advisory Board shall assist the Board of Medicine in formulating regulations related to the practice of genetic counseling. The Advisory Board shall also assist in such other matters relating to the practice of genetic counseling as the Board may require.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Board shall consist of five nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, and shall include three licensed genetic counselors, one doctor of medicine or osteopathy who has experience with genetic counseling services, and one nonlegislative citizen member who has used genetic counseling services. Members of the Advisory Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

After the initial staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a term of four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Tahnee N. Causey	6/30/2024
Lydia K. Higgs	6/30/2024
Martha Thomas	6/30/2024
	6/30/2021
Lori A. Swain	6/30/2022

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## DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

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**Location:**

600 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-7933

**Code Reference:**

§ 32.1-323

**Purpose:**

To ensure that the categorically and medically needy citizens of the Commonwealth have financial access to a cost effective, comprehensive health care delivery system, consistent with the appropriation authorized by the General Assembly

**Web Site:**

<http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/index>

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### Board of Medical Assistance Services

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services  
600 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-7933

**Code:**

§ 32.1-324

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of medical Assistance Services is to ensure that the categorically and medically needy citizens of the Commonwealth have financial access to a cost effective, comprehensive health care delivery system.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of eleven residents of the Commonwealth to be appointed by the Governor as follows: five of whom shall be health care providers and six of whom shall not; of these six, at least two shall be individuals with significant professional experience in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of health care fraud. Any vacancy on the Board, other

than by expiration of term, shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term. No person shall be eligible to serve on the Board for more than two full consecutive terms. Appointments shall be made for terms of four years each, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be made for the unexpired terms. The Board shall meet at such times and places as it shall determine. It shall elect from its members a chairman who shall perform the usual duties of such office. The Board shall submit biennially a written report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The Director shall be the executive officer of the Board but shall not be a member thereof.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Maureen Hollowell	3/7/2023
Basim Khan	3/7/2023
Ashley A. Gray	3/7/2024
Ira G. Peters	3/7/2023
Michael H. Cook	3/7/2023
Peter Reid Kongstvedt	3/7/2022
Patricia Taylor Cook	3/7/2025
Raziuddin Ali	3/7/2022
Kannan Srinivasan	3/7/2025
Elizabeth Noriega	3/7/2025
Elizabeth M. Coulter	3/7/2025

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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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**Location:**

801 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 726-7000  
SNAP Hotline (800) 552-3431

**Code Reference:**

§ 63.2-200

**Purpose:**

To provide an effective public assistance and social services system to meet the basic needs of less fortunate citizens in their home communities whenever possible, and assist them, to the extent that their capabilities allow, to become self-sufficient and self-supporting.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.dss.virginia.gov/>

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**Office of New Americans Advisory Board**



**Code:**

§ 2.2-2496

**Purpose:**

The Office of New Americans Advisory Board (the Board) is established as an advisory board, within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Board is to advise the Governor, cabinet members, and the General Assembly on strategies to improve state policies and programs to support the economic, linguistic, and civic integration of new Americans throughout the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of 18 nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor who represent or have experience with the faith community; local government; the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service; law-enforcement agencies; health, mental health, housing and workforce development organizations; organizations serving youth and the elderly; organizations providing legal services for immigrants; and educational institutions and institutions of higher education. In addition, the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the Commonwealth and the Chairmen of the Virginia-Asian Advisory Board, the Latino Advisory Board, the Virginia African American Advisory Board, and the Council on Women, or their designees, shall serve ex officio with nonvoting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be residents of the Commonwealth.

Ex officio members shall serve terms consistent with their terms of office.

**Term:**

No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms; however, the remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Jennifer A. Crewalk	6/30/2025
Eva P. Stitt	6/30/2023
Dora Muhammad	6/30/2023
Fern R. Hauck	6/30/2023
Bo Machayo	6/30/2023
Juan C. Santacoloma	6/30/2024
Eric Lin	6/30/2024
Ahoo Salem	6/30/2024
Kate M. Ayers	6/30/2024
Susannah Lepley	6/30/2024
Milton D. Vickerman	6/30/2025
Rammy G. Barbari	6/30/2025
Michael D. Hoefer	6/30/2025
Amelia C. Smith	6/30/2022
Hannah M. Borja	6/30/2022
Mi Young Yoon	6/30/2022
El Hadji Dj Niang	6/30/2022
Hassan M. Ahmad	6/30/2023

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## Child Support Guidelines Review Panel

**Location:**

801 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 20-108.2

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel is to provide quadrennial review of the guidelines for the determination of child support. The Panel shall determine the adequacy of the guideline for the determination of appropriate awards for the support of children by considering current research and data on the cost of and expenditures necessary for rearing children, and any other resources it deems relevant to such review.

**Composition:**

The Panel shall consist of fifteen members as follows: three members of the House Committee for Courts of Justice, upon the recommendation of the chairman of such committee, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice, upon the recommendation of the chairman of such committee, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and one representative of a juvenile and domestic relations district court, one representative of a circuit court, one representative of the Department of Social Services' Division of Child Support Enforcement, three members of the Virginia State Bar, two custodial parents, two noncustodial parents, and one child advocate, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, to be appointed by the Governor.

**Term:**

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office; nonlegislative members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Scott A. Surovell

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Karrie K. Delaney, Member of House Courts of Justice Committee

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The Honorable Don L. Scott Jr., Member of House Courts of Justice Committee

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The Honorable James A. (Jay) Leftwich Jr., Member of House Courts of Justice  
Committee

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*

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Valerie A L'Herrou

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Shawn Edwards

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Deborah Vatis Bryan

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Daniel L. Gray

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Yvonne J. Nageotte

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Edward A. Robbins

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Dennis M. Hottell

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Kimberlee H. Ramsey

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Craig M. Burshem

Ryan Johnston

Kim-marie A. Brown

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/320>

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**Board of Trustees of the Family and Children's Trust Fund**

**Location:**

801 East Main Street, 15th Floor

Richmond, Virginia 23219

Tel. (804) 726-7604

Fax (804) 726-7088

**Code:**

§ 63.2-2101

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Trustees is to provide for the support and development of services for the prevention and treatment of violence within families accomplished through fundraising and public awareness; responsible to select and award funds for community and statewide initiatives which best serve families; and utilize a public-private partnership to achieve these goals through a collaborative effort.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of fifteen members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Board members shall represent the Commonwealth at-large and shall have knowledge and experience in child abuse and neglect and spouse abuse programs, finance and fiscal management and other related areas. The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services shall serve as a permanent member of the Board.

Initially, five appointments to the Board shall be for a term of four years, five appointments shall be for a term of three years, and five appointments shall be for a term of two years; thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of four years.

Appointments to fill vacancies other than by expiration of term shall be for the unexpired term. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two successive four-year terms.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Maureen Coffey	6/30/2025
Dominique Marsalek	6/30/2024
Beverly T. Crowder	6/30/2025
Judy A. Kurtz	6/30/2022
Linda D. Wilkinson	6/30/2024
Virginia A. Powell	6/30/2025
Kenneth "Carter" Batey	6/30/2022
Season R. Roberts	6/30/2022

Jennifer C. Gillyard	6/30/2022
Tavares Floyd	6/30/2024
Allison Lawrence	6/30/2025
Tarina D. Keene	6/30/2025
Linda H. Gilliam	6/30/2024
Tiffany D. Garner	6/30/2024
Yvonne Jones Bibbs	6/30/2022

**State Board of Social Services**

**Location:**

801 East Main Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 63.2-215

**Purpose:**

The State Board of Social Services shall act in an advisory capacity to the Commissioner and, when requested, may confer and advise on matters in the performance of his duties. When requested by the Governor or the Commissioner, the board shall investigate questions and problems and report findings and conclusions.

**Composition:**

There shall be a State Board of Social Services consisting of 11 members appointed by the Governor. In making appointments, the Governor shall endeavor to select appointees of such qualifications and experience that the membership of the Board shall include persons suitably qualified to consider and act upon the various problems that the Board may be required to consider and act upon. The Board shall include a member from each of the social services regions of the state established by the Commissioner. At least one member of the Board shall be a licensed health care professional. The appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly if in session and, if not, then at its next succeeding session.

The members of the Board shall be appointed for four-year terms, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term. No person shall be eligible to serve for or during more than two successive terms; however, any person appointed to fill a vacancy may be eligible for two additional successive terms after the term of the vacancy for which he was appointed has expired. Members of the Board may be suspended or removed by the Governor at his pleasure. The Board shall select a chairman from its membership, and under rules adopted by itself may elect one of its members as vice-chairman. It shall elect one of its members as secretary.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Robert Kent Willis	6/30/2022
John G. Kines	6/30/2024
William B. Boone	6/30/2025
Jennifer Slack	6/30/2024
zulma santos	6/30/2024

Sheryl L. Garland	6/30/2025
Megan L. Miloser	6/30/2024
Rachna Sizemore Heizer	6/30/2024
Clyde Santana	6/30/2022
Mona Malek	6/30/2022
Lou Ali	6/30/2022

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## Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council

### Location:

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services  
 1220 Bank Street, 9th Floor  
 Post Office Box 1797  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219-1797  
 Tel. (804) 786-3710  
 Fax (804) 371-7959

### Code:

§ 2.2-2664

### Purpose:

The State Interagency Coordinating Council shall advise and assist the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services in the development and implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

### Composition:

The Council shall be composed of members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Twenty percent must be parents, including minority parents of infants with disabilities (12 years or younger); at least one parent with an infant with a disability (6 years or younger); at least one member of the state legislature; at least twenty percent of the members are public and private intervention providers; at least one person involved in personnel preparation; at least one member from the agency responsible for the governance of insurance; and other members representing each of the agencies involved in the provision of or payment for early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities. The Governor appoints a chair or designates the council to do so.

### Term:

Three year terms

### Gubernatorial Appointees:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Penni P. Crist	9/30/2023
Jean S. Odachowski	9/30/2023
Wyvonnice Veronica Harsley	9/30/2023
Kristen C. Heinan	9/30/2023
Kendall Lamar Lee	9/30/2024
Bonita Grifa	9/30/2022
Lynn Dameron Wolfe	9/30/2023
Kathleen McCauley	9/30/2022

Christina Harrison	9/30/2023
Courtney Evelyn Pugh	9/30/2023
Ghazala F. Hashmi	9/30/2024
Jaylene Joy Trueblood	9/30/2023
Tabatha L. Carroll	9/30/2023
Kristine PJ Torres Caalim	9/30/2022
Zipporah Shackelford	9/30/2022
Jennifer M. MacRae	9/30/2023
Catherine Childers	9/30/2023
Elizabeth John	9/30/2023
Jennifer L. Reese	9/30/2023
Heather R. Rogers	9/30/2024

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## OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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**Location:**

1604 Santa Rosa Road Suite 137  
 Richmond, Virginia 23229  
 Tel. (804) 662-9815  
 Fax (804) 662-9831

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-2649

**Purpose:**

The Children's Services Act (CSA) is now the name for a law enacted in 1993 that establishes a single state pool of funds to purchase services for at-risk youth and their families. The state funds, combined with local community funds, are managed by local interagency teams who plan and oversee services to youth. The mission of the CSA is to create a collaborative system of services and funding that is child-centered, family-focused and community-based when addressing the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youth and their families in the Commonwealth.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.csa.virginia.gov/>

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## VIRGINIA BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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**Location:**

Washington Building  
 1100 Bank Street, 7th Floor  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 786-0016  
 TTY (800) 846-4464

**Code Reference:**

§ 51.5-31

**Purpose:**

To advise the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Governor on issues and problems of interest to persons with disabilities; and serve as the state planning council for administration of certain federal public health and welfare laws.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vaboard.org/>

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## **Virginia Board for People with Disabilities**

**Location:**

Washington Building  
1100 Bank Street, 7th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-0016  
TTY (800) 846-4464

**Code:**

§ 51.5-31

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities shall advise the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Governor on issues and problems of interest to persons with disabilities; and serve as the state planning council for administration of certain federal public health and welfare laws.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of thirty-nine members, to include the head or a person designated by the head of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Department of Education, Department of Medical Assistance Services, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired; one representative of the protection and advocacy entity; one representative of the university center for excellence in developmental disabilities; one representative each, to be appointed by the Governor, of a local governmental agency, a manufacturing or a retailing industry, a high-technology industry, a public transit interest, and a nongovernmental agency or group of agencies concerned with services for persons with developmental disabilities; a banking executive; one person with disabilities other than developmental disabilities; and 24 persons with developmental disabilities, parents or guardians of children with developmental disabilities, or immediate relatives or guardians of adults with mentally impairing developmental disabilities who cannot advocate for themselves. Of the last twenty-four persons, one-third shall be persons with developmental disabilities; one-third shall be a combination of parents or guardians of children with developmental disabilities and immediate relatives or guardians of adults with mentally impairing developmental disabilities who cannot advocate for themselves; and one-third shall be a combination of persons with developmental disabilities, parents or guardians of children with developmental disabilities, and immediate relatives or guardians of adults with mentally impairing developmental disabilities who cannot advocate for themselves. At least one person shall be either an immediate relative or guardian of a person who resides in or previously resided in an institution or a person with a developmental disability who previously resided in an institution.

Each member appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for a four-year term. Members so appointed shall be subject to removal at the pleasure of the Governor. Any vacancy other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No person appointed by the Governor shall serve for more than two successive terms. The Board shall elect its chairman.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
VASSANTHA K. RAYMAN	6/30/2022
Donna J. Lockwood	6/30/2022
Brandon V. Cassidy	6/30/2025
Phillip G. Caldwell	6/30/2024
Dianna L. Banks	6/30/2023
Alexus Smith	6/30/2023
Dennis Lites	6/30/2024
Jocelyn Ang Kilgore	6/30/2022
Frederique Vincent	6/30/2022
Emmetri M. Beane	6/30/2024
Alexandra Dixon	6/30/2022
Edmond Turner	6/30/2024
CHANDRA NA ROBINSON	6/30/2023
Niki Zimmerman	6/30/2024
Madeline H. Nunnally	6/30/2023
Thomas J. Leach	6/30/2024
Theresa Simonds Casselman	6/30/2023
Allison Coles-Johnson	6/30/2023
Molly Korte	6/30/2023
Olivia B. Price	6/30/2025
Sarah M. Kranz	6/30/2024
Florence L. Jones	6/30/2022
Cynthia C. Rudy	6/30/2024
Dawn M. Missory	6/30/2022
Frank W. Carrillo	6/30/2024
Kyle Jones	6/30/2025
Robert Matuszak	6/30/2025
Lindsay Pearse	6/30/2023
Dennis Findley	6/30/2025
Eric Mann	6/30/2022
Sarah G. Taylor	6/30/2025

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## VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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**Location:**

109 Governor's Street  
 Post Office Box 2448  
 Richmond, Virginia 23218  
 Tel. (804) 864-7001

**Code Reference:**

§ 32.1-16

**Purpose:**



To promote a state of optimum health for all citizens of Virginia; assume primary responsibility for providing preventive, curative, protective, and environmental health services when the private sector declines or is unable to provide such services; and carry out other responsibilities and duties specifically assigned by action of the General Assembly of Virginia and by local governing bodies.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/>

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**Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault**

**Code:**

§ 32.1-162.15:11

**Purpose:**

The Task Force shall:

1. Develop model treatment and transfer plans for use by transfer hospitals, treatment hospitals, and pediatric health care facilities and work with hospitals and pediatric health care facilities to facilitate the development of treatment and transfer plans in accordance with the requirements of this article; 2. Develop model written transfer agreements for use by treatment hospitals, transfer hospitals, and pediatric health care facilities and work with treatment hospitals, transfer hospitals, and pediatric health care facilities to facilitate the development of transfer agreements in accordance with the requirements of this article; 3. Develop model written agreements for use by treatment hospitals and approved pediatric health care facilities required to enter into agreements with rape crisis centers pursuant to subsection D of ' 32.1-162.15:4; 4. Work with treatment hospitals and approved pediatric health care facilities to develop plans to employ or contract with sexual assault forensic examiners to ensure the provision of treatment services to survivors of sexual assault by sexual assault forensic examiners, including plans for implementation of on-call systems to ensure availability of sexual assault forensic examiners; 5. Work with treatment hospitals and approved pediatric health care facilities to identify and recommend processes to ensure compliance with the provisions of this article related to creation, storage, and retention of photographic and other documentation and evidence; 6. Develop and distribute educational materials regarding implementation of the provisions of this article to hospitals, health care providers, rape crisis centers, children's advocacy centers, and others; 7. Study and provide recommendations to the Department for the use of telemedicine in meeting the requirements of this article; and 8. Report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1 of each year regarding its activities and the status of implementation of the provisions of this article.

**Composition:**

There is hereby created the Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault (the Task Force), which shall consist of (i) two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; (ii) one member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; (iii) the Attorney General, or his designee; (iv) the Commissioners of Health and Social Services, or their designees; (v) the Director of the Department of State Police; (vi) two representatives of hospitals licensed by the Department of Health appointed by the Governor; (vii) three physicians licensed by the Board of Medicine to practice medicine or osteopathy appointed by the Governor, each of whom is a practitioner of emergency medicine and at least one of whom is a pediatrician; (viii) three nurses licensed to practice in the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor, each of whom is a sexual assault nurse examiner; (ix) two representatives of organizations providing advocacy on behalf of survivors of sexual assault appointed by the Governor; and (x) one representative of an organization providing advocacy on behalf of children appointed by the Governor. The Commissioner of Health or his designee shall serve as chairman of the Task Force. Staff support for the Task Force shall be provided by the Department of Health.

**Term:**

4 years

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Jennifer B. Boysko

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Karrie K. Delaney

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The Honorable Kelly K. Convirs-Fowler

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Robin L. Foster	6/30/2024
Chatonia Zollicoffer	6/30/2024
Jeanne Parrish	6/30/2023
Dawn C. Scaff	6/30/2022
Brooke B. Thomas	6/30/2025
Scott E. Sparks	6/30/2022
Lindsey Caley Gorman	6/30/2025
Melissa R. Harper	6/30/2023
Sara B. Jennings	6/30/2022
Bonnie B. Price	6/30/2024
Patricia M. Hall	6/30/2023

**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Mark R. Herring, Attorney General

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S. Duke Storen, Commissioner, Department of Social Services

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M. Norman Oliver, Commissioner of Health

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Gary Settle, Superintendent, State Police

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/542>

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**State Health Department Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Health  
109 Governor Street, Fifth Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 32.1-166.1

**Purpose:**

The Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board shall hear all administrative appeals of denials of onsite sewage disposal system permits and render its decision, and may develop recommendations for alternative solutions to the conditions resulting in the denial of the permit and refer the case to the Department of Health for reconsideration.

**Composition:**

There is hereby established, in the Department of Health, the State Health Department Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board, consisting of seven members, appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The members shall include one member who is a soil scientist; one member who is a professional engineer in private practice; one member who is a residential builder; one member who is an academic professional engaged in research and teaching in a soils-related discipline; one member who has had experience in the field of enforcement of onsite sewage disposal regulations; one member who is engaged in private soils analysis work related to the installation of onsite sewage systems; and one member from the public at large who may have experience in the installation of onsite sewage systems. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Bryan J. Allen	.....
..... Sandra H. Gentry	.....
..... Jeanne Hockaday	.....
..... David B. Beahm	.....
..... S. Mason Allen	.....
..... Gerald Johnson	.....
..... Pamela M. Pruett	.....

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**Radiation Advisory Board**

**Location:**

Office of Radiological Health  
109 Governor Street, 7th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 864-8150  
Fax: (804) 864-8155

**Code:**

§ 32.1-233

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Radiation Advisory Board is to review and evaluate policies and programs of the Commonwealth relating to ionizing radiation; make recommendations to the State Health Commissioner, the State Board of Health, and the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, and furnish such technical advice as may be required on matters relating to the development, utilization, and regulation of sources of ionizing radiation.

**Composition:**

The Radiation Advisory Board shall consist of ten appointive members and the six ex officio members specified below. The Governor shall appoint to the Advisory Board individuals from industry, labor and agriculture as well as individuals with scientific training in one or more of the following fields: radiology, medicine, radiation or health physics, or related sciences, with specialization in ionizing radiation. Not more than two individuals shall be specialists in any one of the above-named fields. Members of the Advisory Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Commissioner shall be an ex officio member and chairman of the Advisory Board. The Commissioner of Labor and Industry, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer

Services, the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, the Director of Environmental Quality, and the Director of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science shall be ex officio members of the Advisory Board

The Board shall have an administrative officer who shall be a registered nurse.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Stanley H. Benedict	
Allen R. Goode	
Drexel Harris	
Leslie Patrick Foldesi	
Roy F. Heltzel, Jr.	
James P. Nunn	
M. Rehan Khan	
Laura Kathryn Strawn	
Karen Dameron	

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**State Child Fatality Review Team**

**Location:**

109 Governor's Street  
Post Office Box 2448  
Richmond, Virginia 23218  
Tel. (804) 864-7001

**Code:**

§ 32.1-283.1

**Purpose:**

The State Child Fatality Review Team shall develop and implement procedures to ensure that child deaths occurring in Virginia are analyzed in a systematic way.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of sixteen members: the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Director of Child Protective Services, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Registrar of Vital Records, and the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services, or their designees; and one representative each of local law enforcement agencies, local fire departments, local departments of social services, the Medical Society of Virginia, the Virginia College of Emergency Physicians, the Virginia Pediatric Society, the Virginia Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance, local emergency medical services personnel, Commonwealth's Attorneys, and community services boards to be appointed by the Governor. The Chief Medical Examiner shall serve as the chairman.

**Term:**

Three year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Robin L. Foster	6/30/2022
Lisa M. Beitz	6/30/2022
Ryan Zuidema	6/30/2022
Kimberly Ayers	6/30/2022
Kaandra Wilson	6/30/2022
Regina M. Milteer	6/30/2022
Scott F. Wilkes	6/30/2022
Megan L. Clark	6/30/2022
Michael Z. Blumberg	6/30/2022

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## State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

### Location:

109 Governor's Street  
 Post Office Box 2448  
 Richmond, Virginia 23218  
 Tel. (804) 864-7001

### Code:

§ 32.1-111.4:1

### Purpose:

The purpose of the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board is to advise the State Board of Health concerning the administration of the statewide emergency medical care system and emergency medical services vehicles maintained and operated to provide transportation to persons requiring emergency medical treatment, and reviewing and making recommendations on the Statewide Emergency Medical Services.

### Composition:

The Advisory Board shall be composed of 28 members appointed by the Governor as follows: one representative each from the Virginia Municipal League, Virginia Association of Counties, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, and each of the 11 regional emergency medical services councils; one member each from the Medical Society of Virginia, Virginia Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Virginia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Emergency Nurses Association or the Virginia Nurses' Association, Virginia State Firefighters Association, Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, Virginia Ambulance Association, Virginia Association of Governmental Emergency Medical Services Administrators, and Virginia Association of Public Safety Communications Officials; two representatives of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.; one Virginia professional firefighter; and one consumer who shall not be involved in or affiliated with emergency medical services in any capacity. Each organization and group shall submit three nominees from among which the Governor may make appointments. Of the three nominees submitted by each of the regional emergency medical services councils, at least one nominee shall be a representative of providers of prehospital care. Any person appointed to the Advisory Board shall be a member of the organization that he represents. To ensure diversity in the organizations and groups represented on the Advisory Board, the Governor may request additional nominees from the applicable organizations and groups. However, the Governor shall not be bound to make any appointment from among any nominees recommended by such organizations and groups.

Appointments shall be staggered as follows: nine members for a term of two years, nine members for a term of three years, and 10 members for a term of four years. Thereafter, appointments shall be for terms of three years, except an appointment to

fill a vacancy, which shall be for the unexpired term. Appointments shall be in a manner to preserve insofar as possible the representation of the specified groups. No member shall serve more than two successive terms. No person representing any organization or group named in subsection A who has served as a member of the Advisory Board for two or more successive terms for any period or for six or more consecutive years shall be nominated for appointment or appointed to the Advisory Board unless at least three consecutive years have elapsed since the person has served on the Advisory Board. The chairman shall be elected from the membership of the Advisory Board for a term of one year and shall be eligible for reelection. The Advisory Board shall meet at least four times annually at the call of the chairman or the Commissioner.

**Term:**

Three years; no more than two successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Dreama D. Chandler	6/30/2023
Rebecca B. Griffin	6/30/2023
Victoria S. Smith	6/30/2023
Benjamin D. Nicholson	6/30/2024
Marlon M. Rickman	6/30/2023
Robert J. Ferguson	6/30/2023
Jeremiah O'Shea	6/30/2023
Kim W. Craig	6/30/2024
Patrick M. McLaughlin	6/30/2023
Beth L. Adams	6/30/2024
Sonny Saxton	6/30/2024
Allen Yee	6/30/2024
Paula Ferrada	6/30/2024
Matthew W. Lawler	6/30/2024
Ernest B. Rush	6/30/2024
Daniel A. Norville	6/30/2024
Gary Samuels	6/30/2024
Valerie A. Quick	6/30/2023
William J. Streett	6/30/2024
Joseph A. Williams	6/30/2024
Dillard E. Ferguson	6/30/2024
Angela P. Ferguson	6/30/2024
Kevin Dillard	6/30/2024
Sadie Thurman	6/30/2024
Thomas E. Schwalenberg	6/30/2024
John C. Bolling	6/30/2024
Lisa A. Simba	6/30/2023
Gary W. Tanner	6/30/2024

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**State Board of Health**

**Location:**

109 Governor's Street  
Post Office Box 2448  
Richmond, Virginia 23218  
Tel. (804) 864-7001

**Code:**

§ 32.1-5

**Purpose:**

The State Board of Health shall provide leadership in planning and policy development which enables the department to implement a coordinated prevention-oriented program; establish an acquired immunodeficiency syndrome services and education grants program; and make recommendations concerning health care policy to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

**Composition:**

There shall be a State Board of Health which shall consist of 15 residents of the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor for terms of four years each. Two members of the Board shall be members of the Medical Society of Virginia, one member shall be a member of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association, one member shall be a member of the State Dental Association, one member shall be a member of the Virginia Nurses' Association, one member shall be a member of the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association, one member shall be a representative of local government, one member shall be a representative of the hospital industry, one member shall be a representative of the nursing home industry, one member shall be a representative of the licensed health carriers responsible under Title 38.2 for a managed care health insurance plan, one member shall be a corporate purchaser of health care, two members shall be consumers, one member shall have public environmental health expertise, and one member shall be a representative of the emergency medical services community recommended by the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board. A vacancy other than by expiration of term shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term.

No person shall be eligible to serve more than two full consecutive four-year terms.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Melissa L. Green	6/30/2025
Maribel E. Ramos	6/30/2025
James Henry Edmondson	6/30/2022
Linda Turner Hines	6/30/2022
Gary P. Critzer	6/30/2025
Anna C. Jeng	6/30/2025
Wendy Simons Klein	6/30/2023
James M. Shuler	6/30/2023
Stacey Swartz	6/30/2024
Mary Margaret Whipple	6/30/2024
Holly S. Puritz	6/30/2024
Elizabeth "Lisa" Harrison	6/30/2025
Patricia A. Kinser	6/30/2025
Faye O. Prichard	6/30/2022
Benita Atiyeh Miller	6/30/2022

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## Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority

**Location:**

Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority  
3831 Westerre Parkway  
Henrico, Virginia 23233  
Tel. (804) 562-4928  
Fax: (804) 658-4193

**Code:**

§ 32.1-122.7

**Purpose:**

There is hereby created as a public body corporate and as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, with such public and corporate powers as are set forth in ' 32.1-122.7:2. The Authority is hereby constituted as a public instrumentality, exercising public and essential governmental functions with the power and purpose to provide for the health, welfare, convenience, knowledge, benefit, and prosperity of the residents of the Commonwealth and such other persons who might be served by the Authority. The Authority is being established to move the Commonwealth forward in achieving its vision of ensuring a quality health workforce for all Virginians.

**Composition:**

The Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have a total membership of 15 members that shall consist of three legislative members, nine nonlegislative citizen members, and three ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: two members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and nine nonlegislative citizen members, three of whom shall be representatives of health professional educational or training programs, five of whom shall be health professionals or employers or representatives of health professionals, and one of whom shall be a representative of community health, to be appointed by the Governor. The Commissioner of Health or his designee, the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee, and the Director of the Department of Health Professions or his designee shall serve ex officio with voting privileges. Members appointed by the Governor shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Legislative members and ex officio members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be for two-year terms following the initial staggering of terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Legislative and citizen members may be reappointed; however, no citizen member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's term limit. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The Board of Directors shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually from among its members. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

**Term:**

Legislative members and state government officials shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office; all appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be for two-year terms following the initial staggering of terms

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable George L. Barker

**House Members:**



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The Honorable Rodney T. Willett

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The Honorable M. Keith Hodges

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Wendy Welch	6/30/2022
Beth Oconnor	6/30/2023
Joseph D. Wilkins	6/30/2023
Deborah "Debbie" Johnston	6/30/2022
Woodriff W. Sprinkel	6/30/2023
Cecilia Eykyn Barbosa	6/30/2023
Alan Dow	6/30/2023
Elayne K. Phillips	6/30/2022
Evelyn V. Whitehead	6/30/2022

**Ex Officio Members:**

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M. Norman Oliver, Commissioner of Health

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Glenn DuBois, Chancellor, Virginia Community College System

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Dianne L. Reynolds Cane MD, Director, Dept. of Health Professions (or designee)

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/149>

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**Maternal Mortality Review Team**

**Location:**

P.O. Box 2448

Richmond, Virginia 23218-2448

109 Governor Street

Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 32.1-283.8.

**Purpose:**

The Maternal Death Review Team (the Team) shall develop and implement procedures to ensure that maternal deaths occurring in the Commonwealth are analyzed in a systematic way.

**Composition:**

The Team shall consist of the following persons or their designees: the Chief Medical Examiner, the Director of the Office of Family Health of the Department of Health, the State Registrar of Vital Records, and the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. In addition, the Governor shall appoint one representative of each of the following entities: local law enforcement, local fire departments, local emergency medical services providers, local departments of social services, community services boards, attorneys for the Commonwealth, the Medical Society of Virginia, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Virginia College of Emergency Physicians, the Virginia Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Virginia Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, the Virginia Chapter of the

Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative, the Virginia Midwives Alliance, and the Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The Chief Medical Examiner and the Director of the Office of Family Health of the Department of Health shall serve as co-chairs of the Team and may appoint additional members of the Team as may be needed to complete maternal death reviews pursuant to this section.

**Term:**

three year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
James E. Brown	6/30/2023
Elizabeth G. Uzzle	6/30/2024
Susan M. Lanni	6/30/2023
Donna L. Schminkey	6/30/2022
Tammi L. Mckinley	6/30/2022
Elizabeth K. Newton	6/30/2021
Donald J. Dudley	6/30/2023
Bryan K. Boyd	6/30/2024
VACANT	
Colette W. McEachin	6/30/2022
Daphne Cunningham	6/30/2021
Lisa C. Linthicum	6/30/2023
Sharon L. Sheffield	6/30/2023
Kristie L. Burnette	6/30/2024
Shannon J. Walsh	6/30/2022

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VIRGINIA FOUNDATION FOR HEALTHY YOUTH

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**Location:**

701 East Franklin Street, Suite 500  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel (804) 786-2523 ? Fax (804) 225-2272

**Code Reference:**

§ 32.1-355

**Purpose:**

To lead statewide efforts to reduce and prevent youth tobacco use and childhood obesity.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vfhy.org/>

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**The Virginia Foundation Healthy Youth, Board of Trustees**

**Location:**

701 East Franklin Street, Suite 500  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-2523  
Fax (804) 225-2272

**Code:**

§ 32.1-357

**Purpose:**

The Board of Trustees shall perform the following duties: establish specific criteria and procedures governing decisions by the Foundation to cause the moneys obtained from the Master Settlement Agreement in the Fund to be primarily distributed to entities for use in the discouragement, elimination or prevention of the use of tobacco products by minors. Additionally, the Foundation may distribute moneys in the Fund obtained primarily from public grants and private funding sources to reduce childhood obesity and to prevent and reduce substance use by youth in the Commonwealth; establish requirements that every recipient of money distributed from the Fund establish and maintain policies that restrict the use of tobacco products by minors, as provided in ' 32.1-361; evaluate the proposals for the use of the assets of the Fund in accordance with the criteria established by the Board and the provisions of this chapter; evaluate the implementation and results of all efforts receiving support from the Foundation; and determine amounts to be deposited from time to time from the Fund to the Endowment.

**Composition:**

The Foundation shall be governed and administered by a Board of Trustees consisting of twenty-three members. Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates from among the membership of the House of Delegates, one representing rural interests and one representing urban interests; two members shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, one representing rural interests and one representing urban interests, from among the membership of the Senate; two members shall be the Commissioner of the Department of Health or his designee and the Chairman of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board or his designee; and seventeen non legislative citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, as follows: five designated representatives of public health organizations, such as the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Virginia Pediatric Society, Virginia Academy of Family Physicians, Virginia Dental Association, American Lung Association of Virginia, Medical Society of Virginia, Virginia Association of School Nurses, Virginia Nurses Association, and the Virginia Thoracic Society; four health professionals in the fields of oncology, cardiology, pulmonary medicine, and pediatrics; and eight citizens at large, including two youths. Of the eight citizen at large members, three adults shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of six provided by members of the General Assembly appointed to the Foundation and one member who is under the age of eighteen years shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three provided by the members of the General Assembly appointed to the Foundation.

**Term:**

Four year terms; no more than two successive four-year terms; Legislative and Designated members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable David W. Marsden  
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The Honorable Barbara A. Favola

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Sally L. Hudson  
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The Honorable Rodney T. Willett

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

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Patricia (Patte) G Koval  
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*Term Expires*  
6/30/2025

Yaseen J. Bhatti	6/30/2025
Jerrin A. Norton	6/30/2023
Karin T. Addison	6/30/2025
John M. O'Bannon	6/30/2022
Vineeta Shah	6/30/2022
William C. Coleburn	6/30/2022
Patrick Hughes	6/30/2023
Andrew Goodwin	6/30/2023
Gina A. Bellamy	6/30/2022
Sarah Holland	6/30/2022
Robert Leek	6/30/2023
Ghulam D. Qureshi	6/30/2025
Keith Newby	6/30/2023
Andre A. Muelenaer	6/30/2022
Lekeisha Terrell	6/30/2022
Teresa Tyson	6/30/2023

**Ex Officio Members:**

M. Norman Oliver, Commissioner of Health  
 Maria Everett, Chairman of Board of Directors of Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority or designee

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/154>

**Rare Disease Council**

**Code:**

§ 32.1-73.14

**Purpose:**

There is hereby created in the executive branch of state government the Rare Disease Council (the Council) for the purpose of (i) advising the Governor and the General Assembly on the needs of individuals with rare diseases in the Commonwealth; (ii) identifying challenges that such individuals face, including delays in obtaining a diagnosis or the receipt of a misdiagnosis, shortages of medical specialists who can provide treatment, and lack of access to therapies and medication used to treat rare diseases; (iii) funding research related to rare diseases and the development of new treatments for rare diseases; and (iv) funding for supports for persons with rare diseases in the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Council shall have a total membership of 21 members that shall consist of 18 nonlegislative citizen members and three ex officio members. The Governor shall appoint a chairman and vice-chairman who shall be residents of the Commonwealth and shall not be employed by any federal or state government. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor and shall include, in addition to the chairman and the vice-chairman, one representative from an academic research institution in the Commonwealth that receives any grant funding for rare disease research; one geneticist licensed and currently practicing in the Commonwealth; one registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse licensed and currently practicing in the

Commonwealth, with experience in treating rare diseases; two physicians with expertise in rare diseases who are licensed and currently practicing medicine in the Commonwealth; one hospital administrator, or his designee, from a hospital in the Commonwealth that provides care to persons diagnosed with rare diseases; two persons who are 18 years of age or older who have been diagnosed with a rare disease; two caregivers of persons with a rare disease; two representatives of rare disease patient organizations operating in the Commonwealth; one licensed pharmacist with experience with drugs used to treat rare diseases; one representative from the biopharmaceutical industry; one representative from health plan companies; and one member from the scientific community who is engaged in rare disease research, which may include a medical researcher with experience conducting research on rare diseases. The Commissioner of Health, the Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or their designees, shall serve ex officio with nonvoting privileges. Ex officio members of the Council shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

Nonlegislative citizen members of the Council shall be citizens of the Commonwealth. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of three years. Ex officio members of the Council shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Peter Kasson	6/30/2025
Rebecca V. Goldbach	6/30/2022
Shannon L. Mcneil	6/30/2022
Megan O'boyle	6/30/2022
Richard S. Nicholas	6/30/2023
Susan Klees	6/30/2024
Maureen E. Dempsey	6/30/2024
Stephen S. Rich	6/30/2025
Samantha A. Vergano	6/30/2025
Sarah C. Paciulli	6/30/2023
Tiffany Kimbrough	6/30/2025
Stephen Green	6/30/2025
Gregory J. Josephs	6/30/2022
Ijeoma Azubuko	6/30/2022
Holly Kearn	6/30/2022

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**Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism**

**Location:**

Virginia Office on Volunteerism and Community Services  
 801 East Main Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 726-7065

**Code:**

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism (the Board) is established as an advisory board, within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government to advise the Governor and Cabinet Secretaries on matters related to promotion and development of national service in the Commonwealth and to meet the provisions of the federal National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of no more than twenty nonlegislative citizen members, to be appointed by the Governor from the Commonwealth at large. Nonlegislative citizen members appointed to the Board shall be selected for their knowledge of, background in, or experience with the community and volunteer services sector and in accordance with guidelines provided in the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Governor may appoint additional persons, at his discretion, as nonvoting members.

**Term:**

Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of three years. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms. No nonlegislative citizen member shall be eligible to serve more than two successive three-year terms; however, after the expiration of the remainder of a term to which a member was appointed to fill a vacancy, two additional terms may be served by such member if appointed thereto.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Cynthia M. Downs Taylor	6/30/2024
Zachary Elias Leonsis	6/30/2024
Enid Mpumwire-Machayo	6/30/2024
James M. Seagraves	6/30/2024
Jessica M. Bowser	6/30/2024
Lorna E. Campbell Clarke	6/30/2024
Peppy Linden	6/30/2024
Sheila A. Williamson-Branch	6/30/2024
Julie M. Strandlie	6/30/2024
James Underwood	6/30/2021
	6/30/2021
Vanessa Diamond	6/30/2024
Mark Fero	6/30/2024
Bryan R. Pearce-Gonzales	6/30/2024
Priscilla Martínez	6/30/2024
Naquetta N. Mitchell	6/30/2024
Lily K. Beres	6/30/2022
Clifford L. Yee	6/30/2024
Elizabeth B. Childress	6/30/2024
Naila Alam	6/30/2024

**Location:**

The Office of Children's Services  
1604 Santa Rosa Road Suite 137  
Richmond, Virginia 23229  
Tel. (804) 662-9815  
Fax (804) 662-9831

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2648

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the State Executive Council for Children's Services is to provide for the establishment of interagency programmatic and fiscal policies developed by the state management team, which support the purposes of this chapter, through the promulgation of regulations by the participating state boards or by administrative action, as appropriate; oversee the administration of state interagency policies governing the use, distribution, and monitoring of moneys in the state pool of funds and the state trust fund; and advise the Governor and the appropriate Cabinet Secretaries on proposed policy and operation changes which facilitate interagency service development and implementation, communication, and cooperation.

**Composition:**

The Council shall consist of one member of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and one member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; the Commissioners of Health, of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and of Social Services; the Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Executive Secretary of the Virginia Supreme Court; the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice; the Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services; a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge, to be appointed by the Governor and serve as an ex officio nonvoting member; the chairman of the state and local advisory team established in ' 2.2-5201; five local government representatives chosen from members of a county board of supervisors or a city council and a county administrator or city manager, to be appointed by the Governor; two private provider representatives from facilities that maintain membership in an association of providers for children's or family services and receives funding as authorized by the Children's Services Act (' 2.2-5200 et seq.), to be appointed by the Governor, who may appoint from nominees recommended by the Virginia Coalition of Private Provider Associations; a representative who has previously received services through the Children's Services Act, to be appointed by the Governor with recommendations from entities including the Departments of Education and Social Services and the Virginia Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; and two parent representatives.

**Term:**

The parent representatives shall be appointed by the Governor for a term not to exceed three years and neither shall be an employee of any public or private program that serves children and families. The Governor's appointments shall be for a term not to exceed three years and shall be limited to no more than two consecutive terms, beginning with appointments after July 1, 2009. Legislative members and ex officio members of the Council shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Legislative members shall not be included for the purposes of constituting a quorum.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable T. Montgomery 'Monty' Mason

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Elizabeth R. Guzman

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

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Jessica J. Stern *Term Expires*  
6/30/2022

Frank W. Somerville	6/30/2023
Sophia V. Booker	6/30/2022
Dalia Palchik	6/30/2024
Ronald K. Spears	6/30/2024
Michelle G. Johnson	6/30/2024
Margaret Franklin	6/30/2024
Amanda N. Stanley	6/30/2024
Willie T. Greene	6/30/2024
Andelicia M. Neville	6/30/2022
Eric D. Campbell	6/30/2024

**Ex Officio Members:**

- M. Norman Oliver, Commissioner of Health
- Alison G. Land, Commissioner, Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- S. Duke Storen, Commissioner, Department of Social Services
- James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- The Honorable Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia
- Valerie Boykin, Director, Dept. of Juvenile Justice
- Karen Kimsey, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services
- The Honorable William A. Hazel Jr.,
- The Honorable Vanessa Walker Harris , M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/258>

**Advisory Council on PANDAS & PANS**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Health  
 109 Governor Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 864-7000

**Code:**

§ 32.1-73.9

**Purpose:**

here is hereby created in the executive branch of state government the Advisory Council on Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (the Advisory Council), for the purpose of advising the Commissioner of Health on research, diagnosis, treatment, and education relating to pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

**Composition:**



The Advisory Council shall have a total membership of sixteen members that shall consist of six legislative members, nine nonlegislative citizen members, and one ex officio member. Members shall be appointed as follows: four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and the following nine nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor: one licensed health care provider who has expertise in treating persons with pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and autism; one pediatrician who has experience treating persons with pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome; one child psychiatrist who has experience treating persons with pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome; one immunologist with experience in treating persons with pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and the use of intravenous immunoglobulin; one medical researcher with experience conducting research concerning pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, obsessive-compulsive disorder, tic disorder, and other neurological disorders; one representative of a professional organization for school nurses in the Commonwealth; one representative of an advocacy and support group for individuals affected by pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome; one representative of an advocacy and support group for individuals affected by autism; and one parent of a child who has been diagnosed with pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and autism. The Commissioner of Health or his designee shall serve ex officio without voting privileges. Nonlegislative members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Legislative members and the ex officio member of the Advisory Council shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative members shall be appointed for terms of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.

**Senate Members:**

- .....  
The Honorable George L. Barker  
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The Honorable David R. Suetterlein  
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**House Members:**

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The Honorable Danica A. Roem  
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The Honorable Joshua G. Cole  
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The Honorable Shelly A. Simonds  
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The Honorable Roxann L. Robinson  
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**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... David J. Jaffe .....	6/30/2023
..... Melissa B. Nelson .....	6/30/2023
..... Aradhana B. Sood .....	6/30/2023
..... Wei Zhao .....	6/30/2023
..... Susan E. Swedo .....	6/30/2023
..... Megan H. Bonfili .....	6/30/2023
..... Christina M. Teague .....	6/30/2023
..... Teresa L. Champion .....	6/30/2023

**Ex Officio Members:**

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M. Norman Oliver, Commissioner of Health

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/438>

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**Henrietta Lacks Commission**

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2537

**Purpose:**

The Henrietta Lacks Commission (the Commission) is established as an advisory commission in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission is to sustain the legacy of the life-changing contribution of Henrietta Lacks to medical science by advancing cancer research and treatment through the creation of a biomedical research and data center.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of nine members that include two legislative members, three nonlegislative citizen members, and four ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: one member of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and one nonlegislative citizen member who is a member of the extended family of Henrietta Lacks, one nonlegislative citizen member who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Henrietta Lacks Legacy Group, and one nonlegislative citizen member who is a member of the Halifax County Industrial Development Authority to be appointed by the Governor. The mayor of the Town of South Boston, the chair of the Board of Supervisors of Halifax County, the Executive Director of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, and the Executive Director of the Halifax County Industrial Development Authority, or their designees, shall serve ex officio with voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Legislative members and ex officio members of the Commission shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Legislative members and nonlegislative citizen members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Term:**

Legislative members and ex officio members of the Commission shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of two years. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable William M. Stanley Jr.

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Marcia 'Cia' S. Price

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Jeri Lacks Whye	6/30/2022
Adele S. Newson-Horst	6/30/2022
Nettie Simon-Owens	6/30/2022

**Ex Officio Members:**

Executive Director, Executive Director, Southern Virginia Higher Education Center

Executive Director, Executive Director, Halifax County Industrial Development Authority

Mayor, Mayor, Town of South Boston

Chair, Chair, Halifax County Board of Supervisors

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/468>

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SECRETARY OF LABOR

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**Megan Healy**

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**Location:**  
1111 East Broad Street, 3rd Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-0044

**Purpose:**  
The Secretary of Labor oversees a range of regional, state, and federal programs that connect Virginians to the skills, training, and opportunities they need to thrive in the 21st century economy. The advisor works closely with Virginia’s labor and business communities to identify and fill vacant jobs in high demand sectors including IT, healthcare, and energy.

**Website:**  
<https://www.labor.virginia.gov>

Secretary	<b>Megan Healy</b>
Deputy Secretary	<b>Jane Dittmar</b>
Policy Analyst	<b>Felix Schapiro</b>
Special Assistant	<b>Meghan Green</b>
Special Assistant	<b>Grace Poreda</b>
Special Assistant	<b>Hannah Mercer</b>

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**Location:**

600 East Main Street, Suite 207  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code Reference:**

§ 40.1-1

**Purpose:**

To provide for the safety, health, and welfare of employees in the Commonwealth in both the public and private sectors.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.doli.virginia.gov>

**Apprenticeship Council**

**Location:**

Main Street Centre  
600 East Main Street, Suite 207  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 371-2327  
Fax: (804) 371-6524

**Code:**

§ 40.1-117

**Purpose:**

The Apprenticeship Council may determine standards for apprentice agreements, which standards shall not be lower than those prescribed by this chapter, appoint the secretary of the Apprenticeship Council to act as secretary of each state joint apprenticeship committee, review decisions of local joint apprenticeship committees relating to apprenticeship disputes pursuant to subdivision C 3 of ' 40.1-119, perform such other duties as are necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter, and advise the Commissioner on policies to coordinate apprenticeship-related instruction delivered by state and local public education agencies.

**Composition:**

The Governor shall appoint an Apprenticeship Council, composed of four representatives each from employer and employee organizations respectively, and all of whom shall be familiar with apprenticeable occupations. The Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission, the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System, or their designated representatives, and a local superintendent from a school division that provides apprenticeship-related instruction, shall be members, ex officio, of the Council. At the beginning of each year the Governor shall designate one member to serve as chairman. Each member shall be appointed for a term of three years. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term of his predecessor shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. All members, including ex officio members, shall have voting privileges.

**Term:**

Three year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Steve S. Martin	6/20/2023
Latitia D. McCane	6/20/2023
Christopher M. Cash	6/20/2024

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R. Dudley Harris	6/20/2024
Gerald W. Simpson	6/20/2022
Jameo D. Pollock	6/20/2022
Laura Le Duckworth	6/20/2022
Michael Lee Mays	6/20/2022
Kenneth E. Nicely	6/20/2022

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## Safety and Health Codes Board

### Location:

Main Street Centre  
600 East Main Street, Suite 207  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 371-2327  
Fax (804) 371-6524

### Code:

§ 40.1-22

### Purpose:

The Safety and Health Codes Board shall study and investigate all phases of safety and health in business establishments; serve as advisor to the Commissioner; adopt, amend, and repeal rules and regulations to further the safety and health of employees in places of employment; and adopt permanent and emergency standards to assure a safe place of employment. The Board, with the advice of the Commissioner, is hereby authorized to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal rules and regulations to further, protect and promote the safety and health of employees in places of employment over which it has jurisdiction and to effect compliance with the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-596).

### Composition:

The Board shall consist of fourteen members, twelve of whom shall be appointed by the Governor. One member shall, by reason of previous vocation, employment or affiliation, be chosen to represent labor in the manufacturing industry; one member shall, by reason of previous vocation, employment or affiliation, be chosen to represent labor in the construction industry; one member shall, by reason of previous vocation, employment or affiliation, be chosen to represent industrial employers; one member shall be chosen from and be a representative of the general public; one member shall be a representative of agricultural employers; one member shall, by reason of previous vocation, employment or affiliation, be chosen to represent agricultural employees; one member shall, by reason of previous vocation, employment or affiliation, be chosen to represent construction industry employers; one member shall be a representative of an insurance company; one member shall be a labor representative from the boiler pressure vessel industry; one member shall be a labor representative knowledgeable in chemicals and toxic substances; one member shall be an employer representative of the boiler pressure vessel industry; one member shall be an industrial representative knowledgeable in chemical and toxic substances, and the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality or his duly authorized representative shall be a member ex officio with full membership status. The Commissioner of Health or his duly authorized representative shall also be a member ex officio with full membership status.

The first appointive members shall be appointed as follows: one for a term of four years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of one year. Of the members appointed to represent the construction industry, one shall be appointed for the term of two years and one shall be appointed for the term of four years. Succeeding appointments shall be for terms of four years each but other vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. The Board shall annually

select a chairman from its members. The Board shall meet at least once every six months; other meetings may be held upon call of the chairman or any three members of the Board. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Charles L. Stiff	6/30/2023
John D. Fulton	6/30/2022
Jay S. Abbott	6/30/2024
Noe Fe Franco	6/30/2024
Thomas A. Thurston	6/30/2022
Robert H. Buchler	6/30/2024
Milagro Rodriguez	6/30/2024
Kelly Bundy	6/30/2025
Travis M. Parsons	6/30/2022
Louis J. Cernak	6/30/2022
Lutheria H. Smith	6/30/2024
Michael A. Luce	6/30/2022

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DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION

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**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400  
Richmond, Virginia 23233

**Code Reference:**

§ 54.1-301

**Purpose:**

To protect the public health, safety or welfare through the enforcement of standards of conduct and practice in business and the professions in conformance with the Governor's program for balanced regulations.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.dpor.virginia.gov>

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**Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Lands**

**Location:**

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
9960 Mayland Drive  
Richmond, Virginia 23233  
Tel. (804) 367-8514  
Fax (866) 465-6206

**Code:**

§ 54.1-403

**Purpose:**

The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects shall promulgate regulations governing its own organization, the professional qualifications of applicants, the requirements necessary for passing examinations, the proper conduct of its examinations, the implementation of exemptions from license requirements, and the proper discharge of its duties; and to issue licenses to practice as a professional engineer, architect, land surveyor or certificates to practice as a landscape architect or interior designer in the Commonwealth to applicants meeting specified requirements. The Board shall protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public through the regulation of architects, professional engineers, land surveyors, certified interior designers and landscape architects, as well as the businesses associated with these professions.

**Composition:**

The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects shall be composed of fifteen members as follows: three architects, three professional engineers, three land surveyors, two landscape architects, two certified interior designers, and two non legislative citizen members. Except for the non legislative citizen members appointed in accordance with ' 54.1-107, Board members shall have actively practiced or taught their professions for at least 10 years prior to their appointments. The terms of Board members shall be four years. The Board shall elect a president and vice-president from its membership. Nine Board members, consisting of two engineers, two architects, two land surveyors, one landscape architect, one interior designer and one non legislative citizen member, shall constitute a quorum.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ann P. Stokes	6/30/2025
Frank W. Hancock	6/30/2023
Caroline C. Alexander	6/30/2024
Cameron C. Stiles	6/30/2022
Vinay Nair	6/30/2024
Tim Colley	6/30/2024
Michael William Zmuda	6/30/2022
Doyle B. Allen	6/30/2023
James Laurence Kelly	6/30/2025
Mary E. Price	6/30/2023
Christopher M. Stone	6/30/2022
Vickie M. Anglin	6/30/2025
April C. Drake	6/30/2025
Lorena Rios	6/30/2022
Karen M. Reynes	6/30/2022

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**Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors**

**Location:**



Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
9960 Mayland Drive  
Richmond, Virginia 23233  
Tel. (804) 367-0362  
Fax (866) 350-5354

**Code:**

§ 54.1-500.1

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors shall administer and enforce this chapter. The Board shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the requirements of this chapter in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (' 2.2-4000 et seq.) to include but not be limited to the prescription of fees, procedures, and qualifications for the issuance and renewal of asbestos, lead, and renovation licenses, and governing conflicts of interest among various categories of asbestos, lead, and renovation licenses, approve the criteria for accredited asbestos training programs, accredited lead training programs, accredited renovation training programs, training managers, and principal instructors, approve accredited asbestos training programs, accredited lead training programs, accredited renovation training programs, examinations and the grading system for testing applicants for asbestos, lead, and renovation licensure, promulgate regulations governing the licensing of and establishing performance criteria applicable to asbestos analytical laboratories, promulgate regulations governing the functions and duties of project monitors on asbestos projects, circumstances in which project monitors shall be required for asbestos projects, and training requirements for project monitors. The Board shall also promulgate, in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, regulations necessary to establish procedures and requirements for the: (i) approval of accredited lead training programs, (ii) licensure of individuals and firms to engage in lead-based paint activities, and (iii) establishment of standards for performing lead-based paint activities consistent with the Residential Lead-based Paint Hazard Reduction Act and United States Environmental Protection Agency regulations. If the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has adopted, prior to the promulgation of any related regulations by the Board, any final regulations relating to lead-based paint activities, then the related regulations of the Board shall not be more stringent than the EPA regulations in effect as of the date of such promulgation. In addition, if the EPA shall have outstanding any proposed regulations relating to lead-based paint activities (other than as amendments to existing EPA regulations), as of the date of promulgation of any related regulations by the Board, then the related regulations of the Board shall not be more stringent than the proposed EPA regulations. In the event that the EPA shall adopt any final regulations subsequent to the promulgation by the Board of related regulations, then the Board shall, as soon as practicable, amend its existing regulations so as to be not more stringent than such EPA regulations, promulgate regulations for the licensing of home inspectors not inconsistent with this chapter regarding the professional qualifications of home inspectors applicants, the requirements necessary for passing home inspectors examinations, the proper conduct of its examinations, the proper conduct of the home inspectors licensed by the Board, and the proper discharge of its duties, promulgate, in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, regulations necessary to establish procedures and requirements for the (i) approval of accredited renovation training programs, (ii) licensure of individuals and firms to engage in renovation, and (iii) establishment of standards for performing renovation consistent with the Residential Lead-based Paint Hazard Reduction Act and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. Such regulations of the Board shall be consistent with the EPA Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program final rule.

**Composition:**

The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors shall be appointed by the Governor and composed of fourteen members as follows: one shall be a representative of a Virginia-licensed asbestos contractor, one shall be a representative of a Virginia-licensed lead contractor, one shall be a representative of a Virginia-licensed renovation contractor, one shall be either a Virginia-licensed asbestos inspector or project monitor, one shall be a Virginia-licensed lead risk assessor, one shall be a Virginia-licensed renovator, one shall be a Virginia-licensed dust sampling technician, one shall be a representative of a Virginia-licensed asbestos analytical laboratory, one shall be a representative of an asbestos, lead, or renovation training program, one shall be a member of the Board for Contractors, two shall be Virginia-licensed home inspectors, and two shall be citizen members. After initial staggered terms, the terms of members of the Board shall be four years, except that vacancies may be

filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. The two home inspector members appointed to the Board shall have practiced as home inspectors for at least five consecutive years immediately prior to appointment. The renovation contractor, renovator, and dust sampling technician members appointed to the board shall have practiced respectively as a renovation contractor, renovator, or dust sampling technician for at least five consecutive years prior to appointment.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two successive full terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
John E. Cranor	6/30/2025
Rick Holtz	6/30/2021
VACANT	
VACANT	
Gene Edward Magruder	6/30/2022
Paul D. Thomas	6/30/2023
Kevin Salva	6/30/2024
Chadwick R. Bowman	6/30/2020
Stacy J. Armentrout	6/30/2024
Sandra A. Baynes	6/30/2021
Sharad C. Tandale	6/30/2025
Louis Walker	6/30/2025
Patrick G. Studley	6/30/2024
James E. Haltigan	6/30/2022

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**Auctioneers Board**

**Location:**

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
9960 Mayland Drive  
Richmond, Virginia 23233  
Tel. (804) 367-8514  
Fax (866) 465-6206

**Code:**

§ 54.1-602

**Purpose:**

The Board shall have the following authority and responsibilities: establish regulations to obtain and retain licensure of auctioneers, make all case decisions regarding eligibility for initial licensure and renewal thereof, to fine, suspend, deny renewal or revoke for cause, as defined in regulation, any license, and to examine auctioneers for licensure.

**Composition:**

The Auctioneers Board shall be composed of five members as follows: three shall be Virginia licensed auctioneers and two shall be citizen members. Board members shall serve four-year terms.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Andrew Walton Smith	6/30/2024
Angela Smith-Mackey	6/30/2025
Betty A. Bennett	6/30/2022
Douglas B. Sinclair	6/30/2024
Linda W. Terry	6/30/2025

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**Board for Barbers and Cosmetology**

**Location:**

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
9960 Mayland Drive  
Richmond, Virginia 23233  
Tel. (804) 367-8590  
Fax (866) 245-9693

**Code:**

§ 54.1-702

**Purpose:**

The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology shall protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Virginia, by establishing criteria for determining minimal competency and qualifications of applicants through promulgation and administration of the regulations pertaining to the practices of cosmetology, barbering, hair braiding, nail care, waxing, tattooing, body-piercing, and esthetics. The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology also regulates the businesses that offer these services and the schools and instructors who conduct the training for these professions. The Board shall also license persons and firms to practice and teach barbering and cosmetology, may issue temporary licenses to engage in barbering and cosmetology to persons eligible for examination, and promulgate regulations to permit individuals to be granted temporary licenses for a specified period of time.

**Composition:**

The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology shall be composed of 10 members as follows: two members shall be licensed barbers, one of whom may be an owner or operator of a barber school; two members shall be licensed cosmetologists, at least one of whom shall be a salon owner and one of whom may be an owner or operator of a cosmetology school; one member shall be a licensed nail technician or a licensed cosmetologist engaged primarily in the practice of nail care, each of whom shall have been licensed in their respective professions for at least three years immediately prior to appointment; one member shall be either a licensed tattooer or a licensed body-piercer; two members shall be licensed estheticians, at least one of whom shall be an esthetics salon owner and one of whom may be an owner, operator, or designated representative of a licensed esthetics school; and two citizen members. The terms of Board members shall be four years. No member shall serve for more than two full successive terms. The Board shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

**Term:**

Four year terms; no more than two successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Matthew D. Roberts	6/30/2024
Margaret B. LaPierre	6/30/2025

Bo Machayo	6/30/2024
Sandra G. Smith	6/30/2024
Emmanuel E. Gayot	6/30/2025
Alfred O. Mayes	6/30/2022
Oanh Dang	6/30/2022
Lonnie Eldon Quesenberry	6/30/2022
Gilda I. Acosta	6/30/2022
Renee H. Gilanshah	6/30/2023

## The Cemetery Board

### Location:

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
 9960 Mayland Drive  
 Richmond, Virginia 23233  
 Tel. (804) 367-8552  
 Fax (866) 826-8863

### Code:

§ 54.1-2313

### Purpose:

The Board shall have the power and duty to regulate preneed burial contracts and perpetual care trust fund accounts, including, but not limited to, the authority to prescribe preneed contract forms, disclosure requirements and disclosure forms and to require reasonable bonds to insure performance or preneed contracts and regulate and register sales personnel employed by a cemetery company.

### Composition:

The Cemetery Board shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: four cemetery operators who have operated a cemetery in the Commonwealth for at least five consecutive years immediately prior to appointment, no more than two of whom shall be affiliated with a cemetery company incorporated in the Commonwealth which is owned, operated or affiliated, directly or indirectly, with a foreign corporation; one representative of local government, and two citizen members. Appointments to the Board shall generally represent the geographical areas of the Commonwealth.

### Term:

Four years; no more than two successive terms

### Gubernatorial Appointees:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Susan Mini	6/30/2025
Armistead W. Dudley	6/30/2022
Caroline Seibold Smyth	6/30/2024
James Arthur Meadows	6/30/2024
Judy S. Lyttle	6/30/2025
James A. Young	6/30/2025
Enid Walker Butler	6/30/2022

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## Common Interest Community Board

**Location:**

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
9960 Mayland Drive  
Richmond, Virginia 23233  
Tel. (804) 367-0362  
Fax (866) 490-2723

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2348

**Purpose:**

The Common Interest Community Board shall serve as a policy board for common interest communities defined as real estate located within the Commonwealth subject to a declaration which contains lots, at least some of which are residential or occupied for recreational purposes, and common areas to which a person, by virtue of his ownership of a lot, is a member of an association and is obligated to pay assessments provided for in a declaration.

**Composition:**

Members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor and consist of 11 members as follows: three shall be representatives of Virginia common interest community managers, one shall be a Virginia attorney whose practice includes the representation of associations, one shall be a representative of a Virginia certified public accountant whose practice includes providing attest services to associations, one shall be a representative of the Virginia time-share industry, two shall be representatives of developers of Virginia common interest communities, and three shall be Virginia citizens, one of whom serves or who has served on the governing board of an association that is not professionally managed at the time of appointment and two of whom reside in a common interest community. Of the initial appointments, one representative of Virginia common interest community managers and one representative of developers of Virginia common interest communities shall serve terms of two years and one representative of Virginia common interest community managers and one representative of developers of Virginia common interest communities shall serve terms of three years; the Virginia attorney shall serve a term of three years; the Virginia certified public accountant shall serve a term of one year; the Virginia citizen who serves or who has served on the governing board of an association shall serve a term of two years, and the two Virginia citizens who reside in a common interest community shall serve terms of one year. All other initial appointments and all subsequent appointments shall be for terms for four years, except that vacancies may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. Each appointment of a representative of a Virginia common interest community manager to the Board may be made from nominations submitted by the Virginia Association of Community Managers, who may nominate no more than three persons for each manager vacancy. In no case shall the Governor be bound to make any appointment from such nominees. No person shall be eligible to serve for more than two successive four-year terms.

**Term:**

After the initial staggered terms, term shall be four years with no more than two successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Katherine Waddell	6/30/2025
Matthew C. Durham	6/30/2025
Eileen M. Greenberg	6/30/2022
Drew R. Mulhare	6/30/2022

James Foley	6/30/2023
Maureen A. Baker	6/30/2024
David Mercer	6/30/2023
Anne M. Sheehan	6/30/2025
Lori Jean Overholt	6/30/2024
Amanda Jonas	6/30/2022
Scott E. Sterling	6/30/2023

**Board for Contractors**

**Location:**

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
 9960 Mayland Drive  
 Richmond, Virginia 23233  
 Tel. (804) 367-2785  
 Fax (866) 430-1033

**Code:**

§ 54.1-1102

**Purpose:**

The Board for Contractors shall promulgate regulations not inconsistent with statute necessary for the licensure of contractors and tradesmen and the certification of back flow prevention device workers, and for the re-licensure of contractors and tradesmen and for the re-certification of back flow prevention device workers, after license or certificate suspension or revocation. The Board shall include in its regulations a requirement that as a condition for initial licensure as a contractor, the designated employee or a member of the responsible management personnel of the contractor shall have successfully completed a Board-approved basic business course, which shall not exceed eight hours of classroom instruction.

**Composition:**

The Board for Contractors shall be composed of 16 members as follows: one member shall be a licensed Class A general contractor; the larger part of the business of one member shall be the construction of utilities; the larger part of the business of one member shall be the construction of commercial and industrial buildings; the larger part of the business of one member shall be the construction of single-family residences; the larger part of the business of one member shall be the construction of home improvements; one member shall be a subcontractor as generally regarded in the construction industry; one member shall be in the business of sales of construction materials and supplies; one member shall be a local building official; one member shall be a licensed plumbing contractor; one member shall be a licensed electrical contractor; one member shall be a licensed heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractor; one member shall be a certified elevator mechanic or a licensed elevator contractor; one member shall be a certified water well systems provider; one member shall be a professional engineer; and two members shall be non legislative citizen members.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
ALVIN PARDO-MONELL	6/30/2022
Jeffrey Shawn Mitchell	6/30/2022

Vernell A. Woods	6/30/2022
Jeffery W. Hux	6/30/2022
Donald L. Groh	6/30/2025
John D. O'Dell	6/30/2022
Wiley V. Johnson	6/30/2025
Deborah Lynn Tomlin	6/30/2020
Satish Korpe	6/30/2024
Gerald Burr	6/30/2024
Kevin S. Saucedo Broach	6/30/2024
Melvin D. Lowe	6/30/2025
Rudolph L. Burwell	6/30/2025
Caitlin M. King	6/30/2022
Robin CHristopher Plummer	6/30/2022
Randy C. Haddock	6/30/2023

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## Fair Housing Board

### Location:

Physical Address:  
 Perimeter Center  
 Suite 102 (first floor)  
 9960 Mayland Drive  
 Richmond, Virginia 23233  
 Tel. (804) 367-0115  
 Fax: (866) 826-8863

### Code:

§ 54.1-2344

### Purpose:

The Fair Housing Board shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Fair Housing Law. The Board shall have the power and duty to establish, by regulation, an education-based certification or registration program for persons subject to the Fair Housing Law who are involved in the business or activity of selling or renting dwellings. The Board shall also establish, by regulation, educational materials on the Fair Housing Law and require a signed affidavit from persons in the business or activity of selling or renting dwellings, that they have read and understood the provided materials.

### Composition:

The Fair Housing Board shall be composed of 12 members, to be appointed by the Governor, as follows: one representative of local government, one architect licensed in accordance with Chapter 4 (' 54.1-400 et seq.) of this title, one representative of the mortgage lending industry, one representative of the property and casualty insurance industry, two representatives of the residential property management industry not licensed in accordance with Chapter 21 (' 54.1-2100 et seq.) of this title, at least one of whom is a member of a property owners' association or condominium unit owners' association, one contractor licensed in accordance with Chapter 11 (' 54.1-1100 et seq.) of this title, one representative of the disability community, one representative of the residential land lease industry subject to the Manufactured Home Lot Rental Act (' 55.1-1300 et seq.), and three citizen members selected in accordance with ' 54.1-107. All terms of Board members shall be for terms of four years. The Board shall elect a chairman from its membership.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Scott Astrada	6/30/2025
Sherman Gillums	6/30/2023
Tonya N. Hebbe	6/30/2022
Candice L. Bennett	6/30/2023
Amanda Pohl	6/30/2023
VACANT	
Dean A. Lynch	6/30/2025
Colin M. Arnold	6/30/2023
Linda R. Melton	6/30/2022
Myra E. Howard	6/30/2022
Amanda Christine Buyalos	6/30/2022
Larry B. Murphy	6/30/2021

**Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation****Location:**

Physical Address

Perimeter Center

Suite 102 (first floor)

9960 Mayland Drive

Richmond, Virginia 23233

Mailing Address

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

9960 Mayland Drive

Suite 400

Richmond, Virginia 23233-1485

Phone: (804) 367-8514

Fax: (866) 465-6206

**Code:**

§ 54.1-309

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation is to provide a means of publicizing policies and programs of the Department to educate the public and elicit public support for Department activities, monitor policies and activities of the Department, and advise the Governor and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade on matters relating to the regulation of professions and occupations.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Members shall serve for four-year terms and no member shall serve for more than two full successive terms.



**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Jose Montano	6/30/2023
Laurence A. Benenson	6/30/2024
Nil Eguz	6/30/2024
Enid Candelaria-Vega	6/30/2025
Hugh Scott Johnson	6/30/2025
Ryan O'Toole	6/30/2022
Kim Cummings	6/30/2022
Martin A. Mooradian	6/30/2022
Susan Conrad	6/30/2022

**Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetlands Professionals, and Geologists**

**Location:**

9960 Mayland Drive  
Richmond, Virginia 23233

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2200.2.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board for Professional Social Scientists, Wetlands Professionals, and Geologists is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public through the regulation of soil scientists, wetland delineators and geologists.

**Composition:**

The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists shall be composed of 13 members as follows: three licensed professional soil scientists, three certified professional wetland delineators, three geologists, and three citizen members. The State Geologist shall serve as an ex officio member of the Board. The geologist members shall be of varied backgrounds. The professional soil scientist members shall have experience in at least one of the following areas: (i) soil mapping and classification, (ii) soil suitability and land use, (iii) teaching and research in soil science, and (iv) environmental protection regulations. Of the wetland professional members, one shall have experience in wetland delineation and description, one shall have experience in teaching and research in wetland science, and one shall have experience with natural resource regulations. Terms of the members shall be for four years.

The Board shall annually elect a chairman from its membership. Seven board members, consisting of at least two soil scientists, two professional wetland delineators, two geologists, and one citizen, shall constitute a quorum. The Governor may select the professional soil scientist members from a list of at least three names for each vacancy submitted by the Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists. The Governor may notify the Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists of any professional vacancy other than by expiration among the professional soil scientist members of the Board and nominations may be made for the filling of the vacancy. The Governor may select the wetland professionals from a list of at least three names for each vacancy submitted by the Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals. The Governor may notify and request nominations from the Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals of any professional vacancy other than by expiration among the wetland professional members.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ronald Drew Thomas	6/30/2024
Bennette D. Burks	6/30/2024
Carlyle Robin Jones	6/30/2023
Larry James Giannasi	6/30/2025
Mary P. Parker	6/30/2022
Alexis E. Jones	6/30/2024
David S. Hall	6/30/2024
Robin L. Bedenbaugh	6/30/2024
Douglas A. DeBerry	6/30/2025
Justin T. Brown	6/30/2022
Michael D. Lawless	6/30/2025
Warren Dean	6/30/2022

**Real Estate Board****Location:**

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400  
 Richmond, Virginia 23233  
 Tel. (804) 367-8552  
 Fax: (866) 826-8863

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2104

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Real Estate Board is to issue licenses to persons, partnerships, associations or corporations to act as real estate brokers or real estate salesmen or to advertise or assume to act as such real estate brokers or real estate salesmen; and to promulgate regulations for education requirements for licensure and relicensure.

**Composition:**

The Real Estate Board shall be composed of nine members as follows: seven members who have been licensed real estate brokers or salespersons for at least five consecutive years before their appointment and two citizen members. The terms of Board members shall be four years.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two successive full terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Catina H. Jones	6/30/2024

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Martin D. Perry	6/30/2024
Joseph K. Funkhouser	6/30/2025
Sharon P. Johnson	6/30/2023
Candice C. Bower	6/30/2022
Margaret D. Davis	6/30/2024
Nancy L. Piland	6/30/2024
Ibrahim A. Moiz	6/30/2022
Mayra L. Pineda	6/30/2022

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## Real Estate Appraiser Board

### Location:

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400  
Richmond, Virginia 23233  
Tel. (804) 367-8552  
Fax: (866) 826-8863

### Code:

§ 54.1-2012

### Purpose:

The purpose of the Real Estate Appraiser Board is to promulgate necessary regulations which shall include educational and experience requirements as conditions for licensure, provisions for the supervision of appraiser practices, practices for the enforcement of standards of professional appraiser practice, and provisions for the disposition of referrals of improper appraiser conduct from any person or any federal agency or instrumentality.

### Composition:

The Real Estate Appraiser Board shall be composed of 10 members as follows: (i) six members shall be licensed as real estate appraisers, provided that, at all times, at least two of the appraiser members on the Board shall be certified general real estate appraisers and one shall be a certified residential real estate appraiser, and provided further, that all six appraiser members have been licensed for a period of at least five years prior to their appointment; (ii) one member shall be an officer or employee familiar with mortgage lending of a financial institution as defined in ' 6.2-100 or an affiliate or subsidiary thereof; (iii) one member shall be an officer or employee of an appraisal management company; and (iv) two members shall be citizen members. The terms of Board members shall be four years.

The appointment of appraiser members may be made from lists of at least three names each, submitted by Virginia affiliates of professional appraisal organizations that are members of the Appraisal Foundation. The appointment of the bank or savings institution member may be made from lists of at least three names each, submitted by the Virginia Bankers Association and the Virginia Association of Community Banks. The appointment of the appraisal management company member may be made from lists of at least three names each, submitted by the Virginia Bankers Association. Nominations for appointments to regular terms shall be submitted to the Governor on or before June 1 of each year. The Governor may notify the above organizations of any vacancy other than by expiration and like nominations may be made for the filling of the vacancy. In no case shall the Governor be bound to make any appointment from among the nominees. Notwithstanding ' 54.1-200, all members of the Board, including the citizen members, shall be eligible to participate in all matters, including decisions regarding the examination of applicants for licensure and decisions regarding the professional competence of licensees. The Board shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman from its membership, provided that the chairman shall be an appraiser member. The Board

shall meet at least once each year, and additional meetings may be called by the chairman or, if the chairman is incapacitated, by the vice-chairman, as deemed necessary. The Board shall adopt a seal by which it shall authenticate its proceedings.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Mark R. Chapin	4/2/2022
Todd W. Canterbury	4/2/2024
Harry G. James	4/2/2025
Edythe Frankel Kelleher	4/2/2022
Ursula Edwards	4/2/2025
Heather M. Placer	4/2/2024
Kelvin C. Bratton	4/2/2025
Richard David Stuchell	4/2/2024
Fred E. Levine	4/2/2022
Jason Lee Inge	4/2/2024

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**Board for Waste Management Facility Operators**

**Location:**

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
9960 Mayland Drive  
Suite 400  
Tel. (804) 367-7226  
Fax: (866) 430-1033

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2210

**Purpose:**

The Board for Waste Management Facility Operators shall promulgate regulations and standards for the training and certification of waste management facility operators. The board may establish classes for the purpose of training and certification based upon the type of waste management facility for which a waste management facility operator seeks certification.

**Composition:**

The Board for Waste Management Facility Operators shall consist of seven members appointed by the Governor as follows: a representative from the Department of Environmental Quality, a representative from a local government that owns a sanitary landfill, a representative from a local government that owns a waste management facility other than a sanitary landfill, a representative of a private owner of a sanitary landfill, a representative of a private owner of a waste management facility other than a sanitary landfill, and two citizen members, one of whom shall be a representative of a commercial waste generator. No owner shall be represented by more than one representative or employee. The terms of Board members shall be four years, except that vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. No member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two successive full terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Donald Lawhorne	6/30/2023
Leslie D. Beckwith	6/30/2021
Jason L. Mitchell	6/30/2022
Timothy Patrick Torrez	6/30/2022
Toby Edwards	6/30/2022
Ellen C. Thacker	6/30/2023
Sathish Anabathula	6/30/2023

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**Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals**

**Location:**

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
9960 Mayland Drive  
Suite 400  
Tel. (804) 367-0362  
Fax: (866) 350-5354

**Code:**

§ 54.1-2301

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals is to issue licenses to operate waterworks or wastewater works; protect public health, welfare, and property; conserve and protect water resources of the Commonwealth; and require examination of operators and certification of their competence to supervise and operate waterworks and wastewater works.

**Composition:**

The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals shall consist of 11 members as follows: the Director of the Office of Water Programs of the State Department of Health, or his designee, the Executive Director of the State Water Control Board, or his designee, a currently employed waterworks operator having a valid license of the highest classification issued by the Board, a currently employed wastewater works operator having a valid license of the highest classification issued by the Board, a faculty member of a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth whose principal field of teaching is management or operation of waterworks or wastewater works, a representative of an owner of a waterworks, a representative of an owner of a wastewater works, a licensed alternative onsite sewage system operator, a licensed alternative onsite sewage system installer, a licensed onsite soil evaluator, and one citizen member. The alternative onsite sewage system operator, alternative onsite sewage system installer, and onsite soil evaluator shall have practiced for at least five consecutive years immediately prior to appointment. No owner shall be represented on the Board by more than one representative or employee operator. The term of Board members shall be four years.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two successive full terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Rosa-lee Cooke	6/30/2023

Erica Duncan	6/30/2023
Donald E. Riggleman	6/30/2024
Thomas W. Fore	6/30/2025
Caleb M. Taylor	6/30/2023
Wesley Jordan Evans	6/30/2023
James Nelson Brockwell	6/30/2024
John Keith Ewing	6/30/2025
Pamela M. Pruett	6/30/2022

## Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians

### Location:

Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians  
 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400  
 Richmond, Virginia 23233  
 Tel. (804) 367-8590

### Code:

§ 54.1-1500.1

### Purpose:

The purpose of the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Virginia, by establishing criteria for determining minimal competency and qualifications of applicants through promulgation and administration of the regulations pertaining to the practice of fitting and dealing in hearing aids and the regulations pertaining to opticians who engage in the practice of preparing, measuring, adapting, fitting and adjusting eyeglasses, dispensing eyeglasses, spectacles, lenses, or related devices on prescription from licensed physicians or optometrists.

### Composition:

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians shall consist of 15 members, as follows: four licensed hearing aid specialists, of which at least one shall be licensed as an audiologist by the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, six licensed opticians, one otolaryngologist, one ophthalmologist, and three citizen members.

One of the citizen members shall be a hearing aid user or a person who has a family member who is or has been a hearing aid user. Each hearing aid specialist and the otolaryngologist shall have at least five years of experience in their respective fields immediately prior to appointment. Each of the opticians shall have at least five years of experience prior to appointment and the ophthalmologist shall have practiced ophthalmology for at least five years prior to appointment. The terms of Board members shall be four years. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from its membership.

### Term:

Four year terms

### Gubernatorial Appointees:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
VACANT	
Saman Aghaebrahim	6/30/2025
Laura L. Kleiner	6/30/2024

Stacey Brayboy	6/30/2025
Pamela S. Smith	6/30/2024
Bruce R. Wagner	6/30/2024
Debra Ogilvie	6/30/2022
Pamela S. Chavis	6/30/2024
	6/30/2025
Melissa A. Gill	6/30/2023
Kristina F. Green	6/30/2024
Erik S. Meland	6/30/2024
Darla Ann All	6/30/2024
Kaytlyn N. Young	6/30/2024
Michael Armstrong	6/30/2025

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## VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

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**Location:**

703 East Main Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (866) 832-2363

**Code Reference:**

§ 60.2-108

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) promotes economic growth and stability by delivering and coordinating workforce services. The VEC offers career assistance for job seekers, employment services for veterans, and employer services for businesses of all sizes, as well as unemployment benefits and other programs designed to assist with employment.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.vec.virginia.gov/>

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### Virginia Board of Workforce Development

**Location:**

Elevate Virginia  
 300 Arboretum Place, Suite 200  
 Richmond, Virginia 23236  
 Tel. (804) 819-1680

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2471

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Board of Workforce Development (the Board) is established as a policy board, within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Board shall be to assist and advise the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Secretary of Labor in meeting workforce development needs in the Commonwealth through recommendation of policies

and strategies to increase coordination and thus efficiencies of operation between all education and workforce programs with responsibilities and resources for employment, occupational training, and support connected to workforce credential and job attainment.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of the following:

1. Two members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office and may be reappointed for successive terms; 2. The Governor and his designee who shall be the Secretary of Labor or another cabinet-level official appointed to the Board; 3. The Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Education, Health and Human Resources, Public Safety and Homeland Security, and Veterans and Defense Affairs, or their designees, each of whom shall serve ex officio; 4. The Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee, who shall serve ex officio; and 5. Additional members appointed by the Governor as are required to ensure that the composition of the Board satisfies the requirements of the WIOA. The additional members shall include: a. Two local elected officials; b. Eight members who shall be representatives of the workforce, to include (i) three representatives nominated by state labor federations, of which one shall be a representative of a joint-labor apprenticeship program, and (ii) at least one representative of a private career college; and c. Nonlegislative citizen members representing businesses in the Commonwealth, the total number of whom shall constitute a majority of the members of the Board and who shall include the presidents of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia Manufacturers Association or their designees as well as business owners, chief executive officers, chief operating officers, chief financial officers, senior managers, or other business executives or employers with optimum policy-making or hiring authority who represent the Commonwealth's economic development priorities. Business members shall represent diverse regions of the state, to include urban, suburban, and rural areas, and at least two members shall also be members of local workforce development boards. Nonlegislative citizen members may be nonresidents of the Commonwealth. Members appointed in accordance with this subdivision shall serve four-year terms, subject to the pleasure of the Governor, and may be reappointed. C. The Governor shall select a chairman and vice-chairman, who shall serve two-year terms, from among nonlegislative citizen members representing the business community appointed in accordance with subdivision B 5 c. The Board shall meet at least every three months or upon the call of the chair or the Governor as stipulated by the Board's bylaws. The chairman and the vice-chairman shall select at least five members of the Board to serve as an executive committee of the Board, which shall have the limited purpose of establishing meeting agendas, reviewing bylaws and other documents pertaining to Board governance and operations, approving reports to the Governor, and responding to urgent federal, state, and local issues between scheduled Board meetings.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Senate Members:**

.....  
The Honorable George L. Barker

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The Honorable Jeremy S. McPike

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Kathleen J. Murphy

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The Honorable Kathy KL Tran

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Lee D. Worley	6/30/2023
..... John B. Dougherty	6/30/2023
..... Mark Dreyfus	6/30/2023
..... Julie Brown	6/30/2022



Edward E. Caldwell	6/30/2023
Brian T. Warner	6/30/2023
Nathaniel Xavier Marshall	6/30/2025
Lane Seawell Hopkins	6/30/2023
Hobart P. Bauhan	6/30/2023
Carrie Roth	6/30/2024
Barry DuVal	6/30/2022
Brett Alen Vassey	6/30/2022
Xavier L. Beale	6/30/2025
Doris A. Crouse-Mays	6/30/2025
Patricia Funegra	6/30/2025
Richard P. Allevi	6/30/2025
John Bahouth	6/30/2025
Louise G. Welch	6/30/2025
Anne J. Schlussler	6/30/2025
James A. Gray	6/30/2025
Becky C. Sawyer	6/30/2025
James Monroe	6/30/2025
Travis W. Staton	6/30/2025
Tierney T. Fairchild	6/30/2025
Ann H. Mallek	6/30/2023
Raheel Sheikh	6/30/2025
Zuzana K. Steen	6/30/2025
Antonio Rice	6/30/2025
Richard T. Hatch	6/30/2023
Robby Demeria	6/30/2025
John D. Smith	6/30/2025
Kristina L. Bushey	6/30/2025
Lane Seawell Hopkins	6/30/2023
James Monroe	6/30/2023

**Ex Officio Members:**

- The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor
- The Honorable Brian Ball, Secretary of Commerce and Trade
- The Honorable Vanessa Walker Harris , M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources
- Glenn DuBois, Chancellor, Virginia Community College System
- The Honorable Atif Qarni, Secretary of Education
- The Honorable Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security
- The Honorable Carlos Hopkins, Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs
- Mr. John Broadway, Director of Public Policy, Virginia Association of Realtors

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/203>

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# OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

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## Ann Jennings

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**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street, 4th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-0044

**Purpose:**

The Secretary of Natural Resources advises the Governor on natural resources issues and works to advance the Governor's top environmental priorities. The Secretary oversees six agencies that protect and restore the Commonwealth's natural and historic resources. The Secretary's office and all of the natural resources agencies work together to uphold the provisions of Article XI of the Virginia Constitution:

To the end that the people have clean air, pure water, and the use and enjoyment for recreation of adequate public lands, waters, and other natural resources, it shall be the policy of the Commonwealth to conserve, develop, and utilize its natural resources, its public lands, and its historical sites and buildings.

Further, it shall be the Commonwealth's policy to protect its atmosphere, lands, and waters from pollution, impairment, or destruction, for the benefit, enjoyment, and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.

**Website:**

<https://www.naturalresources.virginia.gov>

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Secretary

**Ann Jennings**

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Former Secretary

**Matthew Strickler**

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Deputy Secretary

**Josh Saks**

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Assistant Secretary

**Meryem Karad**

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Senior Policy Advisor

**Ellen Bolen**

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## DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

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**Location:**

600 E. Main Street, 24th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-6124

**Code Reference:**

§ 10.1-101

**Purpose:**

To conserve, protect, enhance, and advocate the wise use of the Commonwealth's unique natural, historic, recreational, scenic, and cultural resources.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/>

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### Breaks Interstate Park Commission

**Location:**

627 Commission Circle  
Breaks, Virginia 24607  
Tel. (276) 865-4413

**Code:**

Acts of Assembly, 1954, chapter 37 and pursuant to authority granted by an Act of the 83rd Congress of the United States, Public Law 275, approved August 14, 1953.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Breaks Interstate Park Commission is to develop, maintain and operate Breaks Interstate Park in cooperation with the Commonwealth of Kentucky

**Composition:**

The Commission will be composed of six members: three commissioners from each member state appointed by the

Governor.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Curtis Mullins	2/23/2025
Richard B. Mullins	2/23/2022
Wanda M. Beery	2/23/2024

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## Cave Board

**Location:**

Virginia Division of Natural Heritage  
Department of Conservation and Recreation  
600 East Main Street, 24th Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-7951  
Fax (804) 371-2674

**Code:**

§ 10.1-1001

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Cave Board is to provide advice to state agencies regarding cave management expertise and service, maintain an inventory of publicly owned caves in Virginia, and maintain data on the conservation, advocacy, protection, and use of Virginia's caves and karsts.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of eleven members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, on the basis of activity and knowledge in the conservation, exploration, study, and management of caves. The Director of the Department of Historic Resources, or his designee, serves as an ex officio member.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Daniel H. Doctor	6/30/2023
Stephen Timothy Lindeman	6/30/2022
VACANT	
John Howard Graves	6/30/2023
Meredith Lynn Hall Weberg	6/30/2023
David Alan Ek	6/30/2024
Richard Allan Lambert	6/30/2024
Robert Kenneth Denton	6/30/2024
Russell He Kohrs	6/30/2025
John T. Haynes	6/30/2025
Anthony R. Bessette	6/30/2022

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## Board of Conservation and Recreation

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation  
600 East Main Street 24th Floor

Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 10.1-105.

**Purpose:**

The Board of Conservation and Recreation shall advise the Governor and the Director of Conservation and Recreation on the activities of the department. The Board shall be the successor to the Board on Conservation and Development of Public Beaches and the Virginia State Parks Foundation.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of twelve members. The Director or his designee shall serve as executive secretary to the Board. The Board shall be the successor to the Board on Conservation and Development of Public Beaches and the Virginia State Parks Foundation. The members of the Board shall initially be appointed for terms of office as follows: three for a one-year term, three for a two-year term, three for a three-year term, and three for a four-year term. The Governor shall designate the term to be served by each appointee at the time of appointment. Appointments thereafter shall be made for four-year terms. No person shall serve more than two consecutive full terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. All terms shall begin July

**Term:**

The members of the board shall initially be appointed for terms of office as follows: three for a one-year term, three for a two-year term, three for a three-year term, and three for a four-year term. The Governor shall designate the term to be served by each appointee at the time of appointment. Appointments thereafter shall be made for four-year terms. No person shall serve more than two consecutive full terms. Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Esther Maxine Nizer	6/30/2025
Angela S. Henderson	6/30/2022
Camilla Simon	6/30/2024
Nancy Hull Davidson	6/30/2023
Ross Stewart	6/30/2025
Dexter C. Hurt	6/30/2023
Danielle Heisler	6/30/2024
Patricia Anne Jackson	6/30/2022
Vivek Shinde Patil	6/30/2024
Cisco C. Minthorn	6/30/2023
Kathleen Maybury	6/30/2025
Clayton Lemonte Spruill	6/30/2022

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**Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, Board of Trustees**

**Location:**

Department of Conservation and Recreation  
600 East Main Street 24th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Board of Trustees is to prepare a comprehensive plan that recognizes and seeks to implement all of the purposes for which the Foundation is created. The Foundation shall establish, administer, manage, including the creation of reserves, and make expenditures and allocations from a special, non reverting fund in the state treasury to be known as the Virginia Land Conservation Fund.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of nineteen members to be appointed as follows: four citizen members, who may be members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and, if such members are members of the House of Delegates, in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; two citizen members, who may be members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; eleven non legislative citizen members, one from each congressional district, to be appointed by the Governor; and the Secretary of Natural Resources, or his designee, and the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, or his designee, to serve ex officio with voting privileges.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Senate Members:**

.....  
 The Honorable David W. Marsden  
 .....  
 The Honorable Richard H. Stuart  
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**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Woodie L. Walker	6/30/2025
..... Samantha C. Vargas Poppe	6/30/2024
..... Krystina E. White	6/30/2024
..... Jay C. Ford	6/30/2025
..... Mary-Carson S. Stiff	6/30/2022
..... Susan Edmonds Donner	6/30/2022
..... Bruce A. Vlk	6/30/2022
..... James F. Casey	6/30/2023
..... Katherine Imhoff	6/30/2023
..... Glenda Booth	6/30/2023
..... Lisa K. Quigley	6/30/2024

**Legislative Appointees:**

..... Elizabeth Andrews	June 30, 2024
..... Sonya Powell	June 30, 2024
..... Mr. Andrew Jennison	June 30, 2023
..... Leslie Cockburn	June 30, 2025

**Ex Officio Members:**

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 The Honorable Matthew Strickler, Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources  
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 The Honorable Bettina Ring, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry  
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**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/249>

**Soil and Water Conservation Board**

**Location:**

600 East Main Street 24th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-8445

**Code:**

§ 10.1-502

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Soil and Water Conservation Board is to provide for the conservation of soil and water resources; control and prevent soil erosion, flood water, and sediment damage; oversee and support the soil and water conservation districts; and preserve the natural resources of the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board is continued and shall perform the functions conferred upon it in this chapter. The Board shall consist of nine nonlegislative citizen members and one ex officio member with nonvoting privileges. The Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, or his designee, shall be a nonvoting ex officio member of the Board. Three nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor as at-large members, of whom at least two members have a demonstrated interest in natural resource conservation with a background or knowledge in dam safety, soil conservation, or water quality protection. Additionally, four nonlegislative citizen members shall be farmers at the time of their appointment and two nonlegislative citizen members shall be farmers or district directors,. Each of the six nonlegislative members who is a farmer or district director shall be a resident of a different one of the six geographic areas represented in the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of two qualified nominees for each vacancy jointly submitted by the Board and the Board of Directors of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, in consultation with the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and the Virginia Agribusiness Council. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. All appointed members shall not serve more than two consecutive full terms. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same manner as the original appointments, except that such appointments shall be for the unexpired terms only. The Board may invite the Virginia State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, to serve as an advisory nonvoting member. The Board shall keep a record of its official actions and adopt a seal and may perform acts, hold public hearings, and adopt regulations necessary for the execution of its functions under this chapter.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, all citizen members shall serve four-year terms; no member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Charles A. Newton	6/30/2022
Jay C. Ford	6/30/2024
Adam D. Wilson	6/30/2022
Pamela A. Mason	6/30/2024
Charles A. Arnason	6/30/2025

Stephen Hill	6/30/2025
Kathleen Maybury	6/30/2023
Anna M. Killius	6/30/2023
Dahlia O'Brien	6/30/2023

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## Board of Trustees of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation

**Location:**

39 Garrett Street, Suite 200  
 Warrenton, Virginia 20186  
 Tel. (540) 347-7727 Fax (540) 347-7711

**Code:**

§ 10.1-1800

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation is to promote the preservation of open-space lands and to encourage private gifts of money, securities, land or other property to preserve the natural, scenic, historic, scientific, open-space, and recreational areas of the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Board will be composed of seven trustees from the Commonwealth at large. Appointments shall be made to achieve a broad geographical representation of members. The Governor appoints a chairman. The Board elects the Executive Director.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Raul E. Garcia Lopez	6/30/2022
Thomas Slater	6/30/2022
Eleanor Brown	6/30/2024
Viola O. Baskerville	6/30/2024
Adetokunboh O. Afonja	6/30/2025
Elizabeth H. Crowther	6/30/2025
Elsie Delva-Smith	6/30/2025
Elizabeth H. Crowther	6/30/2023

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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**Location:**



629 East Main Street  
Post Office Box 1105  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 698-4000

**Code Reference:**

§ 10.1-1183

**Purpose:**

Implement Virginia's air, water, waste management, and other environmental laws. Enhance, preserve, and protect Virginia's natural, scenic, and historic environment for the people of the Commonwealth; reduce the levels of pollutants in Virginia's environment; ensure timeliness, consistency, and quality in all permitting; improve public understanding of and participation in all environmental issues and decision-making; perform comprehensive natural resource planning, policy analysis, and coordination; and ensure the effective and efficient development and use of agency resources.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/>

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## **Plastic Waste Prevention Advisory Council**

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2699.8

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Governor on policy and funding priorities to eliminate plastic waste impacting native species and polluting the Commonwealth's environment and to contribute to achieving plastics packaging circular economy industry standards.

This article shall expire on June 30, 2023.

**Composition:**

The Council shall have a total membership of 27 members that shall consist of 21 nonlegislative citizen members and six ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor. The Secretaries of Natural and Historic Resources, Commerce and Trade, Agriculture and Forestry, Health and Human Resources, Education, and Transportation, or their designees, including their agency representatives, shall serve ex officio with nonvoting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Council shall be residents of the Commonwealth and shall include representatives of (i) American Indian tribes, (ii) community-based organizations, (iii) the public health sector, (iv) nongovernmental organizations, (v) civil rights organizations, (vi) institutions of higher education, and (vii) communities impacted by an industrial, governmental, or commercial operation, program, or policy.

Ex officio members of the Council shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. The Council shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson annually from among the membership of the Council. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Council shall be held at the call of the chairperson or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

Gubernatorial appointees shall serve for terms of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.

**Senate Members:**

The Honorable J. Chapman Petersen, Chair, Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**House Members:**

The Honorable Kenneth R. Plum, Chair, House Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Committee

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Rob Alexander	6/30/2024
Jennifer E. Cole	6/30/2024
Anne Johnson	6/30/2024
Jennifer D. Russell	6/30/2024

**Ex Officio Members:**

- M. Norman Oliver, Commissioner of Health
- David K. Paylor, Director, Department of Environmental Quality
- Brett Vassey, President and CEO, Virginia Manufacturers Association
- Barry DuVal, President, Virginia Chamber of Commerce

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/547>

**Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board**

**Location:**

Mailing Address:

Post Office Box 1105  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Physical Address:

1111 East Main Street Suite 1400  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 698-4000

**Code:**

§ 10.1-1422.03

**Purpose:**

The Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board shall review applications received by the department for grants from the Fund and make recommendations to the Director for the award of all grants; promote the control, prevention, and elimination of litter from the Commonwealth and encourage the recycling of discarded materials to the maximum practical extent; and advise the Director on such other litter control and recycling matters as may be requested by the Director or any other state agency.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Board shall consist of five persons appointed by the Governor. Three members shall represent persons paying the taxes which are deposited into the Fund and shall include one member appointed from nominations submitted by recognized industry associations representing retailers; one member appointed from nominations submitted by recognized industry associations representing soft drink distributors; and one member appointed from nominations submitted by recognized industry associations representing beer distributors. One member shall be a local litter or recycling coordinator. One member shall be from the general public.

The Advisory Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually from among its members. The Advisory Board shall meet at least twice annually on such dates and at such times as they determine. Three members of the Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Nicholas J. Surace	6/30/2025
Kathleen Register	6/30/2023
Michael J O'Connor	6/30/2019
Bo Wilson	6/30/2020
Larry E. Buckner	6/30/2021

**State Air Pollution Control Board**

**Location:**

Mailing Address:

Post Office Box 1105

Richmond, Virginia 23218

Physical Address:

1111 East Main Street Suite 1400

Richmond, Virginia 23219

Tel. (804) 698-4000

**Code:**

§ 10.1-1301

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the State Air Pollution Control Board is to adopt policies and regulations, and take actions to implement the Commonwealth's air pollution control laws.

**Composition:**

The Governor appoints seven members who are citizens of the Commonwealth, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.

The members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall be selected from the Commonwealth at large on the basis of merit without regard to political affiliation. Members shall, by their education, training, or experience, be

knowledgeable of air quality control and regulation, and shall be fairly representative of conservation, public health, business, and agriculture. No person appointed to the Board shall be employed by persons subject to permits or enforcement orders of the Board or receive a significant portion of his income, whether directly or indirectly, from persons subject to permits or enforcement orders of the Board. Income from a vested retirement benefit shall not be considered income for purposes of this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section relating to Board membership, the qualifications for Board membership shall not be more strict than those that are required by federal statute or regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The provisions of this section shall be in addition to the requirements of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (' 2.2-3100 et seq.).

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Lornel G. Tompkins	6/30/2024
Staci F. Rijal	6/30/2023
Hope Cupit	6/30/2024
Richard Dale Langford	6/30/2025
Joshua G. Behr	6/30/2025
Gail Bush	6/30/2022
Kajal Budhwar Kapur	6/30/2022

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**State Water Control Board**

**Location:**

Mailing Address:

Post Office Box 1105

Richmond, Virginia 23218

Physical Address:

1111 East Main Street Suite 1400

Richmond, Virginia 23219

Tel. (804) 698-4000

**Code:**

§ 62.1-44.8

**Purpose:**

The State Water Control Board shall adopt policies and regulations, and take actions to implement the Commonwealth's water control laws.

**Composition:**

The Governor appoints seven members, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Members shall be appointed for the terms of four years each. Vacancies other than by expiration of a term shall be filled by the Governor by appointment for the unexpired term.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Jillian S. Cohen	6/30/2023
Heather L. Wood	6/30/2023
Paula Jasinski	6/30/2022
Jack O. Lanier	6/30/2022
Timothy G. Hayes	6/30/2025
Lou Ann Jessee-Wallace	6/30/2025
Ryan C. Seiger	6/30/2024

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**Virginia Waste Management Board**

**Location:**

Mailing Address:

Post Office Box 1105

Richmond, Virginia 23218

Physical Address:

1111 East Main Street Suite 1400

Richmond, Virginia 23219

Tel. (804) 698-4000

**Code:**

§ 10.1-1401

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Waste Management Board shall adopt policies and regulations, and take actions to implement the Commonwealth's waste management control laws.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of seven members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall be selected from the Commonwealth at large on the basis of merit without regard to political affiliation. Members shall, by their education, training, or experience, be knowledgeable of waste management and shall be fairly representative of agriculture, conservation, industry, and public health. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Amarjit Singh Riat	6/30/2025
Eric A. DeGroff	6/30/2025
Michael Peter Benedetto	6/30/2022
EJ Scott	6/30/2024
Eric K. Wallace	6/30/2022
Jeffrey Crate	6/30/2022

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## DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

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**Location:**

7870 Villa Park Drive  
Henrico, Virginia 23228  
Tel. (804) 367-1000

**Code Reference:**

§ 29.1-109

**Purpose:**

To provide public, informational and educational services related to this title, and to serve as the agency responsible for the administration and enforcement of all rules and regulations of the board, the statutory provisions of this title, and related legislative acts. The Department shall employ scientific principles and procedures, as developed, researched, recognized, and accepted within the bounds of comprehensive professional wildlife resource management, in the management of the Commonwealth's wildlife and natural resources.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.dwr.virginia.gov/>

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### Board of Wildlife Resources

**Location:**

7870 Villa Park Drive  
Suite 400 (Villa Park 3)  
Henrico, Virginia 23228  
Tel. 804-367-1000

**Code:**

§ 29.1-102

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Wildlife Resources is to conserve, protect, replenish, propagate, and increase the supply of game birds, fish, and other wildlife of the Commonwealth, and administer the boating laws of the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of eleven members. The members appointed shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall be knowledgeable about wildlife conservation, hunting, fishing, boating, agriculture, forestry, or habitat. Each Department region, as constituted on July 1, 2014, shall be represented by two members, and three members shall be members-at-large, each representing a different Department region.

**Term:**

Board members are appointed for four year terms and may be reappointed to a second consecutive four year term. Appointments shall be made in a manner whereby no more than three members shall have terms which expire in the same year

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Karen An Terwilliger	6/30/2022
WILLIAM f Adams	6/30/2022
Rovelle C. Brown	6/30/2024
Catherine Harrison Claiborne	6/30/2023
John W. Daniel	6/30/2025
Gerald K. Washington	6/30/2023
Brian R. Vincent	6/30/2025
Tammy Jo Grimes	6/30/2023
Michael Leon Boyd	6/30/2024
Tom Sadler	6/30/2024
Mamie Parker	6/30/2025

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## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

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**Location:**

2801 Kensington Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia 23221  
Tel. (804) 367-2323

**Code Reference:**

§ 10.1-2201

**Purpose:**

To encourage, stimulate, and support the identification, evaluation, protection, preservation, and rehabilitation of the Commonwealth's significant historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/>

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### **Commission for Historical Statues in the United States Capitol**

**Code:**

H 1406

**Purpose:**

The Commission for Historical Statues in the United States Capitol (the Commission) is established to provide for the replacement of the Robert E. Lee statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection at the United States Capitol and to recommend to the General Assembly as a replacement a statue of a prominent Virginia citizen of historic renown or renowned for distinguished civil or military service to be commemorated in the National Statuary Hall Collection.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of six members as follows: one member of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; two nonlegislative citizen members who are Virginia or American historians to be appointed by the Governor; one nonlegislative

citizen member appointed upon the vote of the Commission members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Governor; and the Director of the Department of Historic Resources, who shall serve ex officio with nonvoting privileges.

**Term:**

Serving at the pleasure of the Governor. Legislative members and the ex officio member shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Fred Motley	.....
..... Chief Ann Richardson	.....
..... Margaret Vanderhye	.....

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**Board of Historic Resources**

**Location:**

2801 Kensington Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia 23221  
Tel. (804) 367-2323

**Code:**

§ 10.1-2203

**Purpose:**

The Board of Historic Resources shall designate historic landmarks of local, statewide, or national significance; establish historic preservation practices for care and management of such designated landmarks; approve the proposed text and authorize the manufacture of highway historical markers; acquire by purchase or gift designated landmarks, or easements or interest therein; review programs and services of the Department of Historic Resources, and make recommendations to the Director and the Governor regarding those programs and services.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of seven members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The members of the Board shall initially be appointed for terms of office as follows: two for a one-year term, two for a two-year term, two for a three-year term, and one for a four-year term. Appointments thereafter shall be made for four-year terms, except appointments to fill vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term, which shall be filled for the unexpired term.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Karice Luck-Brimmer	..... 6/30/2023
..... David R. Ruth	..... 6/30/2022
..... Ashley Spivey	..... 6/30/2022
..... Colita N. Fairfax	..... 6/30/2024
..... William T. Lemon	..... 6/30/2024



Jeffrey A. Harris

6/30/2023

Trip Pollard

6/30/2025

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## MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

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**Location:**

2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Newport News, Virginia 23607  
Tel. (757) 247-2200 ? TTD (757) 247-2292

**Code Reference:**

§ 28.2-102

**Purpose:**

The Marine Resources Commission manages saltwater fishing and associated habitat, for both recreational and commercial species. Commission staff work to create and maintain sustainable fisheries for the benefit of all anglers and the ecosystem. The Agency also manages water bottoms in public trust for the citizens of the Commonwealth. The Habitat Management Division works with citizens who wish to use water areas for piers or other water dependent projects. All management activity must balance both public and private interests. The Law Enforcement Division, known as the Virginia Marine Police, patrols the waterways to enforce applicable laws and regulations, assists citizens in need, has homeland defense duties at the Ports of Hampton Roads and is part of the State's emergency preparedness team. Primary statutory authority for the Marine Resources Commission is found in Title 28.2 of the Code of Virginia, entitled Fisheries and Habitat of the Tidal Waters.

**Web Site:**

<http://mrc.virginia.gov/>

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### Virginia Coastal Land Management Advisory Council

**Location:**

Marine Resources Commission  
2600 Washington Ave, 3rd Floor  
Newport News, Virginia 23607

**Code:**

§ 28.2-1505.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Virginia Coastal Land Management Advisory Council is to advise the Commission on issues relating to the management of ungranted shores of the sea, marsh and meadowlands, and shall advise the Commission on the development of the management plan prepared pursuant to ' 28.2-1504 of the Code of Virginia.

**Composition:**

The Council shall consist of six members appointed by the Governor who shall be residents of a county in which there are ungranted shores of the sea, marsh or meadowlands, and who shall represent tourism and commerce, traditional uses of shores of the sea, marsh and meadowlands, and conservation interests; however, if any private person or entity owns more than fifty percent of the land area of the barrier islands of the Eastern Shore that are privately owned, such person or entity

shall be one of such members. The Governor shall consider recommendations submitted by the boards of supervisors of counties in which the Commission is managing the largest portions of the ungranted shores of the sea, marsh or meadowlands. The Directors (or their designees) of the Departments of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and the Commissioner of the Marine Resources Commission or his designee shall also serve as members.

**Term:**

Three year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Jill G. Bieri	6/30/2022
John A. Davenport	6/30/2016
Joseph C. Valentine	6/30/2019
Thomas John Gallivan	6/30/2016
Jay C. Ford	6/30/2019
Hali Plourde-Rogers	6/30/2022

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**Virginia Marine Resources Commission**

**Location:**

2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Newport News, Virginia 23607  
Tel. (757) 247-2200 ? TTD (757) 247-2292

**Code:**

§ 28.2-102

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission is to manage, regulate, and develop marine fishery resources; and protect and preserve the marine habitat through a project review and permitting system.

**Composition:**

The Governor appoints the chairman and eight additional members who, to the extent possible, shall be representative of all areas of interest in Virginia's marine resources, including commercial, recreational, and environmental interests. At least one shall, at the time of his appointment, have earned their livelihood for at least five years from working on Virginia waters. The Governor appoints the chairman, who shall serve as the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

**Term:**

The chairman and two members serve at the pleasure of the Governor for terms coincident with that of the Governor. The remaining six members are appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor for a term of four years. No person, except the chairman, shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
John Edward Zydron	6/30/2022
Carroll C. Ballard	6/30/2022
Christopher R. Newsome	6/30/2025
Christina M. Everett	6/30/2025

John E. Tankard	6/30/2023
Heather Lusk	6/30/2024
Glen W. France	6/30/2023
James E. Minor	6/30/2024

## Virginia Council on Environmental Justice

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2699.9

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Governor and provide recommendations that maintain a foundation of environmental justice principles intended to protect vulnerable communities from disproportionate impacts of pollution.

**Composition:**

The Council shall have a total membership of 27 members that shall consist of 21 nonlegislative citizen members and six ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor. The Secretaries of Natural and Historic Resources, Commerce and Trade, Agriculture and Forestry, Health and Human Resources, Education, and Transportation, or their designees, including their agency representatives, shall serve ex officio with nonvoting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Council shall be residents of the Commonwealth and shall include representatives of (i) American Indian tribes, (ii) community-based organizations, (iii) the public health sector, (iv) nongovernmental organizations, (v) civil rights organizations, (vi) institutions of higher education, and (vii) communities impacted by an industrial, governmental, or commercial operation, program, or policy.

Ex officio members of the Council shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. The Council shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson annually from among the membership of the Council. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Council shall be held at the call of the chairperson or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Fernando Mercado Violand	6/30/2024
Lydia Lawrence	6/30/2023
Andres Alvarez	6/30/2023
Tom Benevento	6/30/2022
Harrison J. Wallace	6/30/2022
Aliya Farooq	6/30/2022
Theresa L. Burriss	6/30/2022
Kevin D. Mclean	6/30/2022
Clarence Tong	6/30/2022
Michael J. Ellerbrock	6/30/2022
John Boyd	6/30/2025

Taysha Devaughan	6/30/2024
Ronald M. Howell	6/30/2025
Meryem Karad	6/30/2025
Kendyl E. Crawley Crawford	6/30/2024
Phil Hernandez	6/30/2024
Janet A. Phoenix	6/30/2023
Faith B. Harris	6/30/2023
Karen T. Campblin	6/30/2023
Kathryn E. Maccormick	6/30/2023
Otis Jones	6/30/2023
	1/22/2019

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## Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission

**Location:**

Alexandria City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

**Code:**

Acts of Assembly, 1962, Chapter 481 & Acts of Assembly, 1976, Chapter 173

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission is to acquire, restore, preserve, and maintain facilities in the restorable area of Alexandria in accordance with the restoration period.

**Composition:**

The Commission will be composed of seven members appointed as follows: five appointed by the City of Alexandria and two appointed by the Governor.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Tiffany L. Pache	7/31/2022
Taryn E. Anthony	7/31/2022

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND  
SECURITY

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**Brian J. Moran**

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**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street, 3rd Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-5351

**Purpose:**

The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security advises the Governor on the challenges associated with ensuring the public safety of the Commonwealth and assists him in the development and implementation of bold, innovative policies to confront those challenges. The Secretary oversees eleven state agencies, which are charged with a variety of responsibilities, including enforcing criminal, highway safety, and alcoholic beverage laws; protecting the public through confinement, treatment and re-entry preparation; training firefighters and other first responders as well as members of the Army and Air National Guard; and planning and coordinating the state's emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation efforts.

**Website:**

<http://pshs.virginia.gov/>

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Secretary

**Brian Moran**

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Deputy Secretary

**Jae K. Davenport**

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Assistant Secretary

**Jacquelyn Katuin**

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Executive Assistant

**Star Cranston**

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Cybersecurity Program Manager	<b>Chris Cruz</b>
Deputy Secretary and Homeland Security Advisor	<b>Shawn Talmadge</b>
Policy Advisor	<b>Nathan Dowdy</b>
Statewide Interoperability Program Manager	<b>Gabe Elias</b>

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## COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEYS' SERVICES COUNCIL

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**Location:**

Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council  
William and Mary Law School, Room 220  
613 South Henry Street  
Post Office Box 3549  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23187  
Tel. (757) 253-4146

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-2617

**Purpose:**

The Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council is the Virginia state agency responsible for providing training, education and services for Virginia's prosecutors.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.cas.state.va.us/>

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## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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**Location:**

Post Office Box 26963  
Richmond, VA 23261  
Tel. (804) 674-3000

**Code Reference:**

§ 53.1-8

**Purpose:**

The Department shall supervise and manage the Department and its system of state correctional facilities; implement the standards and goals of the Board as formulated for local and community correctional programs and facilities and lock-ups; employ such personnel and develop and implement such programs as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 29 (' 2.2-2900 et seq.) of Title 2.2, and within the limits of appropriations made therefor by the General Assembly; establish and maintain a general system of schools for persons committed to the institutions and community-based programs for adults as set forth in " 53.1-67.7 and 53.1-67.8.

**Web Site:**

<https://vadoc.virginia.gov/>

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## DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

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**Location:**

1100 Bank Street, 12th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-4000

**Code Reference:**

§ 9.1-100

**Purpose:**

To strengthen and improve the criminal justice system within the Commonwealth of Virginia through planning, coordination, program development, evaluation, and technical assistance.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/>

**Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee**

**Code:**

§ 9.1-116.3

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee (the Committee) shall establish voluntary accreditation standards and measures by which local sexual and domestic violence programs can be systematically evaluated with a peer-reviewed process. The Committee may adopt bylaws for its operation, fees, and other items as necessary. Fees for accreditation shall be used to support any administrative costs of the Department. Upon request of the Committee, the Department and the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition may provide accreditation assistance and training and resource material that will assist the local programs in obtaining or retaining accreditation. The Department shall provide staff support to the Committee.

**Composition:**

The Committee shall consist of the following: one nonvoting member representing the Department of Criminal Justice Services; one nonvoting member appointed by and representative of the Department of Social Services; one nonvoting member appointed by and representative of the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition; and 12 nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, who shall be leadership staff of local sexual and domestic violence programs. The nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of four years, provided that no voting member shall serve beyond the time when he holds the office or employment by reason of which he was initially eligible for appointment. Members appointed by the Governor shall not be eligible to serve for more than two consecutive terms. The appointment of members shall take into consideration racial and ethnic diversity and shall be representative of regional and geographic locations of the Commonwealth.

The Committee shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*

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## Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice & Prevention

### Location:

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services  
1100 Bank Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-4000

### Code:

§ 9.1-111

### Purpose:

The purpose of the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention is to advise and assist the Criminal Justice Services Board, the Department, all agencies, departments, boards and institutions of the Commonwealth, and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, on matters related to the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency and the administration of juvenile justice in the Commonwealth.

### Composition:

The Advisory Committee shall consist of the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; the Commissioner of Social Services; the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice; the Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Commissioner of Health; one member of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules after consideration of the recommendation of the Chairman of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice; one member of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates after consideration of the recommendation of the Chairman of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions; and such number of non legislative citizen members appointed by the Governor to comply with the membership range established by the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act pursuant to 42 U.S.C. ' 5633.

### Term:

Four years; no more than two consecutive full terms; legislative members shall serve for the terms for which they were elected

### Senate Members:

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The Honorable Joseph D. Morrissey, Member of Senate Courts of Justice Committee

### House Members:

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The Honorable Rodney T. Willett, Member, House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

### Gubernatorial Appointees:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Samuel A. Perez	6/30/2023
..... Alana L. Corn	6/30/2022
..... Keith E. Farmer	6/30/2021
..... Joseph L. Gong	6/30/2025
..... Robert A. Gray	6/30/2025
..... Marilyn Grace Brown	6/30/2023
..... Lawrence Webb	6/30/2023
..... David John Johnson	6/30/2023
..... Melissa K. Morgan	6/30/2025
..... Lorenzo Collins	6/30/2021



Elaine G. Williams	6/30/2021
Toni M. Randall	6/30/2025
Shelly Lena Baker-Scott	6/30/2023
Julie McConnell	6/30/2023
Amy Woolard	6/30/2023
Mary E. Langer	6/30/2022
Richard E. White	6/30/2022
Morgan L. Faulkner	6/30/2023
Victoria L. Baldwin	6/30/2022
Niyah White	6/30/2022
Nancy E. Campos	6/30/2022
Ngan K. Bui	6/30/2023
Jeffrey D. Charity	6/30/2023

**Ex Officio Members:**

- Alison G. Land, Commissioner, Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- S. Duke Storen, Commissioner, Department of Social Services
- Valerie Boykin, Director, Dept. of Juvenile Justice
- James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- M. Norman Oliver, Commissioner of Health

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/238>

**Criminal Justice Services Board**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services  
 1100 Bank Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 786-4000

**Code:**

§ 9.1-108

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Criminal Justice Services Board is to establish and maintain standards for training of law enforcement personnel; regulate criminal history records information; receive and administer federal funds for criminal and juvenile justice programs; plan program development to strengthen the criminal and juvenile justice system in the Commonwealth; and operate a statewide criminal justice statistical analysis center.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of 32 members as follows: the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, or his designee; the Attorney General or his designee; the Superintendent of the Department of State Police; the Director of the Department of Corrections; the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice; the Chairman of the Parole Board; the Executive Director of the

Virginia Indigent Defense Commission or his designee; and the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Twenty members shall be appointed by the Governor from among citizens of the Commonwealth. At least one shall be a representative of a crime victims' organization or a victim of crime as defined in subsection B of ' 19.2-11.01, one shall be a representative of a social justice organization that is engaged in advancing inclusion and human rights, one shall be a mental health service provider, and two shall represent community interests, at least one of whom shall represent the community interests of minority individuals from one of the four groups defined in subsection F of ' 2.2-4310. The remainder shall be representative of the broad categories of state and local governments, criminal justice systems, and law-enforcement agencies, including but not limited to, police officials, sheriffs, attorneys for the Commonwealth, defense counsel, the judiciary, correctional and rehabilitative activities, and other locally elected and appointed administrative and legislative officials. Among these members there shall be two sheriffs representing the Virginia Sheriffs' Association selected from among names submitted by the Association; one member who is an active duty law-enforcement officer appointed after consideration of the names, if any, submitted by police or fraternal associations that have memberships of at least 1,000; two representatives of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police appointed after consideration of the names submitted by the Association, if any; one attorney for the Commonwealth appointed after consideration of the names submitted by the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys, if any; one person who is a mayor, city or town manager, or member of a city or town council representing the Virginia Municipal League appointed after consideration of the names submitted by the League, if any; one person who is a county executive, manager, or member of a county board of supervisors representing the Virginia Association of Counties appointed after consideration of the names submitted by the Association, if any; one member representing the Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators appointed after consideration of the names submitted by the Association, if any; one member of the Private Security Services Advisory Board; and one representative of the Virginia Association of Regional Jails appointed after consideration of the names submitted by the Association, if any. Four members of the Board shall be members of the General Assembly (see code for details) The members of the Board appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of four years, provided that no member shall serve beyond the time when he holds the office or employment by reason of which he was initially eligible for appointment. Gubernatorial appointed members of the Board shall not be eligible to serve for more than two consecutive full terms. The Governor shall appoint a chairman of the Board for a two-year term. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as chairman. The Board shall designate one or more vice-chairmen from among its members, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Senate Members:**

.....  
The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan, Member, Senate Finance and Appropriations  
Committee

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The Honorable Joseph D. Morrissey, Member of Senate Courts of Justice Committee

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Jerrauld C. (Jay) Jones, Member of House Appropriations Committee

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The Honorable Karrie K. Delaney, Member of House Courts of Justice Committee

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Maggie A. DeBoard	6/30/2025
..... Bryan L. Porter	6/30/2025
..... Joseph C. Lindsey	6/30/2025
..... Mary Warren Biggs	6/30/2025
..... Jagdish Katyal	6/30/2023
..... William C. Smith	6/30/2022

Benny Evans	6/30/2025
Angie Carrera	6/30/2025
Chief Craig Branch	6/30/2025
Ebony Clark	6/30/2025
Kelvin L. Wright	6/30/2022
Ashley Waddell	6/30/2025
Sesha J. Moon	6/30/2025
Carolyn W. Dull	6/30/2022
Carroll O. Balderson	6/30/2024
Paul T. Taylor	6/30/2022
Michael HuYoung	6/30/2022
Patricia L. Smith	6/30/2022
Robert Mosier	6/30/2025
VACANT	
Abbey Philips	6/30/2025

**Ex Officio Members:**

- Donald W. Lemons, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia
- The Honorable Mark R. Herring, Attorney General
- Gary Settle, Superintendent, State Police
- Mr. Gene Johnson, Director, Dept. of Corrections
- Helen F. Fahey, Chairman, Parole Board
- The Honorable Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia
- Valerie Boykin, Director, Dept. of Juvenile Justice
- David J. Johnson, Executive Director, Virginia Indigent Defense Commission

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/260>

**Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence**

**Location:**

1100 Bank Street, 12th Floor  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 786-4000

**Code:**

§ 9.1-116.2

**Purpose:**

The Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence (the Advisory Committee) is established as an advisory committee in the executive branch of state government. The Advisory Committee shall have the responsibility for advising and assisting the Board, the Department, all agencies, departments, boards, and institutions of the Commonwealth, and units of local government, or combinations thereof, on matters related to the prevention and reduction of sexual and domestic violence in

the Commonwealth, and to promote the efficient administration of grant funds to state and local programs that work in these areas.

**Composition:**

The Advisory Committee shall have a total of 19 members consisting of the following, or their designees: the Commissioner of Social Services; the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services; the Commissioner of Health; the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development; the Executive Director of the Virginia sexual and domestic violence coalition; the Executive Director of the Virginia Victim Assistance Network; one member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; one member of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; the Chairman of the Virginia State Crime Commission; and the Attorney General. The membership shall also consist of nine nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative of a crime victims' organization or a victim of sexual or domestic violence and eight of whom shall be representatives of local sexual and domestic violence programs. The appointments of the nonlegislative citizen members shall include racial and ethnic diversity and shall be representative of regional and geographic locations of the Commonwealth.

Legislative members and the agency directors shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All other members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall serve a term of four years. However, no member shall serve beyond the time when he holds the office or employment by reason of which he was initially eligible for appointment. The Advisory Committee shall elect its chairman and vice-chairman from among its members.

**Term:**

Legislative members and the agency directors shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office; all other members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall serve a term of four years

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Barbara A. Favola  
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**House Members:**

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The Honorable Mark H. Levine  
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**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Autumn L. Jones	6/30/2023
Marva Jo Dunn	6/30/2023
Kathleen Anderson	6/30/2023
Teresa Cordle Berry	6/30/2023
Chatonia P. Zollicoffer	6/30/2023
Unique C. Phillips	6/30/2023
Elvira G. De La Cruz Macedo	6/30/2025
Sanu Y. Dieng	6/30/2025
Claudia Lopez-Muñiz	6/30/2025

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/355>

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## DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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**Location:**

10501 Trade Court  
North Chesterfield, Virginia 23236  
Tel. (804) 897-6500 ? Fax (804) 897-6506

**Code Reference:**

§ 44-146.18

**Purpose:**

To coordinate a comprehensive program of emergency management that includes elements of preparedness, emergency training, emergency planning, and emergency response capabilities for any threat to the safety of the citizens.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.vaemergency.gov/>

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### Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board

**Location:**

Mailing Address:  
9711 Farrar Court, Suite 200  
North Chesterfield, VA 23236

Joe Sewash | VGIN Coordinator  
[joe.sewash@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:joe.sewash@vdem.virginia.gov) | (804) 305-2953

Ms. Terry D. Mayo | Executive Administrative Assistant  
[terry.mayo@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:terry.mayo@vdem.virginia.gov) | (804) 718-9026

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2423

**Purpose:**

To facilitate the cost-effective development and use of spatial data, GIS, and related technologies in organizations throughout the Commonwealth and to advise the Division of the Virginia Geographic Information Network on issues which foster the creative utilization of geographic information and oversee the development of a catalog of GIS data available in the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of 19 members appointed as follows: nine nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor that consist of one agency director from one of the natural resources agencies, one official from a baccalaureate public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, one elected official representing a local government in the Commonwealth, one member of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, one representative of a utility or transportation industry utilizing geographic data, two representatives of private businesses with expertise and experience in the establishment, operation, and maintenance of geographic information systems, and two county, city, town, or regional government geographic information system (GIS) directors or managers representing diverse regions of the Commonwealth; four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; the Chief Information Officer, the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, the Commissioner of Highways, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Partnership Authority or their designees who shall serve as ex officio, voting members. Gubernatorial appointees may be nonresidents of the Commonwealth.

All members of the Board appointed by the Governor shall be confirmed by each house of the General Assembly. The agency director and official from a baccalaureate public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor may each designate a member of his organization as an alternate who may attend meetings in his place and be counted as a member of the Board for the purposes of a quorum.

Any members of the Board who are representatives of private businesses that provide geographic information services, and their companies, are precluded from contracting to provide goods or services to the Division. The Board shall elect from its membership a chairman, vice-chairman, and any other officers deemed necessary. The duties and terms of the officers shall be prescribed by the members. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall meet at least quarterly or at the call of its chairman or the State Coordinator of Emergency Management.

**Term:**

Five years; except for the initial appointees whose terms were staggered and the two GIS directors or managers, who shall serve two-year terms. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve no more than two consecutive five-year terms, except the two GIS directors or managers shall serve no more than two consecutive two-year terms. Legislative members shall serve for terms coincident with their term of office.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin  
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The Honorable David R. Suetterlein

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Lashrecse D. Aird  
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The Honorable Mark H. Levine  
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The Honorable Ibraheem S. Samirah  
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The Honorable James A. (Jay) Leftwich Jr.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
.....	6/30/2022
Pravin Mathur	6/30/2026
Margaret E. Montgomery	6/30/2022
Andy K. Wells	6/30/2022
Elaine Roop	6/30/2022
Edgar J. Perrow	6/30/2022
David H. Wells	6/30/2022
Hua Liu	6/30/2022
Clyde Cristman	6/30/2025

**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Sam Nixon, Chief Information Officer, VITA  
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Jeffrey M. Anderson, Executive Director, Virginia Economic Development Partnership  
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Stephen C. Brich, Commissioner of Highways  
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Curtis Brown, State Coordinator of Emergency Management

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/246>

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## E 9-1-1 Services Board

**Location:**

Virginia Information Technologies Agency  
11751 Meadowville Lane  
Chester, Virginia 23836

**Code:**

§ 56-484.13

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the 9-1-1 Services Board is to support and assist PSAPs in the provision of 9-1-1 operations and services, including through provision of funding and development of best practices, plan, promote, and assist in the statewide development, deployment, and maintenance of an emergency services IP network that will support future 9-1-1 and other public safety applications and technologies, and consult and coordinate with PSAPs, state and local public bodies in the Commonwealth, public bodies in other states, CMRS providers, VoIP service providers affiliated with cable companies, and other entities as needed in the exercise of the Board's powers and duties.

**Composition:**

The 9-1-1 Services Board shall consist of sixteen members as follows: the Director of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, who shall serve as chairman of the Board; the Comptroller, who shall serve as the treasurer of the Board; the Chief Information Officer; and the following thirteen members to be appointed by the Governor: one member representing the Virginia State Police; one member representing a local exchange carrier providing E-911 service in Virginia; one member representing VoIP service providers affiliated with cable companies and authorized to transact business in Virginia; two members representing wireless service providers authorized to do business in Virginia; three county, city, or town PSAP directors or managers representing diverse regions of Virginia; one Virginia sheriff; one chief of police; one fire chief; one emergency medical services manager; and one finance officer of a county, city, or town.

**Term:**

All members appointed by the Governor shall serve five-year terms. The CIO and the Comptroller shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. No gubernatorial appointee shall serve more than two consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Terry R. Ellis	6/30/2026
Ronald S. Garber	6/30/2023
Gary P. Critzer	6/30/2023
Mary M. Blowe	6/30/2023
Thomas A. Bradshaw	6/30/2023
Matthew H. Ogburn	6/30/2023
Michelle Painter Lama	6/30/2025
Raymond P. Hatcher	6/30/2023
Eddie L. Reyes	6/30/2023
Jolena B. Young	6/30/2023
Kevin W. Hall	6/30/2025
Kelvin L. Wright	6/30/2025
Tamara Perez	6/30/2026

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## DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PROGRAMS

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**Location:**

1005 Technology Park Drive  
Glen Allen, VA 23059  
Tel. (804) 371-0220 ? Fax (804) 371-3444

**Code Reference:**

§ 9.1-200

**Purpose:**

To create and deliver quality educational training programs; administer and direct the proper disbursement of the Fire Programs Fund, the Fire Services Grant Fund, the Fire Services Emergency Fund; coordinate statewide fire service efforts; provide statewide fire operational and incident statistics and fire training records; provide managerial guidance and operational assistance; facilitate development and delivery of public fire education; and provide technical expertise and response to the members of Virginia's Fire and Emergency Services to better enable them to safely and efficiently protect the citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vafire.com/>

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### Virginia Fire Services Board

**Location:**

1005 Technology Park Drive  
Glen Allen, Virginia 23059-4500  
Tel. (804) 371-0220  
Fax: (804) 371-3444

**Code:**

§ 9.1-202

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Fire Services Board within the Virginia Department of Fire Programs shall have the responsibility for promoting the coordination of the efforts of fire service organizations at the state and local levels.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of 15 members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: a representative of the insurance industry; two members of the general public with no connection to the fire services, one of whom shall be a representative of those industries affected by SARA Title III and OSHA training requirements; one member each from the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, the Virginia State Firefighters Association, the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters, the Virginia Fire Service Council, the Virginia Fire Prevention Association, the Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators, the Virginia Municipal League, and the Virginia Association of Counties; a local fire marshal as defined by ' 27-30; and a certified Virginia fire service instructor. Of these appointees, at least one shall be a volunteer firefighter. The State Forester and a member of the Board of Housing and Community Development appointed by the chairman of that Board shall serve as ex officio members of the Board.

Each of the organizations represented shall submit at least three names for each position for the Governor's consideration in making these appointments. Members of the Board appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of four years. An



appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. No appointee shall serve more than two successive four-year terms but neither shall any person serve beyond the time he holds the office or organizational membership by reason of which he was initially eligible for appointment. The Board annually shall elect its chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership and shall adopt rules of procedure.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Bettie Reeves-Nobles	6/30/2025
Keith H. Johnson	6/30/2022
Ben H. Reedy	6/30/2024
James A. Calvert	6/30/2024
Jerome I. Williams	6/30/2023
Ronald "Scott" Garber	6/30/2023
Harry L. Day	6/30/2022
Steven M. Sites	6/30/2024
Abbey G. Johnston	6/30/2025
Dennis D. Linaburg	6/30/2024
Donald L. Hart	6/30/2025
James Davis Poindexter	6/30/2022
Ernest H. Little	6/30/2025

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DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCE

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**Location:**

700 North 5th Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-2281 ? (804) 786-6857

**Code Reference:**

§ 9.1-1100

**Purpose:**

To provide forensic laboratory services upon request of the Superintendent of State Police; the Chief Medical Examiner, the Assistant Chief Medical

Examiners, and local medical examiners; any attorney for the Commonwealth; any chief of police, sheriff, or sergeant responsible for law enforcement in the jurisdiction served by him; any local fire department; or any state agency in any criminal matter.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.dfs.virginia.gov/>

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**Forensic Science Board**

**Location:**

700 North 5th Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-2281

**Code:**

§ 9.1-1109

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Forensic Science Board is to monitor the activities of the Department and its effectiveness in implementing the standards and goals of the Board; and Advise the Governor, Director, and General Assembly on matters relating to the Department and forensic science in general.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of fifteen members as follows: the Superintendent of the State Police or his designee; the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services or his designee; the Chief Medical Examiner or his designee; the Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Pharmacy or his designee; the Attorney General, or his designee; the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia or his designee; the Chairman of the Virginia State Crime Commission or his designee; the Director of the Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services or his designee; the Chairman of the Senate Committee for Courts and Justice or his designee; the Chairman of the House Committee for Courts of Justice or his designee; two members of the Scientific Advisory Committee, chosen by the chairman of that committee; and three members, appointed by the Governor, from among the citizens of the Commonwealth as follows: a member of law enforcement, a member of the Virginia Commonwealth's Attorneys Association; and a member who is a criminal defense attorney having specialized knowledge in the area of forensic sciences.

**Term:**

Four years terms, provided that no member shall serve beyond the time when he holds the office or employment by reason of which he was initially eligible for appointment

**Senate Members:**

.....  
The Honorable John S. Edwards, Chair, Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Charniele L. Herring

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Maggie A. Deboard	6/30/2025
..... Megan L. Clark	6/30/2025
..... Michael Huyoung	6/30/2025

**Ex Officio Members:**

- .....  
The Honorable Mark R. Herring, Attorney General
- .....  
The Honorable Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia
- .....  
Caroline D. Juran, Executive Director, Virginia Board of Pharmacy
- .....  
William Gormley, Chief Medical Examiner
- .....  
Garth L. Wheeler, Director, Department of Criminal Justice Services
- .....  
Gary Settle, Superintendent, State Police
- .....  
Kristen Howard, Designee, Chair, Virginia State Crime Commission

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Director, Virginia Division of Consolidated Labs, Director, Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (or designee)

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/252>

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**Scientific Advisory Committee**

**Location:**

700 North 5th Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-2281 ? (804) 786-6857

**Code:**

§ 9.1-1111

**Purpose:**

The Scientific Advisory Committee may review laboratory operations of the Department and make recommendations concerning the quality and timeliness of services furnished to user agencies. Upon request of the Director of the Department, the Forensic Science Board, or the Governor, the Committee shall review analytical work, reports, and conclusions of scientists employed by the Department. The Committee shall recommend to the Forensic Science Board a review process for the Department to use in instances where there has been an allegation of misidentification or other testing error made by the Department during its examination of evidence.

**Composition:**

The Committee shall be composed of thirteen members, consisting of the Director of the Department, and twelve members appointed by the Governor as follows: a director of a private or federal forensic laboratory located in the Commonwealth; a forensic scientist or any other person, with an advanced degree, who has received substantial education, training, or experience in the subject of laboratory standards or quality assurance regulation and monitoring; a forensic scientist with an advanced degree who has received substantial education, training, or experience in the discipline of molecular biology; a forensic scientist with an advanced degree and having experience in the discipline of population genetics; a scientist with an advanced degree and having experience in the discipline of forensic chemistry; a scientist with an advanced degree and having experience in the discipline of forensic biology; a forensic scientist or any other person, with an advanced degree who has received substantial education, training, or experience in the discipline of trace evidence; a scientist with a doctoral degree and having experience in the discipline of forensic toxicology, who is certified by the American Board of Forensic Toxicologists; a member of the Board of the International Association for Identification when initially appointed; a member of the Board of the Association of Firearms and Toolmark Examiners when initially appointed; a member of the International Association for Chemical Testing; and a member of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors.

**Term:**

Four years, provided that no member shall serve beyond the time when he holds the office or employment by reason of which he was initially eligible for appointment

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Patricia A. Manzolillo	6/30/2023
William E. Demuth	6/30/2025
Randall Eugene Beaty	6/30/2022

Kathleen Corrado	6/30/2025
Erin P. Forry	6/30/2023
Peter M. Vallone	6/30/2025
George C. Maha	6/30/2023
Richard P. Meyers	6/30/2022
Kristin A. Schelling	6/30/2023
Maureen C. Bottrell	6/30/2022
Marc Lebeau	6/30/2022
Kenneth B. Zercie	6/30/2023

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

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**Location:**

600 East Main Street, 20th Floor  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 371-0700 ? (804) 371-6497

**Code Reference:**

§ 66-1

**Purpose:**

To review and develop programs to meet the special problems and needs of children involved in the Commonwealth's corrections system.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.djj.virginia.gov/>

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### Board of Juvenile Justice

**Location:**

Physical Address:  
 Main Street Centre, 20th Floor  
 600 East Main Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Mailing Address:  
 P.O. Box 1110  
 Richmond, Virginia 23218-1110  
 Tel. (804) 371-0700  
 Fax: (804) 371-6497  
 Toll Free: 1 (866) 603-7143

**Code:**

§ 66-4

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Juvenile Justice is to ensure the development and implementation of long-range youth services policy; advise the Governor, Director, and General Assembly on matters relating to youth services; and ensure public support for activities of the Department.

**Composition:**

The board shall be composed of nine members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two successive terms to serve at the pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Anita J. Price	6/30/2023
Scott Kizner	6/30/2025
Dana G. Schrad	6/30/2023
Synethia White	6/30/2025
Eric D. English	6/30/2025
Robert Vilchez	6/30/2025
Gregory D. Underwood	6/30/2023
William M. Johnson	6/30/2025
Tyren C. Frazier	6/30/2025

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

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**Location:**

Administrative Headquarters  
7700 Midlothian Turnpike  
North Chesterfield, Virginia 23235  
Tel. (804) 674-2000

**Web Site:**

<http://www.vsp.virginia.gov/>

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## VIRGINIA PAROLE BOARD

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**Location:**

Virginia Parole Board  
6900 Atmore Drive  
Richmond, Virginia 23225  
Tel. (804) 674-3081

**Code Reference:**

§ 53.1-136

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Parole Board (VPB) has the authority to grant parole, to deny parole, to detain parole violators, and to revoke parole.

**Web Site:**

<https://vpb.virginia.gov/>

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**Virginia Parole Board**

**Location:**

Virginia Parole Board  
6900 Atmore Drive  
Richmond, Virginia 23225  
Tel. (804)-674-3081  
Fax: (804)-674-3284

**Code:**

§ 53.1-134

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Parole Board may grant and revoke parole, issue final discharge of parole, make regulations governing granting of parole, and release persons under indeterminate commitment.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of up to five members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. At least one member of the Parole Board shall be a representative of a crime victims' organization or a victim of crime as defined in subsection B of ' 19.2-11.01.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Tonya Chapman	
Kemba Pradia	
Lethia C. Hammond	
Sherman P. Lea	
Alexander Lincoln James	

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**Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel**

**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street  
P.O. Box 1475  
Richmond, VA 23218  
Tel. (804) 786-5351

**Code:**

§ 2.2-222.3

**Purpose:**

The Secure Commonwealth Panel shall monitor and assess the implementation of statewide prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives and where necessary to review, evaluate, and make recommendations relating to the emergency preparedness of government at all levels in the Commonwealth. Additionally, the Panel shall facilitate cabinet-level coordination among the various agencies of state government related to emergency preparedness and shall facilitate private sector preparedness and communication. The Panel shall make quarterly reports to the Governor concerning the state's emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and prevention efforts.

**Composition:**

The Panel shall consist of 38 members as follows: four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the House Committee on Public Safety and one of whom shall be a member of the Subcommittee on Public Safety of the House Committee on Appropriations; two nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; four members of the Senate of Virginia to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology and one of whom shall be a member of the Subcommittee on Public Safety of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations; two nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Secretaries of Administration, Commerce and Trade, Health and Human Resources, Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security, and Veterans and Defense Affairs, the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, the Superintendent of State Police, the Adjutant General of the Virginia National Guard, and the State Health Commissioner, or their designees; two local first responders; two local government representatives; two physicians with knowledge of public health; five members from the business or industry sector; and two nonlegislative citizen members from the Commonwealth at large. Except for appointments made by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Senate Committee on Rules, all appointments shall be made by the Governor. Additional ex officio members may be appointed to the Panel by the Governor. Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office or until their successors shall qualify. Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve for terms of four years. Ex officio members shall serve at the pleasure of the person or entity by whom they were appointed. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security shall be the chairman of the Panel.

**Term:**

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office or until their successors shall qualify; nonlegislative citizen members shall serve for terms of four years

**Senate Members:**

- .....  
The Honorable George L. Barker, Chair, Senate General Laws and Technology  
Committee
- .....  
The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin
- .....  
The Honorable Bryce E. Reeves
- .....  
The Honorable Jeremy S. McPike

**House Members:**

- .....  
The Honorable Patrick A. Hope
- .....  
The Honorable Lashrecse D. Aird
- .....  
The Honorable Hala S. Ayala
- .....  
The Honorable C. Todd Gilbert

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Karl C. Colder	6/30/2023
..... Jonathan Newmark	6/30/2022

Elizabeth K. Leffel	6/30/2023
Andrew Ramsey	7/1/2022
Aaron G. Hughes	6/30/2022
James Redick	6/30/2022
John Lensey Bell	6/30/2022
Charles L. Werner	6/30/2022
Walter English	6/30/2022
Michael L. Hamlar	6/30/2022
Paula J. Loomis	6/30/2023
Karen R. Jackson	6/30/2022
Marci L. Stone	6/30/2022

**Legislative Appointees:**

Margaret Vanderhye	June 30, 2022
Jeffrey L. McWaters	June 30, 2023
Mr. John P. Guevara	June 30, 2022
Mr. Jon Check	June 30, 2023

**Ex Officio Members:**

- The Honorable Justin E. Fairfax, Lieutenant Governor
- The Honorable Mark R. Herring, Attorney General
- The Honorable Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security
- The Honorable Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia
- The Honorable Carlos Hopkins, Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs
- The Honorable Brian Ball, Secretary of Commerce and Trade
- The Honorable Shannon Valentine, Secretary of Transportation
- The Honorable Vanessa Walker Harris, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources
- The Honorable Keyanna Conner, Secretary of Administration (former)
- Curtis Brown, State Coordinator of Emergency Management
- Gary Settle, Superintendent, State Police
- Major General Daniel E. Long Jr., Adjutant General or designee

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/150>

**State Board of Local and Regional Jails**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Corrections Headquarters  
 6900 Atmore Drive  
 Richmond, Virginia 23225  
 Tel. (804) 887-7850

**Code:**



**Purpose:**

The State Board of Local and Regional Jails shall have the powers and duties to develop and establish operational and fiscal standards governing the operation of local, regional, and community correctional facilities; to advise the Governor and Director on matters relating to corrections; to make, adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title and other laws of the Commonwealth pertaining to local, regional, and community correctional facilities; to ensure the development of programs to educate citizens and elicit public support for the activities of the Department; to develop and implement policies and procedures for the review of the death of any inmate that the Board determines warrants review that occurs in any local, regional, or community correctional facility. Such policies and procedures shall incorporate the Board's authority under ' 53.1-6 to ensure the production of evidence necessary to conduct a thorough review of any such death; to establish and promulgate regulations regarding the provision of educational and vocational programs within the Department; and to adopt and promulgate regulations and require the Director and Department to enforce regulations prohibiting the possession of obscene materials, as defined and described in Article 5 (' 18.2-372 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2, by prisoners incarcerated in state correctional facilities.

**Composition:**

There shall be a State Board of Local and Regional Jails, which shall consist of nine residents of the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. In making appointments the Governor shall endeavor to select appointees of such qualifications and experience that the membership of the Board shall include persons suitably qualified to consider and act upon the various matters under the Board's jurisdiction. Members of the Board shall be appointed as follows: (i) one former sheriff or one former warden, superintendent, administrator, or operations manager of a state or local correctional facility; (ii) one individual employed by a public mental health services agency with training in or clinical, managerial, or other relevant experience working with individuals subject to the criminal justice system who have mental illness; (iii) one individual with experience overseeing a correctional facility's or mental health facility's compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations; (iv) one physician licensed in the Commonwealth; (v) one individual with experience in administering educational or vocational programs in state or local correctional facilities; (vi) one individual with experience in financial management or performing audit investigations; (vii) one citizen member who represents community interests; and (viii) two individuals with experience in conducting criminal, civil, or death investigations.

No person shall be eligible to serve more than two full consecutive four-year terms.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Cleopatra Lightfoot-Booker	6/30/2025
Vernie W. Francis	6/30/2024
Karen E. Nicely	6/30/2022
Heather S. Masters	6/30/2022
John Anderson	6/30/2022
Bobby N. Vassar	6/30/2022
Charles E. Jett	6/30/2025
Roland B. Sherrod	6/30/2025
Joanne M. Peña	6/30/2024

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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

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### Shannon Valentine

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**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street, 3rd Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-8032? Fax (804) 786-6683

**Purpose:**

The Secretary of Transportation is committed to creating and maintaining a multi modal network that connects Virginians to jobs, education, and health care across the Commonwealth and serves as the platform for Virginia's economy. Working collaboratively, we can advance this network by tying transportation decisions to economic competitiveness and identifying innovative solutions to transportation challenges.

Agencies the Secretariat oversees move people and goods by rail, water, transit, and over our roadways. Our sea ports, airports, space port, bridges, tunnels, and highways serve as global gateways for the Commonwealth, opening Virginia to economic opportunity by creating access to regional, national, and world markets.

**Website:**

Secretary	<b>Shannon Valentine</b>
Deputy Secretary	<b>Nicholas Donohue</b>
Executive Assistant	<b>Georgia Esposito</b>
Deputy Secretary of Transportation	<b>John Lawson</b>
Special Assistant	<b>Tucker Wayne</b>
Special Assistant for Communication and Legislation	<b>Spencer Gilbert</b>

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## DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION

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**Location:**

5702 Gulfstream Road  
Richmond, Virginia 23250  
Tel. (804) 236-3624 ? Fax (804) 236-3635

**Code Reference:**

§ 5.1-1.1

**Purpose:**

To promote aviation within the Commonwealth, administer state aviation laws, and provide financial assistance for the improvement, maintenance, and construction of aviation facilities.

**Web Site:**

[https://: http://www.doav.virginia.gov/](https://www.doav.virginia.gov/)

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### Aerospace Advisory Council

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Aviation  
5702 Gulfstream Road  
Richmond, Virginia 23250-2422  
Tel. (804) 236-3624  
Fax: (804) 236-3635

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2699.1

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Aerospace Advisory Council is to advise the Governor on policy and funding priorities to promote aerospace and space exploration industry in the Commonwealth. The Joint Commission on Technology and Science, and the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Technology, and Education on policy and funding priorities with respect to aerospace economic development, workforce training, educational programs, and educational curriculum. The Council shall suggest strategies to attract and promote the development of existing aerospace companies, new aerospace companies, federal aerospace agencies, aerospace research, venture and human capital, and applied research and technology that contribute to the growth and development of the aerospace sector in the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Council shall have a total membership of twenty members that shall consist of four legislative members, nine non legislative citizen members, and seven ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and nine non legislative citizen members, of whom one shall represent the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport, one shall represent Old Dominion University, one shall represent the University of Virginia, one shall represent Virginia Tech, and five shall represent aerospace companies or suppliers within the Commonwealth, to be appointed by the Governor, and serve with voting privileges. The Director of the Department of Aviation, Director of the National Institute of Aerospace, President and CEO of the Virginia Tourism Authority, Director of the Virginia Space Grant Consortium, and President and CEO of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, or their designees, shall serve as ex officio members with voting privileges. A representative of NASA Wallops Flight Facility and a representative of NASA's Langley Research Center shall be

requested to serve by the Governor as ex officio members with non-voting privileges. Non legislative citizen members of the Council shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Legislative members and ex officio members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Other members shall be appointed for terms of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Lynwood W. Lewis Jr.

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Mark D. Sickles

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The Honorable Shelly A. Simonds

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The Honorable Amanda E. Batten

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... David E. Bowles	6/30/2022
..... Nicholas Devereux	6/30/2022
..... Christopher Goyne	6/30/2022
..... Jon A. Greene	6/30/2022
..... Michael A. Stoltzfus	6/30/2022
..... Todd McGregor Yeatts	6/30/2022
..... Kurt D. Eberly	6/30/2022
..... Thomas Michels	6/30/2022
..... Roosevelt Mercer	6/30/2022

**Ex Officio Members:**

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Director or designee, Department of Aviation

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Director or designee, National Institute of Aerospace

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President & CEO or designee, Virginia Tourism Authority

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Director or designee, Virginia Space Grant Consortium

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President & CEO or designee, Virginia Economic Partnership Development

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Representative, NASA Wallops Flight Facility

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Representative, NASA Langley Research Center

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/263>

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**Virginia Aviation Board**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Aviation  
5702 Gulfstream Road  
Richmond, Virginia 23250-2422  
Tel. (804) 236-3624  
Fax: (804) 236-3635

**Code:**

§ 5.1-2.1

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Aviation Board shall advise the Governor and the Director of the Department of Aviation on matters relating to the Commonwealth's aviation policies and programs, provide a means of citizen access to the department, and provide a means of publicizing the policies and programs in order to educate the public.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of eight members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, selected from the different geographical areas of the Commonwealth. The Governor appoints a chairman. Whenever the Board shall acquire ownership or jurisdiction over an airport or airports previously operated by an agency of the United States, there may be a member appointed to the Board by the President of the United States. Such member shall have the powers and duties of other members of the Board only with respect to the airport or airports so acquired. There may be a member of the Board from any county or city wherein the Board acquires or constructs an airport, to be elected by the governing body of the county or city and to serve at its pleasure. Such member shall have the powers and duties of other members of the Board only with respect to such airport. If the Board acquires an airport which was constructed by one political subdivision but is located in another, the political subdivision which constructed the airport, rather than the political subdivision in which it is located, shall be represented on the Board.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms; to serve at the Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Vanessa L. Christie	6/30/2022
Roderick D. Hall	6/30/2023
Victoria H. Cox	6/30/2024
Alan C. Abbott	6/30/2024
Sophia Chafin Vance	6/30/2025
Donald T. Robertson	6/30/2025
Maggie A. Ragon	6/30/2022
Derek M. Hardwick	6/30/2022

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## DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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**Location:**

2300 West Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23220  
Tel. (804) 497-7100 ? Fax (804) 367-2296

**Code Reference:**

§ 46.2-200

**Purpose:**

The Department shall be responsible for the administration of the motor vehicle license, registration and title laws; the issuance, suspension, and revocation of driver's licenses; the examination of applicants for and holders of driver's licenses; the administration, training, disciplining, and assignment of examiners of applicants for driver's licenses; the administration of the safety responsibility laws, fuel tax laws, the provisions of this title relating to transportation safety, and dealer licensing laws; the registration of carriers of passengers or property and vehicles that may be required to be registered under the International Registration Plan or pay road tax.

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**Medical Advisory Board for the Department of Motor Vehicles**

**Location:**

Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles  
Post Office Box 27412  
Richmond, Virginia 23269

**Code:**

§ 46.2-204

**Purpose:**

The Commissioner may refer to the Medical Advisory Board for the Department of Motor Vehicles for an advisory opinion the case of any person applying for a driver's license or renewal thereof, or of any person whose license has been suspended or revoked, or of any person being examined under the provisions of ' 46.2-322, when he has cause to believe that such person suffers from a physical or mental disability or disease which will prevent his exercising reasonable and ordinary control over a motor vehicle while driving it on the highways. In addition, the Board shall assist the Commissioner through the development of medical and health standards for use in the issuance of driver's licenses by the Department to avoid the issuance of licenses to persons suffering from any physical or mental disability or disease that will prevent their exercising reasonable and ordinary control over a motor vehicle while driving it on the highways. The Medical Advisory Board shall provide guidance and recommendations to the Department regarding any case of a person examined under the provisions of ' 46.2-322 who appeals the outcome of the examination pursuant to ' 46.2-321 if the basis for such appeal is related to the medical evidence in the case. However, appeals related to the examinee's failure to follow procedures, failure to pass knowledge or behind-the-wheel tests, or evaluation by a driver rehabilitation specialist are not required to be referred to the Board. The Board shall submit to the Department its recommendations for consideration prior to the scheduled appeal proceedings. In addition, the Board shall assist the Commissioner through the development of medical and health standards for use in the issuance of driver's licenses by the Department to avoid the issuance of licenses to persons suffering from any physical or mental disability or disease that will prevent their exercising reasonable and ordinary control over a motor vehicle while driving it on the highways.

**Composition:**

The Medical Advisory Board for the Department of Motor Vehicles shall consist of seven licensed physicians currently practicing medicine in Virginia appointed by the Governor. Appointments to the Board shall be for four-year terms and vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of a term. The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Board.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Surbhi Bansal	9/30/2024
Saji V. Slavin	9/30/2024
Lisa C. Jenkins Haynie	9/30/2024

Jawad W. Bhatti	9/30/2024
Firas Beitinjaneh	9/30/2024
Susan DiGiovanni	9/30/2022
Mark R. Sochor	9/30/2022

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## DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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**Location:**

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation  
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-4440

**Code Reference:**

§ 33.2-285

**Purpose:**

The mission of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is to facilitate and improve mobility of the citizens of Virginia and promote the efficient transport of goods and people in a safe, reliable and cost-effective manner. The agency's focus is the movement of people and goods throughout the Commonwealth, and the primary areas of activity are rail, public transportation, and commuter services. DRPT works with local, regional, state, and federal governments, as well as private entities to provide support for projects and programs.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/>

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### Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

**Code:**

§ 33.2-288

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Authority shall be to promote, sustain, and expand the availability of passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth and to increase ridership of such service by connecting population centers with passenger and commuter rail service and increasing availability of such service.

**Composition:**

The Board shall have a total membership of 17 members that shall consist of 14 nonlegislative citizen members and three ex officio members as follows: the Secretary of Transportation, the Commissioner of Highways, and the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. The nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor as provided in ' 33.2-201, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be for terms of four years commencing on July 1, upon the expiration of the terms of the existing members, respectively. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term and shall be effective until 30 days after the next meeting of the ensuing General Assembly and, if confirmed, thereafter for the remainder of the term. No nonlegislative citizen member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to

fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining that member's eligibility for reappointment. Ex officio members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

**Term:**

Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term and shall be effective until 30 days after the next meeting of the ensuing General Assembly and, if confirmed, thereafter for the remainder of the term. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Sharon S. Bulova	6/30/2024
Roderick D. Hall	6/30/2024
Hossein Sadid	6/30/2023
Mariia V. Zimmerman	6/30/2025
Patricia H. Doersch	6/30/2022
Jay Fissette	6/30/2023
Deborah H. Butler	6/30/2022
James K. Spore	6/30/2024
Victor O. Cardwell	6/30/2025
Charles W. Moorman	6/30/2023
Cynthia Moses-Nedd	6/30/2025
Paul F. Nichols	6/30/2022

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**Commonwealth Transportation Board**

**Location:**

1401 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (800) 367-7623

**Code:**

§ 33.2-200

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Commonwealth Transportation Board is to provide an adequate transportation system for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods throughout the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Board shall have a total membership of 17 members that shall consist of 14 nonlegislative citizen members and three ex officio members as follows: the Secretary of Transportation, the Commissioner of Highways, and the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. The nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor as provided in ' 33.2-201, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be for terms of four years commencing on July 1, upon the expiration of the terms of the existing members, respectively. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term and shall be effective until 30 days after the next meeting of the ensuing General Assembly and, if confirmed, thereafter for the remainder of the term. No nonlegislative citizen member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining that member's eligibility for reappointment. Ex officio members of the



Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

The Secretary shall serve as chairman of the Board and shall have voting privileges only in the event of a tie. The senior nonlegislative citizen member shall serve as vice-chairman of the Board and shall preside during the absence of the chairman. In the event that more than one nonlegislative citizen member of the Board may be considered the senior nonlegislative citizen member, the Board shall elect the vice-chairman from such senior nonlegislative citizen members. The Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Commissioner of Highways shall not have voting privileges.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Bertram Dodson	6/30/2023
W. Sheppard Miller	6/30/2022
Cedric B. Rucker	6/30/2022
Alison DeTuncq	6/30/2022
Marty E. Williams	6/30/2022
Stephen A. Johnsen	6/30/2022
Carlos M. Brown	6/30/2023
John T. Fowlkes	6/30/2024
Mary H. Hynes	6/30/2024
Gregory M. Yates	6/30/2024
Mark H. Merrill	6/30/2024
Edward Scott Kasprowicz	6/30/2025
Frederick T. Stant	6/30/2025
Raymond D. Smoot	6/30/2025

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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**Location:**

1401 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (800) 367-7623

**Code Reference:**

§ 33.2-256

**Purpose:**

The core mission of the Department shall be as follows: to maintain and operate the system of state highways, to develop, oversee, and manage highway projects included in the Six-Year Improvement Program pursuant to ' 33.2-214 based on guidance from the Commonwealth Transportation Board or funded pursuant to ' 33.2-1524, and to ensure the safety of the traveling public on the system of state highways.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.virginiadot.org>

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## Central Virginia Transportation Authority

**Location:**

Richmond Regional Planning District Commission  
9211 Forest Hill Avenue, Suite 200  
Richmond, VA 23235  
804-323-2033

**Code:**

§ 33.2-3701

**Purpose:**

The Central Virginia Transportation Authority is hereby created as a body politic and as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth. The Authority shall embrace each county, city, and town located in Planning District 15, which is established pursuant to Chapter 42 ( ' 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2.

**Composition:**

The Authority shall consist of 17 members as follows:

1. The chief elected officer, or his designee, of the governing body of each of the counties embraced by the Authority; 2. The chief elected officer, or his designee, of the City of Richmond and the Town of Ashland; 3. One member of the House of Delegates who resides in a county or city embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one member of the Senate who resides in a county or city embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; 4. A member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board who resides in a locality embraced by the Authority and is appointed by the Governor; and 5. The following five persons serving ex officio as nonvoting members of the Authority: the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, or his designee; the Commissioner of Highways, or his designee; the Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority, or his designee; the Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC); and the Chief Executive Officer of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority. All members of the Authority shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. If a member of the Authority who represents a locality as provided in subdivision 1 or 2 is unable to attend a meeting of the Authority, he may designate another current elected official of such governing body to attend such meeting of the Authority. Such designation shall be for the purposes of one meeting and shall be submitted in writing or electronically to the Chairman of the Authority at least 48 hours prior to the affected meeting. The Authority shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its voting membership. The Auditor of Public Accounts, or his legally authorized representatives, shall annually audit the financial accounts of the Authority, and the cost of such audit shall be borne by the Authority.

**Term:**

All members of the Authority shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

.....	<i>Term Expires</i>
Carlos Brown	6/30/2023

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## MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER BOARD

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**Location:**

Motor Vehicle Dealer Board  
2201 West Broad Street Suite 104  
Richmond, Virginia 23220  
Tel. (804) 367-1100  
Fax (804) 367-1053

**Code Reference:**

§ 46.2-1503

**Purpose:**

The Motor Vehicle Dealer Board shall administer Virginia Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws and Regulations.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.mvdb.virginia.gov/>

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## **Motor Vehicle Dealer Board**

**Location:**

2201 West Broad Street, Suite 104  
Richmond, Virginia 23220  
Tel. (804) 367-1100 ? Fax (804) 367-1053

**Code:**

§ 46.2-1503

**Purpose:**

The powers and duties of the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board shall include, but not be limited to the following: to establish the qualifications of applicants for certification or licensure, provided that all qualifications shall be necessary to ensure competence and integrity, to examine, or cause to be examined, the qualifications of each applicant for certification or licensure, including the preparation, administration and grading of examinations, to certify or license qualified applicants as motor vehicle dealers and motor vehicle salespersons, to levy and collect fees for certification or licensure and renewal that are sufficient to cover all expenses for the administration and operation of the Board, to levy on licensees special assessments necessary to cover expenses of the Board. The Board shall also have the powers and duties to: revoke, suspend, or fail to renew a certificate or license for just cause as set out in Articles 2 (' 46.2-1508 et seq.), 3.1 (' 46.2-1527.1 et seq.), 4 (' 46.2-1528 et seq.), 8 (' 46.2-1574 et seq.), and 9 (' 46.2-1580 et seq.) of this chapter or enumerated in regulations promulgated by the Board, to ensure that inspections are conducted relating to the motor vehicle sales industry and to ensure that all licensed dealers and salespersons are conducting business in a professional manner, not in violation of any provision of Articles 2 (' 46.2-1508 et seq.), 3.1 (' 46.2-1527.1 et seq.), 4 (' 46.2-1528 et seq.), 7 (' 46.2-1566 et seq.), 8 (' 46.2-1574 et seq.), and 9 (' 46.2-1580 et seq.) of this chapter and within the lawful regulations promulgated by the Board, to receive complaints concerning the conduct of persons and businesses licensed by the Board and to take appropriate disciplinary action if warranted, to enter into contracts necessary or convenient for carrying out the provisions of this chapter or the functions of the Board, to establish committees of the Board, appoint persons to such committees, and to promulgate regulations establishing the responsibilities of these committees. Each of these committees shall include at least one Board member and the Advertising, Dealer Practices and Transaction Recovery Fund committees shall include at least one citizen member who is not licensed or certified by the Board. The Board may establish one of each committee in each DMV District. Committees to be established shall include, but not be limited to the following: advertising, licensing, dealer practices, franchise review and advisory committee, and the transaction recovery fund; and to do all things necessary and convenient for carrying into effect Articles 2, 3.1, 4, 8 and 9 of this chapter or as enumerated in regulations promulgated by the Board.

**Composition:**

The Motor Vehicle Dealer Board shall consist of nineteen members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Every member appointed by the Governor shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Virginia. The Governor may remove any member as provided in subsection A of ' 2.2-108. The members shall be at-large members and, insofar as practical, should reflect fair and equitable statewide representation.

Ten members shall be licensed franchised motor vehicle dealers who have been licensed as such for at least two years prior to being appointed by the Governor and seven members shall be licensed independent motor vehicle dealers who have been licensed as such for at least two years prior to being appointed by the Governor and are not also franchised motor vehicle dealers. One of the franchised dealers appointed to the Board shall be a licensed franchised motorcycle dealer who is primarily engaged in the sale of new motorcycles. One of the independent dealers appointed to the Board shall be a licensed independent motorcycle dealer, and one shall be a licensed independent dealer who is also an independent trailer or recreational vehicle dealer or engaged in the rental vehicle business. One member shall be an individual who has no direct or indirect interest, other than as a consumer, in or relating to the motor vehicle industry.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two successive full terms; the Executive Director serves at the Pleasure of the Board

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ronald F. Kody	6/30/2019
Larry T. Bailey	6/30/2017
Andrew J. Wiley	6/30/2023
Hamid Senior Saghafi	6/30/2019
Elizabeth Myers Borches	6/30/2019
Geoffrey Michael Malloy	6/30/2019
Donald Ja Sullivan	6/30/2021
Christopher Maher	6/30/2021
Daniel Banister	6/30/2023
M. Gardner Britt	6/30/2017
Randall O. Harris	6/30/2021
Mark E. Riblett	6/30/2021
Dennis M. Ellmer	6/30/2021
David P. Duncan	6/30/2022
LUTHER S. FARMER	6/30/2021
Michael W. Bor	6/30/2023
Robert S. Fisher	6/30/2023
Maurice D. Slaughter	6/30/2023

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OFFICE OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

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**Location:**

Virginia Department of Transportation  
Office of Public-Private Partnerships  
1401 East Broad Street Suite 1306  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-0455

**Code Reference:**

§ 33.2-1803.2

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Department of Transportation's Office of Public-Private Partnerships (VDOT) is responsible for developing and implementing a statewide program for transportation project delivery via the Public-Private Transportation Act (PPTA) of 1995, the Public-Private Education and Facilities Act (PPEA) of 2002, and other alternative project delivery models. VDOT's P3 Office works in conjunction with the Secretary of Transportation, Virginia Department of Transportation, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and other state transportation agencies to focus on the development of alternative project delivery models across all modes of transportation.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.p3virginia.org/>

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## VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL SPACE FLIGHT AUTHORITY

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**Location:**

4111 Monarch Way Suite 303  
Norfolk, Virginia 23508  
Tel. (757) 440-4020

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-2201

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority (VCSFA), also known as 'Virginia Space,' was created by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1995, with the legislated mission of promoting commercial space activity, economic development and aerospace research within the Commonwealth.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.vaspace.org/>

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### Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority

**Location:**

Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority  
4111 Monarch Way  
Suite 303  
Norfolk, Virginia 23508  
Tel. (757) 440-4020

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2201

**Purpose:**

The Commercial Space Flight Authority shall promote industrial and economic development, scientific and technological research, and development through the development and promotion of the commercial and government aerospace industry.

**Composition:**

The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of nine members, two of whom shall be the Secretary of Transportation and the Director of the Virginia Department of Aviation or their respective designees. The remaining seven members shall be appointed by the Governor and shall have experience in at least one of the following fields: (i) the aerospace industry, (ii) the financial industry, (iii) the marketing industry, (iv) scientific and technological research and development; or (v) higher education.

**Term:**

Of the members appointed by the Governor, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, two for terms of two years, two for terms of three years, and two for terms of four years from the effective date of their appointment. Thereafter, the members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of four years. All members shall serve until their successors are appointed. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. No member appointed by the Governor shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms; however, a member appointed to fill a vacancy may serve two additional consecutive terms. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and shall be confirmed by the General Assembly.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Claude R. Kehler	6/30/2025
Morris Foster	6/30/2025
Kathryn C. Thornton	6/30/2024
Edward L. Bolton	6/30/2023
James D. McArthur	6/30/2023
Jeff M. Bingham	6/30/2024
Linda K. Thomas-Glover	6/30/2024

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**Virginia Air and Space Center Board of Directors**

**Location:**

600 Settlers Landing Road  
Hampton, Virginia 23669

**Code:**

Articles of Incorporation of Virginia Air and Space Center

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Virginia Air and Space Center Board of Directors is to set policy and serve as the governing body of the Virginia Air and Space Center.

**Composition:**

The Virginia Air and Space Center Board of Directors shall be composed of up to but no more than four members appointed by the Governor.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Edwin D. Ward	6/30/2022

Stephen A. Cobb	6/30/2022
Miranda P. Subramanyam	6/30/2022
L'allegro H. Smith	6/30/2022

## Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads

**Location:**

Tel. (757) 222-6159

**Code:**

§ 33.2-1907

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads is to provide reliable and efficient transportation services and facilities to the Hampton Roads Community.

**Composition:**

The Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads shall consist of one nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the Governor from each county and city embraced by the transportation district. However, for the gubernatorial appointments that will become effective July 1, 2016, three of the appointments shall be for initial terms of two years and three appointments shall be for terms of four years. Thereafter, all gubernatorial appointments shall be for terms of four years so as to stagger the terms of the gubernatorial appointees. The governing body of each such county or city may appoint either a member of its governing body or its county or city manager to serve as an ex officio member with voting privileges. Every such ex officio member shall be allowed to attend all meetings of the commission that other members may be required to attend. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Term:**

Four year terms; no more than two full successive terms

**Senate Members:**

The Honorable George L. Barker

The Honorable Lionell Spruill Sr.

**House Members:**

The Honorable Elizabeth R. Guzman

The Honorable Lee J. Carter

The Honorable Shelly A. Simonds

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	6/30/2024
Douglas Wayne Fuller	6/30/2022
Gaylene Chris Kanoyton	6/30/2022
Charles B. Hunter	6/30/2022
August B. Bullock	6/30/2024

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Kirk T. Houston

6/30/2024

**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Shannon Valentine, Secretary of Transportation

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The Honorable Shannon Valentine, Secretary of Transportation

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/572>



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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS

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### Kathleen Jabs

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**Location:**

3rd Floor Capitol Building  
P. O. Box 1475  
Richmond, Virginia 23218  
Tel. (804) 225-3826

**Purpose:**

The Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs serves an important two-fold purpose. First, it distinguishes and elevates issues and opportunities for veterans and transitioning service members in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Of primary importance are the employment, health care, and education needs of our veterans. With the Nation's fastest growing veteran population and the greatest number of veterans in the workforce per capita, the Secretariat maintains a particular focus on employment of our newest generation of veterans who have the new and current skills needed here in the Commonwealth.

The Secretariat also leads the Governor's initiatives focused on relationship building with and support of our military and defense installations and the communities surrounding them. Through the Governor's Virginia Military Advisory Council (VMAC) and active Secretariat community involvement, the Commonwealth continues to be an engaged host in support of the military and defense missions in the state.

**Website:**

<http://vada.virginia.gov/>

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Secretary

**Carlos Hopkins**

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Secretary

**Kathleen Jabs**

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Assistant Secretary

**Jon Ward**

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Executive Assistant

**Deborah Dibs**

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Military Relations Liason

**Mike Coleman**

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## DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

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**Location:**

8000 Jefferson Davis Highway, Building 430  
Richmond, Virginia 23297  
Tel. (804) 236-7880

**Code Reference:**

§ 44-11.1

**Purpose:**

The Department of Military Affairs plans, coordinates, maintains situational awareness, and employs forces for homeland security and homeland defense in order to respond to any incidents within the Commonwealth and, on order of the Governor, will assist civil authorities in protecting life and property, preserving peace, maintaining order and public safety, and relieving suffering. The agency is comprised of the Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force. The premier response capability in the state, prepared to support every call to duty from the Commonwealth and the nation, led by a balanced, integrated joint team that is stable, adaptive, and measured by the success of our small units and their leaders.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.dma.virginia.gov/>

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

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**Location:**

101 North 14th Street, 17th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-0286 ? Fax (804) 786-0302

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-2000

**Purpose:**

The Department shall be responsible for the establishment, operation, administration, and maintenance of offices and programs related to services for veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their Virginia-domiciled surviving spouses, orphans, and dependents. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, benefits claims processing and all medical care centers and cemeteries for veterans owned and operated by the Commonwealth.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/>

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### Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations

**Location:**

Department of Veterans Services  
James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, 17th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-0286  
Fax: (804) 786-0302

**Code:**

**Purpose:**

The Joint Leadership Veterans Service Council shall advise the Department of Veterans Services and the General Assembly regarding methods of providing support for ongoing veterans services and programs, and addressing veterans issues on an ongoing basis, recommend issues that may potentially impact veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their Virginia-domiciled surviving spouses, orphans, and dependents, advise the Department of Veterans Services and the Board of Veterans Services on matters of concern to Virginia-domiciled veterans and their eligible spouses, orphans, and dependents, promote and support existing veterans services and programs, recommend and promote implementation of new efficient and effective administrative initiatives that enhance existing veterans services and programs or provide for necessary veterans services and programs not currently provided, and maintain a nonpartisan approach to maintaining and improving veterans services and programs in the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Council shall be composed of one representative from each qualifying veterans service organization, to be appointed by the Governor, and the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services and the Chairmen of the Board of Veterans Services and the Veterans Services Foundation or their designees, who shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members. Each veterans service organization representative may designate an alternate to attend meetings of the Council in the absence of such representative.

Qualifying veterans service organizations shall be (i) composed principally of and controlled by veterans of the United States Armed Forces, (ii) a registered nonprofit organization in good standing, incorporated for the purpose of promoting programs designed to assist veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their eligible spouses, orphans, and dependents, and (iii) active and in good standing with its parent national organization, if such a parent organization exists. Voting members shall be appointed for terms of three years. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms. No person shall be eligible to serve for or during more than two successive three-year terms. Each qualifying veterans service organization shall be responsible for recommending a member for appointment to the Council by the Governor. The Council shall annually elect its chairman and vice-chairman from among its members. The Council shall develop and adopt its own charter, and shall develop and adopt a mission and vision statement in consultation with the Department of Veterans Services. A majority of the voting members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

**Term:**

Three year terms; no more than two successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Kevin J. Hoffman	6/30/2024
Shs'ron D. Martin	6/30/2024
Richard A. Raskin	6/30/2024
Daniel E. Karnes	6/30/2024
Richard Harold Van Norton	6/30/2024
L. Timothy Whitmore	6/30/2021
John Jack W. Hilgers	6/30/2024
John R. Clickener	6/30/2024
Michael D. Boyle	6/30/2021
Monti G. Zimmerman	6/30/2024
William Glenn Yarborough	6/30/2024
Judith A. Reid	6/30/2021
Richard A. Shook	6/30/2024
Mark L. Atchison	6/30/2024
Terrence M. Moore	6/30/2024

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Preston Curry	6/30/2024
Denice F. Williams	6/30/2024
Bill Aramony	6/30/2024
Jon Robert Ostrowski	6/30/2021
Richard A. Mansfield	6/30/2024
John Manning	6/30/2022
Lauren Augustine	6/30/2022
Michelle Ramos Domingue	6/30/2023
Vernon Peters	6/30/2022
George R. Corbett	6/30/2024
Robert Barnette	6/30/2022

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## Virginia Military Advisory Council

### Location:

Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs  
Post Office Box 1475  
Richmond, Virginia 23218  
Tel. (804) 225-3826

### Code:

§ 2.2-2666.1

### Purpose:

The Virginia Military Advisory Council is established as an advisory council, within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government, to maintain a cooperative and constructive relationship between the Commonwealth and the leadership of the several Armed Forces of the United States and the military commanders of such Armed Forces stationed in the Commonwealth, and to encourage regular communication on continued military facility viability, the exploration of privatization opportunities and issues affecting preparedness, public safety, and security.

### Composition:

The Council shall be composed of eleven members as follows: the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the Adjutant General, the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, the Chairman of the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on General Laws, or their designees, and five members to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Representatives of the major military commands and installations located in the Commonwealth or in jurisdictions adjacent thereto shall be invited by the Governor to represent their command or installation at the meetings of the Council. Any legislative member who is appointed by the Governor shall serve a term coincident with his term of office.

### Term:

Pleasure of the Governor

### Senate Members:

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The Honorable Bryce E. Reeves, Designee, Chair of Senate General Laws and  
Technology Committee

### House Members:

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The Honorable Patrick A. Hope, Chair, House Committee on Public Safety

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*

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Jennifer Jacobs

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Susan A. Moyer

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Charles M. Quillin

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James Albino

**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Justin E. Fairfax, Lieutenant Governor

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The Honorable Mark R. Herring, Attorney General

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The Honorable Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

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Major General Daniel E. Long Jr., Adjutant General or designee

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The Honorable Carlos Hopkins, Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/164>

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**Board of Veterans Services**

**Location:**

Department of Veterans Services  
James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, 17th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-0286  
Fax: (804) 786-0302

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2715

**Purpose:**

The Board of Veteran Services shall advise and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Veterans Services upon such matters as may arise in the performance of his duties; investigate issues related to the provision of care and services to veterans, upon request of the Commissioner of Veterans Services or the Governor; study all matters affecting the welfare of Virginia citizens who are veterans or dependents or survivors of such veterans, and make recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services; develop recommendations for policies and procedures related to the efficient and effective delivery of the services provided by the Department of Veterans Services; establish policies related to the coordinated delivery of veterans services, in consultation with those agencies, entities, and organizations, including counties, cities, towns or other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth capable of providing such services; monitor the administration of all laws concerning veterans and their dependents; review and advise the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services on the Department's strategic plan; based on rigorous cost-benefit-value analysis, provide recommendations to the Department of Veterans Services regarding future projects and the acquisition of facilities that may benefit the State's veterans, including but not limited to veterans cemeteries and veterans care centers; and provide recommendations to the

Department of Veterans Services and the Veterans Services Foundation created in '2.2-2715 regarding gifts, grants, and other resources from public and private entities and organizations to support veterans services.

**Composition:**

The Board shall have a total membership of 26 members, including seven legislative members, 15 nonlegislative citizen members, and four ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and 15 nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor. The Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation, the Chairman of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations, and the Chairman of the Virginia War Memorial Foundation, or their designees, shall serve ex officio with full voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

In making appointments, the Governor shall endeavor to ensure a balanced geographical representation on the Board, while at the same time selecting appointees of such qualifications and experience as will allow them to develop reasonable and effective policy recommendations related to (i) the services provided to veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and their eligible spouses, orphans, and dependents by the Department of Veterans Services and (ii) the mission of the Virginia War Memorial. Legislative members and the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no House member shall serve more than six consecutive two-year terms, and no Senate member shall serve more than three consecutive four-year terms. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms; however, a nonlegislative citizen member appointed to serve an unexpired term is eligible to serve two consecutive four-year terms immediately succeeding such unexpired term. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Term:**

Legislative members and the Commissioner shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. However, no House member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms, no Senate member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms, and no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Mamie E. Locke  
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The Honorable Bryce E. Reeves  
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The Honorable John J. Bell  
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**House Members:**

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The Honorable Kathleen J. Murphy  
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The Honorable Marcus B. Simon  
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The Honorable Daniel I. Helmer  
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The Honorable Hyland F. (Buddy) Fowler Jr.  
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**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Michael Dick .....	6/30/2024
..... Joyce Henderson .....	6/30/2024
..... Jenny Dye .....	6/30/2022

Kathleen Owens	6/30/2023
Thurraya S. Kent	6/30/2023
David B. Ashe	6/30/2025
Mario A. Flores	6/30/2024
Carl F. Bess	6/30/2022
Susan Riveland	6/30/2025
Victor Sean Angry	6/30/2025
Melissa P. Watts	6/30/2025
Carl B. Bedell	6/30/2025
John D. Lesinski	6/30/2024
James O. Icenhour	6/30/2022
Paige D. Cherry	6/30/2022

**Legislative Appointees:**

The Honorable Walter A. Stosch	June 30, 2022
Kyle Craig	June 30, 2023
Dr. Jarris Louis Taylor Jr.	June 30, 2024
Mr. Paul F. Haughton Jr.	June 30, 2023
Allen Burke	June 30, 2022
Valerie Zimmerman	June 30, 2024
Bruce Waxman	June 30, 2024
John M. Esposito	June 30, 2023

**Ex Officio Members:**

David N. Richardson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation

Jenny M. Holbert, Chairman of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations

John L. Newby II, Commissioner of Veterans Services  
 Chairman of Virginia War Memorial Foundation or designee, Chairman of Virginia War Memorial Foundation or designee

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/190>

**Veterans Services Foundation Board of Trustees**

**Location:**

Department of Veterans Services  
 James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, 17th Floor  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 786-0286  
 Fax: (804) 786-0302

**Code:**

§ 2.2-2715

**Purpose:**

The Veterans Services Foundation shall administer the Veterans Services Fund (the Fund), provide funding for veterans services and programs in the Commonwealth through the Fund, and accept and raise revenue from all sources, including private source fundraising, to support the Fund. The Foundation shall submit a quarterly report to the Commissioner of Veterans Services on the Foundation's funding levels and services and an annual report to the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and the General Assembly on or before November 30 of each year. The quarterly report shall be submitted electronically. The annual report to the General Assembly shall be submitted for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

**Composition:**

The board of trustees of the Foundation shall consist of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and the Chairmen of the Board of Veterans Services and the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations or their designees, who shall serve as ex officio voting trustees, and sixteen trustees to be appointed as follows: eight nonlegislative citizens appointed by the Governor; five nonlegislative citizens appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and three nonlegislative citizens appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. A majority of the appointed trustees shall be active or retired chairmen, chief executive officers, or chief financial officers for large private corporations or nonprofit organizations or individuals who have extensive fundraising experience in the private sector. Trustees appointed shall, insofar as possible, be veterans. Each appointing authority shall endeavor to ensure a balanced representation among the officer and enlisted ranks of the armed services and geographical representation on the board of trustees to facilitate fundraising efforts across the state.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
John Lesinski	6/30/2022
Lettie J. Bien	6/30/2022
Paula M. Buckley	6/30/2024
Michael J. Coleman	6/30/2023
Phillip D. Jones	6/30/2024
Laura Schmiegel	6/30/2024
Jack O. Lanier	6/30/2023
Nicole Carry	6/30/2023

**Legislative Appointees:**

The Honorable Walter A. Stosch	June 30, 2022
Kyle Craig	June 30, 2023
Dr. Jarris Louis Taylor Jr.	June 30, 2024
Mr. Paul F. Haughton Jr.	June 30, 2023
Allen Burke	June 30, 2022
Valerie Zimmerman	June 30, 2024
Bruce Waxman	June 30, 2024
John M. Esposito	June 30, 2023

**Legislative Details:**



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## OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

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### Janice Underwood, PH.D.

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**Location:**

1111 East Broad Street, 3rd Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-2441 Fax (804) 786-9549

**Purpose:**

The Chief Diversity Officer serves as the lead advancement official for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Commonwealth of Virginia and is responsible for developing a sustainable framework for the continued promotion of inclusive practices across Virginia state government.

**Website:**

<https://www.diversity.virginia.gov>

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Chief Diversity Officer

**Dr. Janice Underwood**

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Deputy Chief Diversity Officer

**Alaysia Black Hackett**

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Deputy Diversity Officer and Policy Advisor to the Office of New Americans

**Mona Siddiqui**

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Special Assistant to the CDO

**Omer Yousuff**

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Executive Assistant to the CDO

**Dymon Bailey**

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## GOVERNOR'S FELLOWS

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The Governor's Fellows Program, initiated in 1982, offers talented young people firsthand experience in the processes of state government. Fellows are assigned to a member of the Governor's Cabinet or personal staff. Modeled somewhat after the White House Fellows program, Virginia's program encourages Fellows to consider a career in government or public service.

Applicants must be rising or graduating seniors or enrolled as degree candidates in graduate or professional schools. Students enrolled in Virginia colleges or universities, public or private, may apply, regardless of state of residence. Virginia residents enrolled in out-of-state institutions, public or private, may also apply.

### 2021 Governor's Fellows

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<b>Abby Admete</b>	University of Richmond
<b>Dymon Bailey</b>	George Mason University
<b>Emily Baker</b>	James Madison University
<b>Whitney Brown</b>	Virginia Commonwealth University
<b>Kameron Clarke</b>	Virginia Wesleyan University
<b>Nadiyah Cooper</b>	College of William and Mary
<b>Dominique Dowling</b>	George Mason University
<b>Jordan Frijas</b>	Virginia Tech

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<b>Ja'Neese Jefferson</b>	Virginia State University
<b>Michael Jerakis</b>	College of William and Mary
<b>Maya Link</b>	University of Virginia
<b>Javion Peterson</b>	Longwood University
<b>Alexandra Pillion</b>	Virginia Tech
<b>Grace Poreda</b>	College of William and Mary
<b>Alicia Pullen</b>	Old Dominion University
<b>Mary Olivia Rentner</b>	College of William and Mary
<b>Jose Daniel Rico</b>	Virginia Tech
<b>Randall Joseph Riffle</b>	College of William and Mary
<b>Ashley Scott</b>	Princeton University
<b>Da'Quan Saunders-McNear</b>	Virginia Commonwealth University
<b>Dawann Steagall, Jr.</b>	Old Dominion University
<b>Nathan Tatum</b>	University of Richmond
<b>Megan Weeks</b>	University of Mary Washington
<b>Tucker Wayne</b>	Christopher Newport University
<b>Omer Yousuf</b>	George Mason University

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## OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY

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### First Lady Pamela Northam

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**Office of the First Lady**

1111 East Broad Street, 4th Floor

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Fax (804) 786-4546

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Chief of Staff

**David Cary**

Executive Assistant

**Bailey Harlow**

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## OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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### Lieutenant Governor Justin E. Fairfax

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**Office of the Lieutenant Governor**

Oliver Hill Building  
102 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

**Mailing:**

Office of the Lt. Governor  
P.O. Box 1195  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

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Director of Policy and Constitutional Services

**Erin Madden**

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Director of Scheduling and Community Development

**Aviva Shapiro-Frye**

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Policy Advisor

**Raphaël Debraine**

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## AUTHORITIES

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The following Authorities, Boards and Commissions are classified as political subdivisions of the Commonwealth. The Governor appoints the members of the Authority, Board or Commission who in turn appoint an Executive Director or Secretary. The powers conferred upon an authority vary. Please refer to the specific code reference for further information pertaining to a particular Authority. In general, an Authority is vested with the powers of a body corporate, including the power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, make contracts, and adopt and use a common seal and alter the same as may be deemed expedient; may acquire or lease such property or any interest therein.

Not included in this section are Authorities to which the Governor appoints neither the Executive Director nor those whom receive appropriations for the Fiscal Year during which this volume is published.

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### VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL AUTHORITY

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**Location:**

ABC Central Office  
7450 Freight Way  
Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116  
Tel. (804) 213-4400

**Code Reference:**

§ 4.1-101

**Purpose:**

Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority generates a reliable stream of revenue for Virginia and promotes public safety through the responsible sale and regulation of alcoholic beverages.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.abc.virginia.gov/about/agency-overview>

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### Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

**Location:**

ABC Central Office  
2901 Hermitage Road  
Richmond, Virginia 23220  
Tel. (804) 213-4400

**Code:**

§ 4.1-101

**Purpose:**

The General Assembly has determined that there exists in the Commonwealth a need to control the possession, sale, transportation, distribution, and delivery of alcoholic beverages in the Commonwealth. Further, the General Assembly determines that the creation of an authority for this purpose is in the public interest, serves a public purpose, and will promote the health, safety, welfare, convenience, and prosperity of the people of the Commonwealth. To achieve this objective, there is hereby created an independent political subdivision of the Commonwealth, exclusive of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of state government, to be known as the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority. The Authority's exercise of powers and duties conferred by this title shall be deemed the performance of an essential governmental function and a matter of public necessity for which public moneys may be spent. The Board of Directors of the Authority is vested with control of the possession, sale, transportation, distribution, and delivery

of alcoholic beverages in the Commonwealth, with plenary power to prescribe and enforce regulations and conditions under which alcoholic beverages are possessed, sold, transported, distributed, and delivered, so as to prevent any corrupt, incompetent, dishonest, or unprincipled practices and to promote the health, safety, welfare, convenience, and prosperity of the people of the Commonwealth. The exercise of the powers granted by this title shall be in all respects for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth and for the promotion of their safety, health, welfare, and convenience. No part of the assets or net earnings of the Authority shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any private individual, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Authority affecting one or more of its purposes, and benefits may be conferred that are in conformity with said purposes, and no private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Authority.

B. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall consist of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, and the agents and employees of the Authority. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall be deemed successor in interest to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. C. Nothing contained in this title shall be construed as a restriction or limitation upon any powers that the Board of Directors of the Authority might otherwise have under any other law of the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors, which shall consist of five citizens at large appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of those voting in each house of the General Assembly. Each appointee shall (i) have been a resident of the Commonwealth for a period of at least three years next preceding his appointment, and his continued residency shall be a condition of his tenure in office; (ii) hold, at a minimum, a baccalaureate degree in business or a related field of study; and (iii) possess a minimum of seven years of demonstrated experience or expertise in the direct management, supervision, or control of a business or legal affairs. Appointees shall be subject to a background check in accordance with ' 4.1-101.03.

After the initial staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a term of five years. All members shall serve until their successors are appointed. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. No member appointed by the Governor shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms; however, a member appointed to fill a vacancy may serve two additional consecutive terms. Members of the Board may be removed from office by the Governor for cause, including the improper use of its police powers, malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetence, misconduct, neglect of duty, absenteeism, conflict of interests, failure to carry out the policies of the Commonwealth as established in the Constitution or by the General Assembly, or refusal to carry out a lawful directive of the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the chairman and vice-chairman of the Board from among the membership of the Board. The Board may elect other subordinate officers, who need not be members of the Board. The Board may also form committees and advisory councils, which may include representatives who are not members of the Board, to undertake more extensive study and discussion of the issues before the Board. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the Authority's business, and no vacancy in the membership shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise the rights and perform all duties of the Authority.

**Term:**

After initial staggering of terms, members shall be appointed for a term of five years

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Maria JK Everett	1/14/2023
Mark E. Rubin	1/14/2024
Maria J. K. Everett	6/30/2023
Beth G. Hungate-Noland	6/30/2022
Gregory F. Holland	6/30/2026
William Darnell Euille	1/14/2025
Beth G. Hungate-Noland	6/30/2022



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## VIRGINIA PORT AUTHORITY

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**Location:**

600 World Trade Center  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510  
Tel. (757) 440-7160

**Code Reference:**

§ 62.1-128

**Purpose:**

To develop and improve harbors and seaports, and promote shipment of cargo and commerce through Virginia's ports.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.portofvirginia.com/>

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### Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority

**Location:**

600 World Trade Center  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510  
Tel. (757) 440-7160

**Code:**

§ 62.1-129

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Port Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Authority, is created as a body corporate and as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth. The Authority is hereby constituted a public instrumentality exercising public and essential governmental functions, and the exercise by the Authority of the powers conferred by this chapter shall be deemed and held to be the performance of an essential governmental function of the Commonwealth. The Board shall provide oversight for the Virginia Port Authority.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of the State Treasurer, the Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, the Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia International Trade Corporation, and 11 members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The terms of members of the Board of Commissioners appointed or reappointed by the Governor on or after January 1, 1981, shall be for five years. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. Members of the Board shall receive their expenses and shall be compensated at the rate provided in ' 2.2-2813 for each day spent on business of the Board. No member appointed by the Governor shall be eligible to serve more than two successive terms. A person appointed to fill a vacancy may be appointed to serve two additional terms. Beginning with those members of the Board of Commissioners appointed or reappointed by the Governor on or after January 1, 1981: (i) appointments shall be made by the Governor in such a manner as to ensure the widest possible geographical representation of all parts of the Commonwealth, and (ii) no resident of the Cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, or Virginia Beach shall be eligible for appointment or reappointment to the Board of Commissioners if his appointment or reappointment would increase or maintain the number of members of the Board of Commissioners residing in such cities above the number of five. One of the members appointed or reappointed from the cities previously mentioned in this section shall be a resident of the City of Portsmouth or the City of Chesapeake, one of the members appointed or reappointed shall be a resident of the City of Norfolk or the City of Virginia Beach, one of the members appointed or reappointed shall be a resident of the City of Newport News or the City of Hampton, one of the members appointed or reappointed

shall be a resident of Greater Hampton Roads, and one of the members appointed or reappointed shall be a resident of Greater Hampton Roads, but not a resident of any of the above-mentioned cities. Additionally, one member shall be appointed from the City of Richmond or the County of Chesterfield, Hanover, or Henrico to serve as a member representing the Port of Richmond, and one member shall be appointed from the City of Winchester or the County of Clarke, Frederick, or Warren to serve as a member representing the Virginia Inland Port. Of the members appointed by the Governor, all members shall have executive level experience in any of the following industries: agriculture, distribution and warehousing, manufacturing, logistics and transportation, mining, marketing, legal, financial, or transportation infrastructure. In addition, the Governor shall appoint at least one member with maritime shipping experience from a list of at least three nominees provided by the Virginia Maritime Association, who shall not be a paid member of the Virginia Maritime Association or have any other conflict of interest with the Virginia Port Authority.

The Board shall elect from its membership a chairman and vice-chairman and may also elect from its membership, or appoint from its staff, a secretary and treasurer and prescribe their powers and duties. The Board of Commissioners shall appoint the chief executive officer of the Authority, who shall not be a member of the Board, who shall be known as the Executive Director and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Executive Director's compensation from the Commonwealth shall be fixed by the Board in accordance with law. This compensation shall be established at a level which will enable the Authority to attract and retain a capable Executive Director. The Board may also appoint from the staff an assistant secretary and an assistant treasurer, who shall, in addition to other duties, discharge such functions of the secretary and treasurer, respectively, as may be directed by the Board.

**Term:**

Five years; no more than two successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Aubrey L. Layne	6/30/2026
Faith B. Power	6/30/2026
John Milliken	6/30/2022
Val S. McWhorter	6/30/2022
Joni Ivey	6/30/2022
Louisa Maria Strayhorn	6/30/2022
John C. Asbury	6/30/2024
Deborah C. Waters	6/30/2024
Edward F. O'callaghan	6/30/2024
Eva Hardy	6/30/2026
Maurice Allen Jones	6/30/2026

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## VIRGINIA RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

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**Location:**

1505 Shorevue Circle  
Hardy, Virginia 24101

**Code Reference:**

§ 10.1-1601

**Purpose:**

In order to provide a high quality recreational attraction in the western part of the Commonwealth; expand the historical knowledge of adults and children; promote tourism and economic development in the Commonwealth; set aside and conserve scenic and natural areas

along the Roanoke River and preserve open-space lands; and enhance and expand research and educational programs, there is created a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to be known as "The Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority." The Authority's exercise of the powers conferred by this chapter shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential governmental function.

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## Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority, Board of Directors

**Location:**

1505 Shorevue Circle  
Hardy, Virginia 24101  
Tel. (540) 777-6321

**Code:**

§ 10.1-1602

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Recreational Facilities Authority, Board of Directors is to provide for residents and tourists quality recreational attractions in the western part of the Commonwealth; promote public awareness of the role the Commonwealth played in opening the American West during the early 19th Century; conserve the scenic and natural areas along the Roanoke River; and enhance and expand research and educational programs in such areas as veterinary care, horticulture, agriculture, botany, biology, and natural resources.

**Composition:**

The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of 19 members who shall be appointed as follows: two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; and 13 nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, upon consideration of the recommendation of the River Foundation, if any, and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Authority shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of five years. Vacancies in the membership of the Board shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as original appointments are made. All members may be reappointed. Immediately after appointment, the directors shall enter upon the performance of their duties. The Board shall annually elect a chairman and vice-chairman from its members, and shall also elect annually a secretary, who may or may not be a member of the Board. The Board may also elect other subordinate officers who may or may not be members of the Board, as it deems proper. Seven directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Authority, and no vacancy in the membership of the Board shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the Authority. The Board may employ an executive director to direct the day-to-day activities of the Authority and carry out the powers and duties delegated to him. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The executive director and employees of the Authority shall be compensated in the manner provided by the Board and shall not be subject to the provisions of the Virginia Personnel Act (' 2.2-2900 et seq.).

**Term:**

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. After the initial staggering of terms, non legislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of five years. Vacancies in the membership of the Board shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as original appointments are made. All members may be reappointed.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Olivia E. Branch	6/30/2025
Victoria An McNiff	6/30/2024

David A. Hurt	6/30/2024
Joel F. Keebler	6/30/2024
William Tanger	6/30/2024
Alexander Scott	6/30/2026
Ravenn Burs	6/30/2025
Dwight W. McDowell	6/30/2025
Andrew R. Downs	6/30/2024
Taylor V. Ricotta	6/30/2025
Michelle L. Dykstra	6/30/2021
Peter Volosin	6/30/2025
Kelvin C. Bratton	6/30/2024

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## Virginia Biotechnology Research Partnership Authority

### Location:

800 East Leigh Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 828-5390

### Code:

Acts of Assembly Chapter 946, 1993, Chapter 731, 2000, Chapter 788, 2005

### Purpose:

The purpose of the Virginia Biotechnology Research Partnership Authority is to facilitate and coordinate scientific and technological research and development and to promote the industrial and economic development of the Commonwealth.

### Composition:

The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of not less than nine nor more than fifteen members, three of whom shall be the President of Virginia Commonwealth University, the Mayor of the City of Richmond, and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade for the Commonwealth, who shall serve as directors during their terms of office. Any of the aforesaid ex officio members of the board may, from time to time and by written notice to the chairman of the board of the Authority, appoint a designee, under such terms as the designator may provide, to act on behalf of such designator. Such designee, for the term of the designation, shall be treated in all respects as a director and shall have all powers of a director, including, without limitation, the powers to attend and be heard at meetings of the board, thereby counting toward the number of the directors present for the purpose of determining whether a quorum exists; vote as a member of the board; and function as the holder of any office held by the designator or as a member of any committee of which the designator is a member. Six members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of nominations submitted by the board of directors of the Virginia Biotechnology Research Park, a not-for-profit non-stock Virginia corporation. Two of the directors appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for terms of one year, two for terms of two years, and two for terms of three years, from the effective date of their appointment; and thereafter, the members of the board shall be appointed for terms of three years.

### Term:

Three year terms

### Gubernatorial Appointees:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Kenneth E. Ampy	6/30/2023
Charles S. Macfarlane	6/30/2024

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Art Espey	6/30/2024
James Robert Mooney	6/30/2022
Vida C. Williams Logan	6/30/2022
Eric S. Edwards	6/30/2023

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## Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

### Location:

3040 Williams Drive Suite 200  
Fairfax, Virginia 22031  
Tel. (703) 642-4652

### Code:

§ 33.2-2500

### Purpose:

There is hereby created a political subdivision of the Commonwealth known as the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, hereinafter known as "the Authority." In addition to such other powers vested in the Authority by this chapter, the Authority shall have the following powers and functions: the Authority shall prepare a regional transportation plan for Planning District Eight, to include, but not necessarily be limited to, transportation improvements of regional significance, and those improvements necessary or incidental thereto, and shall from time to time revise and amend the plan. The provisions of Article 7 (' 15.2-4527 et seq.) of Chapter 45 of this title shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to preparation of such transportation plan. The Authority may, when a transportation plan is adopted according to subdivision 1, construct or acquire, by purchase, lease, contract, or otherwise, the transportation facilities specified in such transportation plan. The Authority may enter into agreements or leases with public or private entities for the operation of its facilities, or may operate such facilities itself. The Authority may enter into contracts or agreements with the counties and cities embraced by the Authority, with other transportation commissions of transportation districts adjoining any county or city embraced by the Authority, with any transportation authority, or with any state, local, private or federal entity to provide, or cause to be provided, transportation facilities and services to the area embraced by the Authority. Such contracts or agreements, together with any agreements or leases for the operation of such facilities, may be used by the Authority to finance the construction and operation of transportation facilities and such contracts, agreements or leases shall inure to the benefit of any creditor of the Authority. Notwithstanding the above, however, the Authority shall not have the power to regulate services provided by taxicabs, either within municipalities or across municipal boundaries, which regulation is expressly reserved to the municipalities within which taxicabs operate. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary the Authority may:

- Acquire land or any interest therein by purchase, lease, or gift and provide transportation facilities thereon for use in connection with any transportation service;
- Acquire land or any interest therein by purchase, lease, or gift in advance of the need for sale or contribution to an agency, for use by that agency in connection with an adopted transportation plan;
- Prepare a plan for mass transportation services with persons, cities, counties, agencies, authorities, or transportation commissions and may further contract with any such person or other entity to provide necessary facilities, equipment, operations and maintenance, access, and insurance pursuant to such plan.

### Composition:

The Authority shall consist of seventeen members as follows: the chief elected officer of the governing body of each county and city embraced by the Authority or, in the discretion of the chief elected officer, his designee, who shall be a current elected officer of such governing body; two members of the House of Delegates who reside in different counties or cities embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Speaker of the House and, to the extent practicable, from the membership of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Finance, or the House Committee on Transportation; one member of the Senate who resides in a county or city embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and, to the extent practicable, from the membership of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Transportation; two nonlegislative citizen members who reside in different counties or cities embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Governor. One such gubernatorial appointment shall be a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and one shall be a person who has significant experience in transportation planning, finance,

engineering, construction, or management; and the following three persons who shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the Authority: the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, or his designee; the Commissioner of Highways, or his designee; and the chief elected officer of one town in a county embraced by the Authority to be chosen by the Authority.

**Term:**

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. The gubernatorial appointee who is not a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall serve for a term of four years. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Jennifer B. Boysko

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Vivian E. Watts

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The Honorable Danica A. Roem

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Mary H. Hynes	6/30/2024
..... James P. Kolb	6/30/2024

**Legislative Appointees:**

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Vacancy (Citizens, 2)

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/192>

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**Richmond Eye and Ear Hospital Authority**

**Location:**

8700 Stony Point Parkway  
Suite 100  
Richmond, Virginia 23235  
(804) 775-4520

**Code:**

Acts of Assembly, 1970, Chapter 742

**Purpose:**

In order to prevent the spread of disease which constitutes a menace to the health, safety, morals and welfare of the State and impairs economic values; and in order that adequate hospital and medical facilities may be provided for the foregoing purpose and for the care of the public health and public welfare; and in order to alleviate traffic congestion, to promote the flow of commerce and to promote safety through the creation of off-street parking facilities; the Authority created by this act shall be deemed to be a public instrumentality exercising public and essential governmental functions to provide for the public health and welfare and said Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to all acts listed under Acts of Assembly, 1970, Chapter 742.

**Composition:**

The Richmond Eye and Ear Hospital Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members appointed by the Governor from a list of nominations submitted by the Board of Directors of the Richmond Eye Hospital. Three of such members shall be for two years, three for four year terms, and three for six year terms. After the expiration of the initial terms, appointments shall be made for terms of six years and members may be reappointed. Vacancies in the membership of the Board shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. The Board of Directors of the Richmond Eye and Ear Healthcare Alliance shall nominate two persons for each appointment. The Board so appointed shall enter upon the performance of its duties and shall initially and annually thereafter select one of its members as chairman and another as vice-chairman, and shall also elect annually a secretary or secretary-treasurer who need not be a member of the Board. The chairman, or in his absence vice-chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and in the absence of both the chairman and vice-chairman, the Board shall elect a chairman pro tempore who shall preside at such meetings. A majority of the directors then in office shall constitute a quorum, and all action by the Board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present and voting.

**Term:**

After initial staggering of terms, appointments shall be made for terms of six years and members may be reappointed

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Joanne T. Wiley	12/31/2023
ANDREW J. MICHAEL	12/31/2023
Frank J. Franzak	12/31/2023
Walter F. Spence	12/31/2023
PAUL T. MILLER	12/31/2023
Anne H. McElroy	12/31/2023
Alan J. Lombardo	12/31/2023
Wayne T. Shaia	12/31/2023
Robert A. Crouse	12/31/2023

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## INTERSTATE COMPACTS

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Compacts are agreements between two or more states that bind them to the compacts' provisions, just as a contract binds two or more parties in a business agreement. As such, compacts are subject to the substantive principles of contract law and are protected by the constitutional prohibition against laws that impair the obligations of contracts (United States Constitution, Article I, Section 10).

Compacting states are bound to observe the terms of their agreements, even if those terms are inconsistent with other state laws. Compacts between states are somewhat similar to treaties between nations. Compacts have the force and effect of statutory law (whether enacted by statute or not) and they take precedence over conflicting state laws, regardless of when those laws are enacted.

However, unlike treaties, compacts are not dependent solely upon the good will of the parties. Once enacted, compacts may not be unilaterally renounced by a member state, except as provided by the compacts themselves. Moreover, Congress and the courts can compel compliance with the terms of interstate compacts. This is why compacts are considered an effective means of ensuring interstate cooperation.

The membership listed in the following compacts pertains only to appointments made by the Governor from the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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### **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission**

**Location:**

1050 North Highland Street, Suite 200 A-N  
Arlington, Virginia 22201  
Tel. (703) 842-0740  
Fax (703) 842-0741

**Code:**

§ 28.2-1000; Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Compact of 1942

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission is to promote the better utilization of the fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous of the Atlantic seaboard by the development of a joint program for the promotion and protection of such fisheries, and by the prevention of the physical waste of the fisheries from any cause. The Commission drafts and recommends to governors and legislatures conservation legislation concerning, marine, shell, and anadromous fisheries of the Atlantic seaboard.

**Composition:**

The Governor appoints three members: one shall be the executive officer of the administrative agency charged with the conversation of fisheries resources, one member of the legislature, and one citizen with knowledge and interest in the fisheries program.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*

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Taylor M. Mason

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Steven Bowman

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John B. Plumlee



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## Chesapeake Bay Commission

**Location:**

60 West Street, Suite 406  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
Tel. (410) 263-3420

**Code:**

§ 30-241.

**Purpose:**

The Chesapeake Bay Commission will assist the legislatures of Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania in evaluating and responding to problems of mutual concern to the Chesapeake Bay.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of 21 members, seven from Virginia, seven from Maryland and seven from Pennsylvania. In each state, five of the members shall be members of the General Assembly. In Virginia, two Senators appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and three Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall serve as members. The Governor of Virginia or his designee shall serve as a member. In addition, the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall jointly appoint one Virginia member who is not a legislator or an employee of the executive branch. In Maryland, two senators designated by the President of the Senate and three delegates designated by the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall serve as members. The Governor of Maryland or his designee shall serve as a member. In addition, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall jointly select one Maryland member who is not a legislator or an employee of the executive branch. In Pennsylvania, two senators designated by the President pro tempore of the Senate and three representatives designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve as members. The Governor of Pennsylvania or his designee shall serve as a member. In addition, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall select one Pennsylvania member who is not a legislator or an employee of the executive branch.

Legislators serving as members of the Commission shall serve terms coterminous with their current terms of office. The nonlegislative members shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities for a term of not more than four years. Nonlegislative members may be reappointed at the end of the four-year term.

**Term:**

Legislators serving as members of the Commission shall serve terms coterminous with their current terms of office. The nonlegislative members shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities for a term of not more than four years. Nonlegislative members may be reappointed at the end of the four-year term.

**Senate Members:**

.....  
The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger Jr.  
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The Honorable Lynwood W. Lewis Jr.

**House Members:**

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The Honorable David L. Bulova, Chair  
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The Honorable Robert S. Bloxom Jr.  
.....  
The Honorable Nancy D. Guy

**Legislative Appointees:**

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Missy Cotter-Smasal

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May 1, 2025

**Ex Officio Members:**

The Honorable Matthew Strickler, Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/143>

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**Citizens Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council**

**Location:**

410 Severn Avenue, Suite 109  
Annapolis, Maryland 21403  
Tel. (800) YOUR-BAY Fax (410) 267-5777

**Code:**

Chesapeake Bay Agreement of 1983

**Purpose:**

The Citizens Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council shall provide assistance to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council, the Implementation Committee, and all subcommittees as needed in implementing the Chesapeake Bay Agreement. The members shall communicate with their constituents to increase understanding of the Agreement and programs to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay.

**Composition:**

The Committee will be composed of twenty-five members who represent a cross-section of individuals and organizations with interest and concerns about the Chesapeake Bay Program (Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia) each appoints four members. The Board of Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay appoints the remaining members.

**Term:**

Four Year Terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Anna M. Killius	12/31/2022
Esi Langston	12/31/2024
Donna Harris-Aikens	12/31/2024
Dana Wiggins	12/31/2024

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**Legislative Advisory Council to the Southern Regional Education Board**

**Location:**

592 10th Street, Northwest  
Atlanta, Georgia 30318  
Tel. (404) 875- 9211  
Fax (404) 872-1477

**Code:**

Acts of Assembly, 1950, SJR 22, Acts of Assembly, 1956, HJR 28

**Purpose:**

The Legislative Advisory Council (LAC) was created in 1955 to advise the Board on legislative matters pertaining to Southern Regional Education, and serve as a permanent steering committee for the annual Legislative Work Conference at which legislators meet to discuss education policy issues of mutual interest.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

*Term Expires*

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Jennifer McClellan

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David L. Bulova

.....  
Janet Howell

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Mamie E. Locke

**Education Commission of the States**

**Location:**

700 Broadway, #810  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
Tel. (303) 299 3600

**Code:**

§ 22.1-336.

**Purpose:**

It is the purpose of the Education Commission of the States to: establish and maintain close cooperation and understanding among executive, legislative, professional, educational and lay leadership on a nationwide basis at the state and local levels, provide a forum for the discussion, development, crystallization and recommendation of public policy alternatives in the field of education, provide a clearinghouse of information on matters relating to educational problems and how they are being met in different places throughout the nation so that the executive and legislative branches of state government and of local communities may have ready access to the experience and record of the entire country and so that both lay and professional groups in the field of education may have additional avenues for the sharing of experience and the interchange of ideas in the formation of public policy in education, facilitate the improvement of state and local educational systems so that all of them will be able to meet adequate and desirable goals in a society which requires continuous qualitative and quantitative advance in educational opportunities, methods and facilities.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of seven members representing each party state. One of such members shall be the governor; two shall be members of the state legislature selected by its respective houses and serving in such manner as the legislature may determine; and four shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor, unless the laws of the state otherwise provide. If the laws of a state prevent legislators from serving on the Commission, six members shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the governor, unless the laws of the state otherwise provide. In addition to any other principles or requirements which a state may establish for the appointment and service of its members of the Commission, the guiding principle for the composition of the membership on the Commission from each party state shall be that the members representing such state shall, by virtue of their training, experience, knowledge or affiliations, be in a position collectively to reflect broadly the interests of the state government,

higher education, the state education system, local education and lay and professional, public and nonpublic educational leadership. Of those appointees, one shall be the head of a state agency or institution designated by the governor having responsibility for one or more programs of public education. In addition to the members of the Commission representing the party states, there may be not to exceed ten nonvoting commissioners selected by the steering committee for terms of one year. Such commissioners shall represent leading national organizations of professional educators or persons concerned with educational administration.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Senate Members:**

.....  
The Honorable Stephen D. Newman

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Roslyn C. Tyler

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Frances C. Bradford	.....
..... John B. Gordon	.....
..... Peter Blake	.....
..... James Lane	.....

**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/241>

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## Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

**Location:**

1776 Avenue of The States  
Lexington, Kentucky 40511  
Tel. (859) 244-8000  
Fax (859) 244-8001

**Code:**

§ 22.1-361

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children is to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents

**Composition:**

The Virginia Council shall consist of one member of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; seven nonlegislative citizen members, including the Superintendent of Public Instruction, one parent of a military child, and one representative from a military installation in Virginia, to be appointed by the Governor; the superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children and one military spouse who serves on the Department of Education's Military Student Support Process Action Team, to be appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and also the Governor, or his designee. The Department of Education shall employ a military family education liaison to provide staff support to the Virginia Council and to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this compact.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Mamie E. Locke

**House Members:**

.....  
The Honorable Nancy D. Guy

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... James Lane	6/30/2020
..... Dede R. Bailer	
..... Barry C. Brown	
..... Bradley Williams	
..... Charles W. Rock	
..... Patricia M. Schnabel	
..... Martha Jallim Hall	
..... James Lane	

**Legislative Appointees:**

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Representative 1

**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor  
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James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/242>

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**Virginia Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles**

**Location:**

600 East Main Street, 20th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Tel. (804) 371-0700 ? (804) 371-6497

**Code:**

§ 16.1-323.1

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (the Council) is created as a policy council, within the meaning of ' 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government.

**Composition:**

The Council shall consist of five members: One representative of the legislative branch appointed by the Joint Rules Committee; One representative of the judicial branch appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; One representative of the executive branch appointed by the Governor; One nonlegislative citizen member, representing a victims' group appointed by the Governor; and One nonlegislative citizen member who in addition to serving as a member of the Council shall serve as the compact administrator for Virginia, appointed by the Governor.

**Term:**

The appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The legislative members and other state officials appointed to the Council shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Members who are not state officials shall be appointed for four-year terms. All members may be reappointed.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable George L. Barker, Member of Legislative Branch

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Cindy Capriles	6/30/2025
..... Laurel S. Marks	6/30/2025

**Legislative Appointees:**

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Representative 1

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/229>

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**Live Horseracing Compact Committee**

**Location:**

National Racing Compact  
2365 Harrodsburg Road Suite B-450  
Lexington, Kentucky 40504  
Tel. (859) 224-0584  
Fax (859) 224-0591

**Code:**

§ 59.1-394.1.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Live Horseracing Compact Committee shall be to determine which categories of participants in live racing, including but not limited to owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms, mutuel clerks, racing officials, veterinarians, and farriers, should be licensed by the committee, and establish the requirements for the initial licensure of applicants in each such category, the term of the license for each category, and the requirements for renewal of licenses in each category. Investigate, issue, and renew the licenses of participants in live horseracing.

**Composition:**

The Committee shall be composed of one official from the Virginia Racing Commission shall be appointed by the Governor, and one alternate.

**Term:**

Four years, no more than three consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... David S. Lermond	..... 6/30/2020

**Local Government Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council**

**Location:**

410 Severn Avenue, Suite 109  
Annapolis, Maryland 21403  
Tel. (800) YOUR-BAY Fax (410) 267-5777

**Code:**

Chesapeake Bay Agreement of 1987

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Local Government Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council is to develop and implement a strategy for local government participation in the Chesapeake Bay Program. The Committee gives advice relating to local governments to the Executive Council, the Principals' Staff Committee, and the Implementation Committee.

**Composition:**

The Governors of the Chesapeake Bay Program's jurisdictions appoint members. There are no written procedures guiding the number of appointees.

**Term:**

Bruce Williams

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Richard Alan Baugh	
..... Jasmine Elicia Gore	
..... Amy Lou H. Dubois	
..... Robin Rich-Coates	
..... Andria McClellan	

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Penelope Ann Gross

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## Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

**Location:**

1 Aviation Circle  
Washington, DC, 20001  
Tel. (703) 417-8600

**Code:**

§ 5.1-155

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is to acquire, operate, maintain, develop, promote, and protect Washington National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport as the primary public airports serving the Metropolitan Washington area.

**Composition:**

The Authority shall consist of seventeen members: seven appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, four appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, three appointed by the Governor of the State of Maryland, and three appointed by the President of the United States. Members representing the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be subject to confirmation by the Virginia General Assembly. For the purposes of doing business, nine members shall constitute a quorum. The failure of a single appointing official to appoint one or more members, as herein provided, shall not impair the Authority's creation when the other conditions thereof have been met. Members shall not hold elective or appointive public office, serve without compensation, and reside within the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, except that the members appointed by the President of the United States shall be registered voters of states other than Maryland, Virginia, or the District of Columbia. The members of the Authority shall be entitled to reimbursement for their expenses incurred in attendance upon the meetings of the Authority or while otherwise engaged in the discharge of their duties.

**Term:**

Six years; no more than two consecutive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
David G. Speck	11/23/2026
Robert William Lazaro	11/23/2022
John A. Braun	11/23/2024
Katherine K. Hanley	11/23/2026
Jose Walter Tejada	11/23/2024
William Eliot Sudow	10/11/2024
Albert Dwoskin	10/11/2024

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## Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission

**Location:**



5735 Kellogg Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45228  
Tel. (513) 231-7719 ? Fax (513) 231-7761

**Code:**

§ 62.1-70

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission is to cooperate in the control of future pollution and abatement of existing pollution from rivers, streams, and waters in the Ohio River Basin which flow through, into or border on any signatory states; conduct a survey of the territory, study pollution problems, and make a comprehensive report for prevention and reduction of stream pollution; and consult with and advise states, communities, municipalities, corporations, and other persons on matters relating to pollution problems, especially construction of plants for disposal of sewage, industrial, and other waste.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall be composed of three members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, from the membership of the State Water Control Board. The members appoint a chairman.

**Term:**

Coincident with term on the State Water Board.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Lou Ann Jessee-Wallace	6/30/2025
..... David Paylor	
..... Joseph Maroon	

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## **Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin**

**Location:**

30 West Gude Drive, Suite 450  
Rockville, Maryland 20850  
Tel. (301) 984-1908

**Code:**

§ 62.1-67.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin is to cooperate with legislative and administrative agencies of states, as well as with other commissions, federal, and local governmental (and nongovernmental) agencies, organizations, groups, and persons to obtain uniform laws, rules, or regulations for abatement of existing pollution of the waters of the Potomac drainage area by sewage, industrial waste, and other wastes; prevention of future pollution in streams of conservancy district; and planning for utilization, conservation, and development of water and associated land resources.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of three members as follows: one legislative member of the Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation who resides in the Potomac River drainage basin, appointed by the Joint Rules Committee; one nonlegislative citizen member at large who resides in the Potomac River drainage basin, appointed by the Governor; and the executive director of the State Water Control Board. One of the members shall be designated by the Governor as chairman. The Governor and the Joint Rules

Committee shall appoint alternate members for their appointees to the Commission, who shall reside in the Potomac River drainage basin, and each alternate shall have power to act in the absence of the person for whom he is alternate.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Paul A. Holland	2/28/2025
Mark E. Peterson	2/28/2025

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**Potomac River Fisheries Commission**

**Location:**

222 Taylor Street  
Post Office Box 9  
Colonial Beach, Virginia 22443  
Tel. (804) 224-7148 ? Fax (804) 224-2712

**Code:**

§ 28.2-1001

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission is to make a survey of the oyster bars within its jurisdiction; may reseed and replant oyster bars as necessary; by regulation prescribe the type, size, description of all species of fish, crabs, oysters, clams, and other shellfish taken or caught within its jurisdiction and the places from which the species were taken or caught and manner of taking or catching must be determined by the Commission; maintain a research program of conservation and repletion of fishery resources within its jurisdiction and may cooperate and contact with scientist or public or private scientific agencies engaged in similar work.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of eight members, four from Maryland and four from Virginia. The Maryland members shall be the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources of Maryland or its successor agency or the Secretary's designee, and three members at large to be appointed by the Governor of Maryland with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland. The Virginia members shall be three members of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission or its successor agency, and one member at large, to be appointed by the Governor of Virginia. If the membership of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission exceeds three, then the three Commission members from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission shall be selected by the Governor of Virginia; and if the membership of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission is less than three, the four Commission members from Virginia shall be the member or members of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, and such additional person or persons who shall be appointed by the Governor as may be necessary to constitute a total of four Commissioners.

**Term:**

Coincident with terms of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Kyle Schick	9/9/2022
Glen W. France	6/30/2023
Christina Everett	6/30/2025

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## Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission

**Location:**

Virginia Department of  
Environmental Quality

**Mailing Address:**

Post Office Box 1105  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

**Physical Address:**

1111 East Main Street Suite 1400  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. 1-(804) 698-4000

**Code:**

§ 62.1-69.37

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission is to provide guidance, conduct joint meetings, and make recommendations to local, state and federal legislative and administrative bodies, and to others as it deems necessary and appropriate, regarding the use, stewardship, and enhancement of the Basin's water and other natural resources; and provide a forum for discussion of issues affecting the Basin's water quantity, water quality, and other natural resources.

**Composition:**

The Virginia delegation shall consist of the six state legislative members appointed to the Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and three nonlegislative members of the Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee, who represent different geographical areas of the Virginia portion of the Roanoke River Basin, to be appointed by the Governor of Virginia.

**Term:**

The terms of office for appointed members shall be two years. State and federal legislators and local government officials, whether appointed or ex officio, shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Frank M. Ruff Jr.

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The Honorable David R. Suetterlein

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Sam Rasoul

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The Honorable Roslyn C. Tyler

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The Honorable Chris L. Hurst

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The Honorable Charles D. Poindexter

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

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Gerald V. Lovelace

*Term Expires*

6/30/2023

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/145>

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**Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council**

**Location:**

645 Contees Wharf Road  
Edgewater, Maryland 21037  
Tel. 410.798.1283  
Fax 410.798.0816

**Code:**

Chesapeake Bay Executive Agreement of 1987

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council is to provide independent guidance to the Chesapeake Bay Program on the overall direction, efficiency, and priority of measures to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay. The committee actively helps integrate sound science into both policy development and educational efforts of the Chesapeake Bay Program. The committee reports to the Executive Council and the Implementation Committee.

**Composition:**

The Committee shall be composed of twenty-six members as follows: the Governors of the State of Maryland and the Commonwealths of Pennsylvania and Virginia, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia each appoint two members; eleven ex officio members who represent major research and technical service institutions that can assist in the Chesapeake Bay effort; four federal agency scientist appointed by the EPA; and four at-large scientist appointed by the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ellen Gilinsky	6/30/2022
Kirk J. Havens	6/30/2022

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**Southeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Compact Commission**

**Location:**

1230 SE Maynard Road, Suite 103  
Cary, North Carolina 27512  
Tel. (919) 380-7780 ? Fax (919) 380-7710

**Code:**

§ 10.1-1500

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Southeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Compact Commission is to provide the instrument and framework for a cooperative effort with the party states; provide sufficient facilities for the proper management of low-level radioactive waste generated in the region; promote the health and safety of the region; limit the number of facilities required to effectively and efficiently manage low-level radioactive waste generated in the region; and distribute costs, benefits, and obligations of successful low-level radioactive waste management equality among party states.

**Composition:**

The Governor shall appoint two Commissioners and two alternates pursuant to Article IV, paragraph a. of the Compact, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, to serve at his pleasure. The appointees shall be individuals qualified and experienced in the field of low-level radioactive waste generation, treatment, storage, transportation and disposal.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Leslie Patrick Foldesi .....	
..... Herbert Wheary .....	
..... Lea A. Perlas .....	
..... John Storton .....	

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**Southeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact**

**Location:**

1954 Airport Road, Suite 105  
Chamblee, Georgia 30341  
Tel. (770) 458-2464 Fax (770) 458-6308

**Code:**

§ 10.1-1149.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Southeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact is to promote effective prevention and control of forest fires in the Southeastern region of the United States by development of integrated forest fire plans, by the maintenance of adequate forest fire fighting services by the member states, and by providing for mutual aide in fighting forest fires among compacting states of the region and with states which are party to other regional forest fire protection or agreements and for more adequate forest protection.

**Composition:**

The Compact shall be composed of four members from Virginia who are appointed by the Governor: two members from the General Assembly (one from the Senate, one from the House); and two from the state at-large, one of whom is associated with forestry or forest products industries. As Compact Administrator, the State Forester shall serve as an ex officio member.

**Term:**

Citizen appointees shall serve for two years; terms of appointees from the legislature automatically terminate when they cease to hold such office

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
	6/30/2028
Robert Bragg	6/30/2028
Bonnie Hoover	6/30/2028
Floyd Miles	6/30/2028

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## Southern Technology Council

**Purpose:**

| Govt\_ref: Resolution 85-3 adopted by SGA | PPD Abstract: SB | Comp Abstract: Governor

**Composition:**

Pleasure of Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Liam Leightley	
John Cosgrove	

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## State Council for Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

**Location:**

Virginia Interstate Compact Unit  
Tel. (804) 674-3065

**Code:**

§ 53.1-176.2

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the State Council for Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision is to exercise oversight and advocacy concerning its participation in interstate commission activities and other duties as may be determined by the State Council, including development of policies concerning operations and procedures of the Compact within Virginia.

**Composition:**

The Council shall consist of five members: One representative of legislative branch appointed by the Joint Rules Committee; one representative of the judicial branch appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; one representative of the executive branch appointed by the Governor; one representative of a victims' group appointed by the Governor; and one individual who in addition to serving as a member of the council shall serve as the Compact administrator for Virginia, appointed by the Governor.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
James E. Parks	

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Brian R. Swann

Victoria Cochran

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## Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission

**Location:**

8701 Georgia Avenue, #808  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910  
Tel. (301) 588-5260 ? Fax (301) 588-5262

**Code:**

Acts of Assembly, 1958, Chapter 627 as amended by Acts of Assembly, 1962, Chapter 67, Acts of Assembly, 1988, Chapter 890, Acts of Assembly, 2007, Chapter 378

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission is to regulate specified mass transportation of persons within the Washington Metropolitan District by centralizing responsibility in one agency.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of three members: one appointed by the Governor from the Department of Motor Vehicles, one member from the Maryland Public Service Commission appointed by the Governor of Maryland, and one member from the Washington, D.C. Public Service Commission appointed by the Mayor of Washington, D.C. The executive director serves at the pleasure of the commission. The commission elects the chairman from its membership.

**Term:**

Coincident with term of agency appointment

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

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Richard Holcomb

*Term Expires*

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## Southern Regional Education Board

**Location:**

592 10th Street, Northwest  
Atlanta, Georgia 30318  
Tel. (404) 875- 9211 ? Fax (404) 872-1477

**Code:**

§ 22.1-359

**Purpose:**

The Southern Regional Education Board is a mutual agreement among fourteen states constituting an area for regional education supported by public funds derived from taxation by constituent states and derived from other sources for establishment,

acquisition, operation, and maintenance of regional educational schools and institutions within the region as determined by this compact.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of four members from Virginia who are appointed by the Governor: one from the field of education, one member of the legislature, and two from the state-at-large. The Governors of each member state serve as ex officio members.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Dietra Y. Trent	6/30/2023
Keesha N. Jackson-Muir	6/30/2024
Javaid Siddiqi	6/30/2025
Janet Denison Howell	6/30/2022

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## Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact

**Location:**

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002  
Tel. (202) 962-3200

**Code:**

§ 33.2-3101.

**Purpose:**

The Signatories to the WMATA Compact hereby adopt this MSC Compact pursuant to 49 U.S.C. ' 5329. The Commission created hereunder shall have safety regulatory and enforcement authority over the WMATA Rail System and shall act as the state safety oversight authority for WMATA under 49 U.S.C. ' 5329, as may be amended from time to time. WMATA shall be subject to the Commission's rules, regulations, actions, and orders. The purpose of this MSC Compact is to create a state safety oversight authority for the WMATA Rail System, pursuant to the mandate of federal law, as a common agency of each Signatory, empowered in the manner hereinafter set forth to review, approve, oversee, and enforce the safety of the WMATA Rail System, including, without limitation, to (i) have exclusive safety oversight authority and responsibility over the WMATA Rail System pursuant to federal law, including, without limitation, the power to restrict, suspend, or prohibit rail service on all or part of the WMATA Rail system as set forth in this MSC Compact; (ii) develop and adopt a written state safety oversight program standard; (iii) review and approve the WMATA public transportation agency safety plan; (iv) investigate Hazards, Incidents, and Accidents on the WMATA Rail System; (v) require, review, approve, oversee, and enforce Corrective Action Plans developed by WMATA; and (vi) meet other requirements of federal and state law relating to safety oversight of the WMATA Rail System.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall be governed by a Board of six members with two members appointed or reappointed, including to fill an unexpired term, by each Signatory pursuant to the signatory's applicable laws.

**Term:**

After initial staggering of terms, appointed members shall serve four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**



	<i>Term Expires</i>
John Gregory Hull	6/30/2025
Michael J. Rush	6/30/2023
Robert C. Lauby	6/30/2024

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## DESIGNATED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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The following section includes gubernatorial appointments to those boards, commissions, and councils created through federal legislation, executive order of the Governor or otherwise, whose members are not subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.

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### **Commemorative Commission to Honor the Contributions of the Women of Virginia**

**Location:**

Virginia Women's Monument Commission  
Post Office Box 396  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

**Code:**

Senate Joint Resolution No. 11 (2010)

**Purpose:**

The Commission shall seek private funding for the operation and support of the Commission and the erection of an appropriate monument. The costs of implementation of the Commission, its work, and the compensation and reimbursement of members shall be borne by the Commission from such private funds as it may acquire to cover the costs of its operation and work. Until completion of the Commission's work or the erection of the monument, whichever occurs later, the Commission shall report annually by December 1, the status of its work, including any findings and recommendations, to the General Assembly, beginning on December 1, 2010

**Composition:**

The Commemorative Commission shall consist of a total of 19 members as follows: the Governor of Virginia who shall serve as Chairman thereof, the Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Rules, one member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, the Clerk of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, one member of the House of Delegates at large appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Clerk of the House of Delegates; eight nonlegislative citizen members of whom three members shall be appointed by the Governor, two of whom shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and three of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Secretary of Administration or his designee, the Librarian of Virginia or her designee, the Executive Director of the Capitol Square Preservation Council, and the Executive Director of the Virginia Capitol Foundation shall serve ex officio with nonvoting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Mamie E. Locke, Chair, Senate Committee on Rules

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The Honorable Ryan T. McDougle

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn

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The Honorable Betsy B. Carr

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

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Jacqueline Hedblom

*Term Expires*

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Krysta N. Jones

EJ Scott

**Legislative Appointees:**

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Mrs. J. W. Abel-Smith

Mrs. Herbert Augustine Claiborne

The Honorable Mary Margaret Whipple

Mrs. Lissy S. Bryan

The Honorable Lisa M. Hicks-Thomas

**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor

The Honorable Susan C. Schaar, Clerk of the Senate of Virginia

The Honorable Suzette Denslow, Clerk, Virginia House of Delegates

Dr. Sandra Treadway, Librarian of Virginia, Library of Virginia

The Honorable Keyanna Conner, Secretary of Administration (former)

Colleen D. Messick, Executive Director, Virginia Capitol Foundation

The Honorable Nancy Rodrigues, Former Secretary of Administration

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/200>

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**Southeastern Public Service Authority**

**Location:**

723 Woodlake Drive

Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Tel. (757) 420-4700

**Code:**

§ 15.2-5102.1

**Purpose:**

The Southeastern Public Service Authority's core purpose shall be defined as "management of the safe and environmentally sound disposal of regional waste." The authority shall devote its time and effort to activities associated with its core purpose. The authority shall develop and maintain a strategic operating plan identifying all elements of its core business units and core purpose, how each business and administrative unit will support the overall strategic plan, and how the authority will achieve its stated mission and core purpose. The authority shall evaluate its landfill capacity annually, taking into consideration and projecting future changes in the quantity of waste disposed of in its landfill, or landfills reasonably situated or contractually obligated to accept its waste.

**Composition:**

Each locality that is a member of the Authority shall be entitled to nominate individuals to fill one position on the Board of Directors (the Board) by submitting a list of three potential directors, each of whom shall possess general business knowledge and shall not be an elected official, to the Governor. The Governor shall then select and appoint one director from each of the lists of nominees prepared by the member localities. In addition, each member locality shall be authorized to directly appoint, upon a majority vote of the governing body of the member locality, one ex officio member of the Board who shall be an employee of the member locality.

The members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of four years each. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive four-year terms, except that any member appointed to the unexpired term of another shall be eligible to serve two consecutive four-year terms.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
John T. Maxwell	12/31/2025
Sheryl S. Raulston	12/31/2025
John M. Keifer	12/31/2025
Clarence William McCoy	12/31/2025
Donald R. Greene	12/31/2025
Thomas M. Leahy	12/31/2025
Dale E. Baugh	12/31/2025
Tony R. Parnell	12/31/2025

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**Poet Laureate of Virginia**

**Code:**

§ 1-512

**Purpose:**

The Poet Laureate of Virginia is an honorary position created to encourage the exchange of arts information and perspectives. The Poet Laureate is not obligated to write any verse.

**Composition:**

The Governor may appoint a poet laureate from a list of nominees submitted by the Poetry Society of Virginia.

**Term:**

Two year terms; no restrictions on reappointment

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Luisa A. Igloria	6/30/2022

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## EXECUTIVE ORDERS

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EO-85 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Severe Winter Weather ~ *January 14, 2022*

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EO-84 Action to Provide Certain Operational Relief for Hospitals and Healthcare Workers, Via Declaration of a Limited State of Emergency ~ *January 10, 2022*

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EO-83 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Severe Winter Weather ~ *January 5, 2022*

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EO-82 Consultation With Federally Recognized Tribal Nations For Environmental And Historic Permits And Reviews ~ *November 18, 2021*

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EO-81 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Severe Weather ~ *August 31, 2021*

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EO-80 Commission to Examine Racial and Economic Inequity in Virginia Law ~ *July 30, 2021*

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EO-79 and Order of Public Health Emergency Ten Ending of Commonsense Public Health Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *May 14, 2021*

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EO-78 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to the Shutdown of the Colonial Pipeline ~ *May 11, 2021*

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EO-77 Virginia Leading by Example to Reduce Plastic Pollution and Solid Waste ~ *March 23, 2021*

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EO-76 AMENDED Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Anticipated Winter Weather ~ *February 18, 2021*

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EO-76 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Anticipated Winter Weather ~ *February 11, 2021*

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EO-75 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Civil Unrest in Washington, D.C. and Potential Civil Unrest in the Commonwealth ~ *January 6, 2021*

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EO-74 Protecting Businesses From Increasing Cost of Unemployment Insurance ~ *December 22, 2020*

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EO-73 Declaration of a State Of Emergency Due to Winter Weather ~ *December 15, 2020*

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EO-72 SEVENTH AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine Easing of Commonsense Surge Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *May 14, 2021*

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EO-72 SIXTH AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine Easing of Commonsense Surge Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 29, 2021*

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EO-72 FIFTH AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine Easing of Commonsense Surge Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 21, 2021*

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EO-72 FOURTH AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine Easing of Commonsense Surge Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *March 23, 2021*

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EO-72 THIRD AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine Easing of Commonsense Surge Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *February 24, 2021*

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EO-72 SECOND AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine Commonsense Surge Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *February 17, 2021*

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EO-72 AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine Common Sense Surge Restrictions Certain Temporary Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *January 27, 2021*

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EO-72 and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine - Common Sense Surge Restrictions Certain Temporary Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *December 10, 2020*

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EO-71 Establishment of the Virginia Coastal Resilience Technical Advisory Committee ~ *November 16, 2020*

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EO-70 Addressing the Impact of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) on the Commonwealths Psychiatric Hospital System ~ *August 17, 2020*

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EO-69 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Hurricane Isaias ~ *July 31, 2020*

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EO-68 AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Eight - Additional Restrictions on the Eastern Region due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *August 3, 2020*

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EO-68 and Order of Public Health Emergency Eight - Additional Restrictions on the Eastern Region due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *July 28, 2020*

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EO-67 SIXTH AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven - Phase Three Further Adjusting of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *November 13, 2020*

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EO-67 FIFTH AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven - Phase Three Further Adjusting of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *November 5, 2020*

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EO-67 FOURTH AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven - Phase Three Further Adjusting of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *October 29, 2020*

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EO-67 THIRD AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven - Phase Three Easing of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *September 10, 2020*

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EO-67 SECOND AMENDED and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven - Phase Three Easing of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *September 3, 2020*

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EO-67 AMENDED and Order Of Public Health Emergency Seven Phase Three Further Easing of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *August 21, 2020*

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EO-67 and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven - Phase Three Easing of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *June 30, 2020*

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EO-66 Establishment of Juneteenth as a State Holiday ~ *June 17, 2020*

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EO-65 and Order of Public Health Emergency Six AMENDED - Phase Two Easing of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *June 9, 2020*

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EO-65 and Order of Public Health Emergency Six - Phase Two Easing of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *June 2, 2020*

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EO-64 FOURTH AMENDED - Extended Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Civil Unrest in the City of Richmond ~ *July 30, 2020*

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EO-64 THIRD AMENDED - Extended Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Civil Unrest in the City of Richmond ~ *June 29, 2020*

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EO-64 SECOND AMENDED: Declaration of A State Of Emergency Due to Civil Unrest and Institution of a Curfew in the City Of Richmond, the City of Virginia Beach and the City Of Hampton ~ *June 3, 2020*

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EO-64 AMENDED: Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Civil Unrest and Institution of a Curfew in the City of Richmond and the City of Virginia Beach ~ *June 1, 2020*

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EO-64 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Civil Unrest and Institution of a Curfew in the City of Richmond ~ *May 31, 2020*

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EO-63 AMENDED and Order Of Public Health Emergency Five - Requirement To Wear Face Covering While Inside Buildings ~ *November 13, 2020*

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EO-63 and Order Of Public Health Emergency Five - Requirement To Wear Face Covering While Inside Buildings ~ *May 26, 2020*

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EO-62 and Order of Public Health Emergency Four AMENDED - Jurisdictions Temporarily Delayed From Entering Phase One in Executive Order 61 and Permitted to Remain in Phase Zero Northern Virginia Region ~ *May 14, 2020*

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EO-62 and Order of Public Health Emergency Four - Jurisdictions Temporarily Delayed From Entering Phase One in Executive Order 61 and Permitted to Remain in Phase Zero Northern Virginia Region ~ *May 12, 2020*

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EO-61 and Order Of Public Health Emergency Three THIRD AMENDED - Phase One Easing Of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due To Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *June 2, 2020*

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EO-61 and Order Of Public Health Emergency Three SECOND AMENDED - Phase One Easing Of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due To Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *May 28, 2020*

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EO-61 and Order Of Public Health Emergency Three AMENDED - Phase One Easing Of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due To Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *May 20, 2020*

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EO-61 and Order of Public Health Emergency Three - Phase One Easing Of Certain Temporary Restrictions Due To Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *May 8, 2020*

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EO-60 AMENDED - Further Clarification of Certain Immunity From Liability For Healthcare Providers in Response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *December 11, 2020*

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EO-60 Clarification of Certain Immunity From Liability For Healthcare Providers in Response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 28, 2020*

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EO-59 Postponing May 5, 2020 General and Special Elections to May 19, 2020 Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 24, 2020*

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EO-58 AMENDED: Access to Medicaid-covered Health Care Services in Response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *June 10, 2020*

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EO-58 Access to Medicaid-covered Health Care Services in Response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 23, 2020*

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EO-57 THIRD AMENDED - Licensing of Health Care Professionals in Response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Further Extension of Certain Waivers ~ *March 11, 2021*

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EO-57 SECOND AMENDED: Licensing of Health Care Professionals in Response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *June 10, 2020*

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EO-57 AMENDED: Licensing of Health Care Professionals in Response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 23, 2020*

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EO-57 Licensing of Health Care Professionals in Response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 17, 2020*

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EO-56 AMENDED: Postponing June 9, 2020 Primary Election to June 23, 2020 Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 24, 2020*

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EO-56 Postponing June 9, 2020 Primary Election to June 23, 2020 Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 13, 2020*

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EO-55 Temporary Stay at Home Order Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *March 30, 2020*

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EO-54 Delegation of Authority to the Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission to Request Title XII Advances to Support Virginia Worker ~ *March 28, 2020*

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Order of Public Emergency Two AMENDED - Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency ~ *April 23, 2020*

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Order of Public Emergency Two - Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency ~ *March 25, 2020*

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EO-53 SECOND AMENDED: Extension of Temporary Restrictions on Restaurants, Recreational, Entertainment, Gatherings, Non-essential Retail Businesses, and Closure of K-12 Schools Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *May 4, 2020*

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EO-53 AMENDED: Extension of Temporary Restrictions on Restaurants, Recreational, Entertainment, Gatherings, Non-essential Retail Businesses, and Closure of K-12 Schools Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 15, 2020*

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EO-53 Temporary Restrictions on Restaurants, Recreational, Entertainment, Gatherings, Non-essential Retail Businesses, and Closure of K-12 Schools Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *March 23, 2020*

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Order of Public Emergency One AMENDED - Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency ~ *March 20, 2020*

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Order of Public Emergency One - Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency ~ *March 17, 2020*

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EO-52 AMENDED - Extension of Increases in Hospital Bed Capacity in Response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *June 22, 2020*

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EO-52 Increases in Hospital Bed Capacity in Response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *March 20, 2020*

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EO-51 AMENDED: Extending Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *May 26, 2020*

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EO-51 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *March 12, 2020*

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EO-50 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Extreme Flooding ~ *February 7, 2020*

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EO-49 AMENDED: Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Potential Civil Unrest at the Virginia State Capitol ~ *January 17, 2020*

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EO-49 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Potential Civil Unrest at the Virginia State Capitol ~ *January 15, 2020*

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EO-48 AMENDED Continuing the Virginia Data Commission, the Virginia Executive Data Board, and the Virginia Data Governance Council ~ *January 27, 2021*

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EO-48 Establishment of the Virginia Data Commission, the Virginia Executive Data ~ *January 8, 2020*

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EO-47 Expanding Opportunities for Virginians with Disabilities ~ *January 2, 2020*

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EO-46 Declaration of a State of Emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia Due to Highway Damages From Flooding ~ *December 6, 2019*

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EO-45 Floodplain Management Requirements and Planning Standards for State Agencies, Institutions, and Property ~ *November 15, 2019*

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EO-44 Continuation of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Opioids and Addiction ~ *September 25, 2019*

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EO-43 Expanding Access to Clean Energy and Growing the Clean Energy Jobs of the Future ~ *September 16, 2019*

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EO-42 Promulgation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan and Delegation of Authority ~ *September 3, 2019*

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EO-41 Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities of State Agencies and Public Institutions of Higher Education ~ *September 3, 2019*

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EO-40 Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Hurricane Dorian ~ *September 3, 2019*

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EO-39 Establishment of the Commission on African American History Education in the Commonwealth ~ *August 24, 2019*

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EO-38 Reauthorizing an Inter-agency Taskforce on Worker Misclassification and Payroll Fraud ~ *August 8, 2019*

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EO-37 Transfer of the Virginia Board of Accountancy to the Secretary of Finance ~ *August 1, 2019*

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EO-36 Establishment Of The Virginia Stem Education Commission ~ *July 17, 2019*

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EO-35 Advancing Equity For Small-, Women-, Minority-, and Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses In State Contracting ~ *July 3, 2019*

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EO-34 Declaration of a State of Emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia Due to Highway Damages From Flooding ~ *June 27, 2019*

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EO-33 Continuing the Governor's Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care and Education ~ *June 25, 2019*

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EO-32 AMENDED: Establishment of the Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in Virginia Law ~ *June 4, 2020*

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EO-32 Establishment of the Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in Virginia Law ~ *June 4, 2019*

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EO-31 Transfer of the Museum of Natural History to the Secretary of Education ~ *May 14, 2019*

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EO-30 Appointing The Secretary Of Natural Resources As The Commonwealth's Natural Resources Trustee ~ *March 21, 2019*

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EO-29 Establishment Of The Virginia Council On Environmental Justice ~ *January 22, 2019*

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EO-28 Declaration Of A State Of Emergency For The Commonwealth Of Virginia Due To Winter Weather ~ *January 12, 2019*

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EO-27 Establishing The Virginia Complete Count Commission ~ *December 18, 2018*

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EO-26 Declaration Of A State Of Emergency For The Commonwealth Of Virginia Due To Winter Weather ~ *December 8, 2018*

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EO-25 Establishing The Governor's Affordable Housing Priorities To Address Virginia's Unmet Housing Needs ~ *November 15, 2018*

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EO-24 Increasing Virginia's Resilience To Sea Level Rise And Natural Hazards ~ *November 2, 2018*

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EO-23 Declaration Of A State Of Emergency For The Commonwealth Of Virginia Due To Hurricane Michael And In Support Of States Affected By The Storm ~ *October 11, 2018*

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EO-22 Establishment of the Governor's Conservation Cabinet: A United Effort to Protect and Conserve Virginia's Natural Resources ~ *October 4, 2018*

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EO-21 Establishing The Governors Advisory Commission On Opioids And Addiction ~ *September 26, 2018*

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EO-20 Transfer Of The Department Of Military Affairs To The Secretary Of Veterans And Defense Affairs ~ *September 24, 2018*

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EO-19 Cloud Service Utilization And Readiness ~ *September 17, 2018*

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EO-18 Directing The Commissioner Of The Department Of Motor Vehicles To Extend The Validity Of Expiring Driver's Licenses And Identification Cards ~ *September 14, 2018*

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EO-17 AMENDED: Declaration Of A State Of Emergency For The Commonwealth Of Virginia Due To Potential Impacts From Hurricane Florence ~ *September 12, 2018*

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EO-17 Declaration Of A State Of Emergency For The Commonwealth Of Virginia Due To Potential Impacts From Hurricane Florence ~ *September 10, 2018*

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EO-16 Establishing An Inter-agency Task Force On Worker Misclassification And Payroll Fraud ~ *August 10, 2018*

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EO-15 Declaration Of A State Of Emergency In Preparation For The Anniversary Of Charlottesville ~ *August 8, 2018*

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EO-14 AMENDED: Development And Review Of State Agency Regulations ~ *July 16, 2018*

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EO-14 Development And Review Of State Agency Regulations ~ *June 29, 2018*

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EO-13 Establishing The Governor's Advisory Commission On Quality Child Care And Education ~ *June 25, 2018*

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EO-12 Parental Leave For Commonwealth Employees ~ *June 25, 2018*

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EO-11 The Way Ahead for Virginia's Children: Establishing the Children's Cabinet ~ *June 21, 2018*

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EO-10 Declaration Of A State Of Emergency For The Commonwealth Of Virginia Due To Severe Weather And Flooding ~ *June 8, 2018*

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EO-9 Directing The Commissioner Of The Department Of Motor Vehicles To Extend The Validity Of Expiring Driver's Licenses And Identification Cards ~ *April 27, 2018*

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EO-8 Designation Of Executive Branch Officers And Employees Required To File Financial Disclosure Statements ~ *April 25, 2018*

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EO-7 Declaration Of A State Of Emergency For The Commonwealth Of Virginia Due To Severe Weather ~ *April 16, 2018*

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EO-6 Executive Order Supporting The Critical Role Of The Virginia Department Of Environmental Quality In Protection Of Virginia's Air, Water, And Public Health ~ *April 3, 2018*

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EO-5 Declaration Of A State Of Emergency For The Commonwealth Of Virginia Due To Severe Weather ~ *March 2, 2018*

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EO-4 Declaration Of A State Of Emergency For The Commonwealth Of Virginia Due To Severe Weather ~ *February 12, 2018*

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EO-3 Delegation Of Governor's Authority To Declare A State Of Emergency, To Call The Virginia National Guard To Active Service For Emergencies Or Disasters, And To Declare The Governor Unable To Discharge The Powers And Duties Of His Office When The Governor Cannot Be Reached Or Is Incapacitated ~ *January 13, 2018*

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EO-2 Authority And Responsibility Of The Chief Of Staff ~ *January 13, 2018*

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EO-1 Equal Opportunity ~ *January 13, 2018*

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVES

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ED-18 Ensuring a Safe Work Place ~ *August 5, 2021*

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ED-17 Virginia Leading by Example to Restore the Chesapeake Bay and Its Tributaries ~ *June 3, 2021*

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ED-16 Directing the Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission to Further Expand Capacity of Unemployment Insurance System ~ *May 18, 2021*

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ED-15 Authorization for the Department of Military Affairs to Cover Health Insurance Costs for Service Members Called to State Active Duty ~ *April 30, 2021*

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ED-14 Establishing Virginia's Security Corridors Sentinel Landscapes State Coordinating Committee ~ *March 25, 2021*

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ED-13 Directing the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program Regarding Responsibility and Reporting to the Commonwealth's Chief Resilience Officer ~ *November 16, 2020*

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ED-12 Continuing the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign: Employee Workplace Giving and Volunteerism ~ *September 30, 2020*

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ED-11 Directing the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to Take Certain Actions Related to Chapter 1217 and Chapter 1277 of the 2020 Virginia General Assembly ~ *May 18, 2020*

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ED-10 Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to Take Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 8, 2020*

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ED-9 Directing the Virginia Marine Resources Commission Regarding Regulations Related to Atlantic Menhaden Pursuant to HB 1448 and SB 791 ~ *March 31, 2020*

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ED-8 AMENDED: Directing the Superintendent of the Virginia Department of State Police to Take Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 23, 2020*

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ED-8 Directing the Superintendent of the Virginia Department of State Police to Take Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *March 19, 2020*

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ED-7 FIFTH AMENDED: Directing the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Further Extend Certain Administrative Actions to Support the Department's Phased Reopening ~ *August 28, 2020*

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ED-7 FOURTH AMENDED: Directing The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Take Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *June 25, 2020*

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ED-7 THIRD AMENDED: Directing The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Take Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *May 27, 2020*

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ED-7 SECOND AMENDED: Directing The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Take Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *May 8, 2020*

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ED-7 AMENDED: Directing The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Take Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *April 23, 2020*

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ED-7 Directing The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Take Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) ~ *March 17, 2020*

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ED-6 Continuing the Community Integration Team ~ *January 2, 2020*

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ED-5 Access to Affordable Quality Health Care Coverage ~ *October 15, 2019*

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ED-4 Establishing The Governor's Executive Leadership Team on School Readiness ~ *July 24, 2019*

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ED-3 Continuing the Statewide Agencies Radio System ~ *May 14, 2019*

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ED-2 Establishing The Governor's Executive Leadership Team On Highway Safety ~ *December 4, 2018*

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ED-1 Directing the Virginia Racing Commission Regarding Regulations Related to Historic Horse Racing Pursuant to House Bill 1609 ~ *July 1, 2018*

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# VIRGINIA STATE SENATE

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**Location:**

POCAHONTAS BUILDING  
Capitol Square  
Richmond, Virginia 23219



**District 1**

## T. Montgomery Mason

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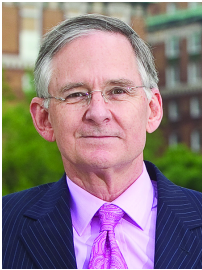
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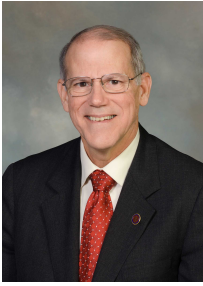
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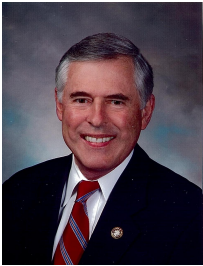
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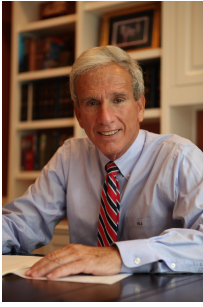
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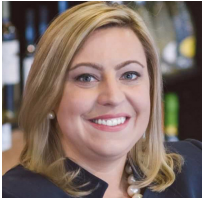
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Tel. (804) 225-3350

**Code Reference:**

§ 2.2-1829

**Purpose:**

The Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) is the legislative external auditor for the Commonwealth of Virginia's agencies, colleges, universities, and municipal courts.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.apa.virginia.gov/>

**Auditor of Public Accounts:**

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### DIVISION OF CAPITOL POLICE

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**Location:**

Division of Capitol Police  
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**Code Reference:**

§ 30-34.2:1

**Purpose:**

The Division of Capitol Police is the oldest police agency in the United States with its origin dating back to 1618 at Jamestown, Virginia where they served as the Public Guard, a military unit of 10 men, to protect Governor George Yeardley. The legislative authority as Capitol police officers was granted in 1890. The Division of Capitol Police strives to provide progressive law enforcement and security services to Virginia's government officials, employees, citizens of the Commonwealth and its visitors.

**Web Site:**

<https://dcp.virginia.gov/index.asp>

**Chief:**

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### DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUTOMATED SYSTEMS

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**Location:**

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Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-1895

**Code Reference:**

§ 30-34.11

**Purpose:**

The Division of Legislative Automated Systems (DLAS) creates and maintains custom software applications to meet the core business needs of the General Assembly.

**Web Site:**

<http://dlas.virginia.gov/>

**Director:**

Mark Vucci

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## DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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**Location:**

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Tel. (804) 698-1810

**Code Reference:**

§ 30-28.12

**Purpose:**

The Division of Legislative Services (DLS) is the legislative branch agency created statutorily by the General Assembly to provide nonpartisan legal and general research services to members of the General Assembly and its standing committees in the House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia.

**Web Site:**

<http://dls.virginia.gov/>

**Director:**

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## Virginia Coal and Energy Commission

**Location:**

Division of Legislative Services  
Pocahontas Building  
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900 East Main Street

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**Code:**

§ 30-188

**Purpose:**

The Commission shall generally study all aspects of coal as an energy resource and endeavor to stimulate, encourage, promote, and assist in the development of renewable and alternative energy resources other than petroleum. The Commission shall have no authority to adopt regulations.

**Composition:**

The Virginia Coal and Energy Commission (the Commission) is established in the legislative branch of state government. The Commission shall consist of 20 members to be appointed as follows: five members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; eight members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and seven nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor. The nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall include representatives of industry, government and groups or organizations identified with production and conservation of coal, natural gas, and energy.

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of four years. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Any member may be reappointed for successive terms. The members of the Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually from among its membership.

**Term:**

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of four years. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Any member may be reappointed for successive terms.

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..... Joshua Ball	6/30/2023

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**Legislative Details:**

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## Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council

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Richmond, Virginia 23219  
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**Code:**

§ 30-178

**Purpose:**

The Council shall: furnish, upon request, advisory opinions or guidelines, and other appropriate information regarding the Freedom of Information Act (' 2.2- 3700 et seq.) to any person or agency of state or local government, in an expeditious manner; conduct training seminars and educational programs for the members and staff of public bodies and other interested persons on the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (' 2.2-3700 et seq.); publish such educational materials as it deems appropriate on the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (' 2.2-3700 et seq.); request from any agency of state or local government such assistance, services and information as will enable the Council to effectively carry out its responsibilities. Information provided to the Council by an agency of state or local government shall not be released to any other party unless authorized by such agency; assist in the development and implementation of the provisions of ' 2.2-3704.1; and report annually on or before December 1 of each year on its activities and findings regarding the Freedom of Information Act, including recommendations for changes in the law, to the General Assembly and the Governor. The annual report shall be published as a state document.

**Composition:**

The Council shall consist of fourteen members as follows: the Attorney General or his designee; the Librarian of Virginia or his designee; the Director of the Division of Legislative Services or his designee; five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, two of whom shall be members of the House of Delegates, and three nonlegislative citizen members, at least one of whom shall be or have been a representative of the news media; four members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, two of whom shall be members of the Senate, one of whom shall be or have been an officer of local government, and one nonlegislative citizen at-large member; and two nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall not be a state employee. The local government representative may be selected from a list recommended by the Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal League, after due consideration of such list by the Senate Committee on Rules. The citizen members may be selected from a list recommended by the Virginia Press Association, the Virginia Association of Broadcasters, and the Virginia Coalition for Open Government, after due consideration of such list by the appointing authorities.

All appointments following the initial staggering of terms shall be for terms of four years, except that appointments to fill

vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms in the same manner as the original appointment. No nonlegislative citizen member shall be eligible to serve for more than two successive four-year terms. At the end of a term, a nonlegislative citizen member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed. However, after the expiration of a term of three years or less, or after the expiration of the remainder of a term to which appointed to fill a vacancy, two additional terms may be served by such member if appointed thereto. Legislative members and other state government officials shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Legislative members may be reappointed for successive terms. The members of the Council shall elect from among their membership a chairman and a vice-chairman for two-year terms. The chairman and vice-chairman may not succeed themselves to the same position.

**Term:**

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## Virginia Housing Commission

**Location:**

Division of Legislative Services  
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900 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
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**Code:**

§ 30-257 et seq

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Housing Commission (the Commission) is established in the legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission is to study and provide recommendations to ensure and foster the availability of safe, sound affordable housing for every Virginian. The Commission may also study and make recommendations relating to such other housing, real property, and community development issues as it may be called upon to consider or as may be desirable.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of 11 members. Of these members, there shall be eight legislative members and three nonlegislative citizen members as follows: five members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and three nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Legislative and nonlegislative citizen members may be reappointed for successive terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman every two years from among its membership, who shall be members of the General Assembly.

**Term:**

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Legislative and nonlegislative citizen members may be reappointed for successive terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

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**Manufacturing Development Commission**

**Location:**

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900 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 698-1810

**Code:**

§ 30-275.

**Purpose:**

The Manufacturing Development Commission (the Commission) is established in the legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission shall be to assess manufacturing needs and formulate legislative and regulatory remedies to ensure the future of the manufacturing sector in Virginia.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall have a total membership of 14 that shall consist of eight legislative members, five nonlegislative citizen members, and one ex officio member. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; five members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; and five nonlegislative citizen members of whom (i) one shall be a representative of a public institution of higher education other than Norfolk State University or Virginia State University, (ii) one shall be a representative of an entity or organization active in economic development efforts in the Commonwealth, (iii) one shall be a representative of a Virginia manufacturer, (iv) one shall be the president of the Virginia Manufacturers Association, and (v) one shall be a representative of Norfolk State University or Virginia State University, to be appointed by the Governor. The Secretary of Commerce and Trade or his designee shall serve ex officio with voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of four years. Legislative members, the president of the Virginia Manufacturers Association, and ex officio members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All members may be reappointed for successive terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The members of the Commission shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman annually, who shall be members of the General Assembly. A majority of the members of the

Commission shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall meet at the call of the chairman or whenever a majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of four years. Legislative members, the president of the Virginia Manufacturers Association, and ex officio members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All members may be reappointed for successive terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

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..... Brett Vassey .....	6/30/2022

**Ex Officio Members:**

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**Legislative Details:**

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**Small Business Commission**

**Location:**

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900 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 698-1810



**Code:**

§ 30-182. Small Business Commission

**Purpose:**

The Small Business Commission (the Commission) is established in the legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission shall be to study, report and make recommendations on issues of concern to small businesses in the Commonwealth.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of 16 members that include 10 legislative members and six nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: six members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; four members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and six nonlegislative citizen members, each of whom shall have previously demonstrated small business experience or expertise, to be appointed by the Governor. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

All gubernatorial appointments to the Commission shall be for terms of two years. Legislative members shall serve terms coincident to their terms of office. All members may be reappointed for successive terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The members of the Commission shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman annually, who shall be members of the General Assembly. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall meet at the call of the chairman or whenever a majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

All gubernatorial appointments to the Commission shall be for terms of two years. Legislative members shall serve terms coincident to their terms of office. All members may be reappointed for successive terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Frank M. Ruff Jr.  
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The Honorable Lynwood W. Lewis Jr.  
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The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan  
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The Honorable John J. Bell, Vice Chair

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Alfonso H. Lopez, Chair  
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The Honorable Kelly K. Convirs-Fowler  
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The Honorable Suhas Subramanyam  
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The Honorable Rodney T. Willett  
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The Honorable Tony O. Wilt  
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The Honorable Christopher T. Head

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Matthew Nusbaum .....	6/30/2022
..... Jayanth Challa .....	6/30/2023
..... Jorge Yinat .....	6/30/2023
..... Quan M. Boatman .....	6/30/2023

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Vickie Renea Williams	6/30/2022
Kunal Kumar	6/30/2022

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**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/153>

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**State Water Commission**

**Location:**

Division of Legislative Services  
Pocahontas Building  
8th Floor  
900 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 698-1810

**Code:**

§ 30-186. State Water Commission

**Purpose:**

The State Water Commission shall have the power and duty to: study all aspects of water supply and allocation problems in the Commonwealth, whether these problems are of a quantitative or qualitative nature; coordinate the legislative recommendations of all other state entities having responsibilities with respect to water supply and allocation issues; and report annually its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor. The chairman of the Commission shall submit to the General Assembly and the Governor an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Commission no later than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of 15 members to be appointed as follows: the Chairmen of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources; seven members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; four members of the Senate appointed by the Committee on Rules; and two nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, who shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office and may be reappointed to successive terms. Gubernatorial appointees shall serve for terms of four years and may succeed themselves, but vacancies during their terms shall be filled only for the unexpired portion of the term. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The members of the Commission shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman.

**Term:**

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office and may be reappointed to successive terms. Gubernatorial appointees shall serve for terms of four years and may succeed themselves, but vacancies during their terms shall be filled only for the unexpired portion of the term. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Frank M. Ruff Jr., Vice Chair  
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The Honorable J. Chapman Petersen, Chair, Senate Agriculture, Conservation and  
Natural Resources  
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The Honorable Lynwood W. Lewis Jr.  
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The Honorable Scott A. Surovell  
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The Honorable T. Montgomery 'Monty' Mason, Vice Chair

**House Members:**

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The Honorable David L. Bulova, Chair  
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The Honorable Kenneth R. Plum  
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The Honorable Alfonso H. Lopez  
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The Honorable Paul E. Krizek  
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The Honorable Kathy KL Tran  
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The Honorable Thomas C. Wright Jr.  
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The Honorable Daniel W. Marshall III  
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The Honorable Margaret B. Ransone

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
.....	6/30/2021
Lamont W. Curtis	6/30/2025

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/188>

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## JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AND REVIEW COMMISSION

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**Location:**

919 East Main Street, Suite 2101  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 786-1258 ? Fax (804) 317-0101

**Code Reference:**

§ 30-56

**Purpose:**

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) conducts program evaluation, policy analysis, and oversight of state agencies on behalf of the Virginia General Assembly.

**Web Site:**

<http://jlarc.virginia.gov/>

**Director:**

Hal E. Greer

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## Commission on School Construction and Modernization

**Code:**

§ 30-376

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Commission is to develop and provide guidance and resources to local school divisions related to school construction and modernization and make funding recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

This chapter shall expire on July 1, 2026.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall have a total membership of 17 members that shall consist of eight legislative members, three nonlegislative citizen members, and six ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; five members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one nonlegislative citizen member to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; one nonlegislative citizen member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and one nonlegislative citizen member to be appointed by the Governor. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Director of the Department of General Services, the Executive Director of the Virginia Resources Authority, the State Treasurer, the President of the Board of Education, and the Director of the Department of Planning of Budget, or their respective designees, shall each serve ex officio with voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the Commonwealth. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the chairman of the Commission and the respective Clerk, nonlegislative citizen members shall only be reimbursed for travel originating and ending within the Commonwealth for the purpose of attending meetings.

Legislative members and ex officio members of the Commission shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of two years. The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership, who shall be members of the General Assembly.

**Term:**

All members may be reappointed. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of two years

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan, Chair

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The Honorable William M. Stanley Jr.

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The Honorable Jeremy S. McPike

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Jeffrey M. Bourne

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The Honorable Chris L. Hurst, Vice Chair

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The Honorable Shelly A. Simonds

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The Honorable David A. LaRock

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The Honorable Ronnie R. Campbell

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

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Keith Perrigan

*Term Expires*

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6/30/2022

**Legislative Appointees:**

Dr. Stewart D. Roberson	June 30, 2022
Wilma Battle	June 30, 2022

**Ex Officio Members:**

- James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Joe Damico, Director, Department of General Services
- The Honorable Manju Ganeriwala, State Treasurer, Virginia Department of the Treasury
- Daniel Timberlake, Director, Department of Planning and Budget
- Stephanie L. Hamlett, Executive Director, Virginia Resources Authority
- Daniel A. Gecker, President, Board of Education

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/540>

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**Autism Advisory Council**

**Location:**

Division of Legislative Services  
Pocahontas Building  
8th Floor  
900 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 698-1810

**Code:**

§ 30-326

**Purpose:**

The Autism Advisory Council (the Council) is established as an advisory council in the legislative branch of state government to promote coordination of services and resources among agencies involved in the delivery of services to Virginians with autism spectrum disorders and to increase public awareness of such services and resources.

**Composition:**

The Council shall have a total membership of eight members that shall consist of six legislative members and two nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; four members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; and two nonlegislative citizen members, of whom one shall be a practicing pediatrician and one shall be an advocate for autism spectrum disorders, to be appointed by the Governor. The Council shall request the participation of the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Commissioner of Rehabilitative Services, the Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Executive Director of the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, the Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Director of the Virginia Autism Resource Center at Virginia Commonwealth University, and the president of Commonwealth Autism or their designees. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Council shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Unless otherwise approved in writing by the chairman of the Council and the respective Clerk, nonlegislative citizen members shall only be reimbursed for travel originating and ending within the Commonwealth for the purpose of attending meetings.

**Term:**

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be for four-year terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Legislative and citizen members may be reappointed; however, no citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's term limit. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger Jr.  
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The Honorable J. Chapman Petersen

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Kenneth R. Plum  
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The Honorable Kaye Kory

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The Honorable Joshua G. Cole, Chair  
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The Honorable Glenn R. Davis Jr.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Polly J. Panitz .....	6/30/2023
..... Dilshad D. Ali .....	6/30/2023

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/223>

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**Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Awards Committee**

**Location:**

Division of Legislative Services  
Pocahontas Building  
8th Floor  
900 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 698-1810

**Code:**

§ 30-231.5

**Purpose:**

There is hereby established in the legislative branch of state government the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee," to evaluate applications for and select recipients of the Brown v. Board of Education scholarships, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

**Composition:**

The Committee shall consist of eleven members that include six legislative members and five nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: four members of the House of Delegates and two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Joint Rules Committee and five nonlegislative citizen members of whom one shall represent college admissions personnel, one shall have expertise in academic and career counseling, and three shall represent residents of the affected jurisdictions, to be appointed by the Governor. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Committee shall be citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the chairman of the Committee and the Joint Rules Committee, nonlegislative citizen members shall only be reimbursed for travel originating and ending within the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of attending meetings.

**Term:**

Legislative members of the Committee shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Legislative and nonlegislative citizen members may be reappointed. However, no House member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms, no Senate member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms, and no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a nonlegislative citizen member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Mamie E. Locke  
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The Honorable Ghazala F. Hashmi  
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**House Members:**

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The Honorable Angelia Williams Graves  
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The Honorable Candi Mundon King  
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The Honorable Israel D. O'Quinn  
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The Honorable Chris Runion  
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**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Marcella Vishon Luck .....	6/30/2021
..... Karen Eley Sanders .....	6/30/2021
..... Robert Leroy Hamlin .....	6/30/2019
..... Joy A. Speakes .....	6/30/2021
..... Joan Marie Cobbs .....	6/30/2021

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/232>

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**Capitol Square Preservation Council**

**Location:**

Virginia Capitol Square Preservation Council  
1000 Bank Street  
Post Office Box 406

Richmond, Virginia 23218  
Tel. (804) 225-2811

**Code:**

§ 30-193

**Purpose:**

The Council shall assess the architectural, historical, archeological and landscape features of the Capitol Square and antiquities contained therein. Develop plans and recommendations for their maintenance and preservation and for the enhancement of their historical and architectural integrity. Develop recommendations for the promotion of activities and efforts that will enhance interpretive and educational opportunities. Review all plans or proposals for alterations, improvements, additions, renovations or other disposition that is structural or architectural in nature.

**Composition:**

The Council shall consist of thirteen members as follows: three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, after consideration of the lists of nominations provided by the governing bodies of The Garden Club of Virginia, the Historic Richmond Foundation and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, if any; two members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, after consideration of the lists of nominations provided by the governing bodies of the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, if any; five nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, two after consideration of the lists of nominations provided by the governing bodies of the Virginia Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Virginia Historical Society, if any, one from the membership of the Citizens' Advisory Council on Furnishing and Interpreting the Executive Mansion and two citizens at large; the Secretary of Administration, or his designee; and the Clerks of the House of Delegates and the Senate who shall serve ex officio with voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Appointments to the Council shall be for terms of three years. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two successive three-year terms. Legislative members shall serve a term coincident with his terms of office and may be reappointed for successive terms without limitation.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Andrew Harris Talkov	6/30/2022
Missy B. Benson	6/30/2022
Robert H. Brink	6/30/2024
Lauranett L. Lee	6/30/2024
Nadia V. Volchansky	6/30/2023

**Legislative Appointees:**

Andrew Moore	June 1, 2022
Bob Tabor	June 30, 2023
Eric Edmond	June 30, 2023
Dr. Delta Bowers	June 30, 2024
Mr. Robert E. Comet Jr.	June 30, 2022

**Ex Officio Members:**

The Honorable Susan C. Schaar, Clerk of the Senate of Virginia  
The Honorable Suzette Denslow, Clerk, Virginia House of Delegates  
The Honorable Grindly Johnson, Secretary of Administration



**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/234>

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**Commissioners for Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation**

**Location:**

Division of Legislative Services  
Pocahontas Building  
8th Floor  
900 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 698-1810

**Code:**

§ 30-196

**Purpose:**

It shall be the duty of the Commissioners for Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation to examine subjects on which uniformity is desirable, to ascertain the best means to effect uniformity in the laws of the states, and to represent the Commonwealth in conventions of like Commissioners appointed by other states to consider and draft uniform laws to be submitted for adoption by the several states, and to devise and recommend such other course of action as shall best accomplish the purpose of this chapter.

**Composition:**

There shall be appointed by the Governor three Commissioners, who with the Director of the Division of Legislative Services and any persons appointed as life members are hereby constituted a board of Commissioners by the name and style of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States.

Each of the appointed Commissioners shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor, and excepting life members and the Director of the Division of Legislative Services, shall serve for a term of four years. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for unexpired terms.

**Term:**

Each of the appointed Commissioners shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor, and excepting life members and the Director of the Division of Legislative Services, shall serve for a term of four years. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for unexpired terms.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Thomas A. Edmonds	9/30/2024
David H. Hallock	9/30/2024
Christopher R. Nolen	9/30/2024

**Legislative Appointees:**

- Lane Kneedler, Chair
- Mary Devine
- Ellen Dyke
- E. M. Miller, Jr.

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Connie Ring

**Ex Officio Members:**

Amigo Wade, Director, Division of Legislative Services

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/610>

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**Virginia Israel Advisory Board**

**Location:**

Pocahontas Building  
900 East Main Street, Suite E325  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 30-281.1.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board shall be to advise the Governor on ways to improve economic and cultural links between the Commonwealth and the State of Israel, with a focus on the areas of commerce and trade, art and education, and general government.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of thirty-one members that include twenty-nine citizen members and two ex officio members as follows: six citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, who may be members of the House of Delegates or other state or local elected officials; six citizen members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, who may be members of the Senate or other state or local elected officials; thirteen members appointed by the Governor who represent business, industry, education, the arts, and government; the president, or his designee, of each of the four Jewish Community Federations serving the Richmond, Northern Virginia, Tidewater and Peninsula regions; and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and the Secretary of Education, or their designees, who shall serve as ex officio voting members of the Board.

Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve for terms of four years. Legislative members and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and the Secretary of Education, or their designees, shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Any member may be reappointed for successive terms. The members of the Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually from among its membership. The Board shall meet at such times as it deems appropriate or on call of the chairman. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

**Term:**

Nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of four years and nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall serve for terms of two years. Legislative members and the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade and Education shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

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Sophie Ruth Hoffman

*Term Expires*

6/30/2024

Jeffrey P. Bialos	6/30/2025
Irving M. Blank	6/30/2025
Michael A. Gillette	6/30/2024
Scott Brown	6/30/2025

**Legislative Appointees:**

David Tenzer	June 30, 2022
Jeffrey F. Brooke	June 30, 2022
Jay B. Myerson	June 30, 2022
Larry Davidson	June 30, 2022
Mr. Abby W. Moore	June 30, 2022
Sam Kaufman	June 30, 2022
Charles Lessin	June 30, 2023
Mark Dreyfus	June 30, 2023
Brian R. Greene	June 30, 2023
Allison Lawrence	June 30, 2024
Mel Chaskin	June 30, 2022
Marcus M. Weinstein	June 30, 2022
Larry Krakover	June 30, 2022
Nathan A. Shor	June 30, 2022
Mr. Steven Skaist	June 30, 2022
Ms. Julie Alexa Strauss	June 30, 2022
Eitan Stern	June 30, 2022
Thomas McCracken	June 30, 2022
Mr. William Nusbaum	June 30, 2023
Thomas Riesenber	June 30, 2024

**Ex Officio Members:**

The Honorable Brian Ball, Secretary of Commerce and Trade  
The Honorable Atif Qarni, Secretary of Education

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/163>

**Virginia State Crime Commission**

**Location:**

Patrick Henry Building  
1111 East Broad Street  
Suite B036  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 30-156. Virginia State Crime Commission

**Purpose:**

The Virginia State Crime Commission (the Commission) is established in the legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission shall be to study, report and make recommendations on all areas of public safety and protection. In so doing it shall endeavor to ascertain the causes of crime and recommend ways to reduce and prevent it, explore and recommend methods of rehabilitation of convicted criminals, study compensation of persons in law enforcement and related fields and study other related matters including apprehension, trial and punishment of criminal offenders. The Commission shall make such recommendations as it deems appropriate with respect to the foregoing matters, and shall coordinate the proposals and recommendations of all commissions and agencies as to legislation affecting crimes, crime control and criminal procedure. The Commission shall cooperate with the executive branch of state government, the Attorney General's office and the judiciary who are in turn encouraged to cooperate with the Commission. The Commission shall cooperate with governments and governmental agencies of other states and the United States.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of 13 members that include nine legislative members, three nonlegislative citizen members, and one state official as follows: six members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; three nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor; and the Attorney General or his designee. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Unless otherwise approved by the chairman of the Commission, nonlegislative citizen members shall only be reimbursed for travel originating and ending within the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of attending meetings.

The term of each appointee shall be for two years, except that the Attorney General and legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All members may be reappointed. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually, who shall be members of the General Assembly. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

The term of each appointee shall be for two years, except that the Attorney General and legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All members may be reappointed. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable John S. Edwards, Chair  
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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas  
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The Honorable Scott A. Surovell  
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**House Members:**

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The Honorable Charniele L. Herring  
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The Honorable Delores L. McQuinn  
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The Honorable Paul E. Krizek  
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The Honorable Michael P. Mullin  
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The Honorable Leslie R. (Les) Adams, Vice Chair  
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The Honorable Jeffrey L. Campbell  
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**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

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Larry D. Terry  
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*Term Expires*  
6/30/2022

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Larry D. Boone	6/30/2022
Lori H. Haas	6/30/2022

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**Ex Officio Members:**

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The Honorable Mark R. Herring, Attorney General

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/259>

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**Commission on Youth**

**Location:**

Virginia Commission on Youth  
Pocahontas Building  
900 East Main Street, 11th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 371-2481 ? Fax (804) 371-0574

**Code:**

§ 30-174. Virginia Commission on Youth

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Commission on Youth (the Commission) is established in the legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission shall be to study and provide recommendations addressing the needs of and services to the Commonwealth's youth and their families. In so doing, it shall encourage the development of uniform policies and services to youth across the Commonwealth and provide a forum for continuing review and study of such services. In addition to its own proposals, the Commission shall coordinate the proposals and recommendations of all commissions and agencies as to legislation affecting youth.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of 12 members to be appointed as follows: six members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and three nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve four-year terms. Members may be reappointed for successive terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The Commission shall elect its chairman and vice-chairman annually. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve four-year terms. Members may be reappointed for successive terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable David W. Marsden

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The Honorable Barbara A. Favola

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The Honorable David R. Suetterlein

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Jerrauld C. (Jay) Jones

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The Honorable Elizabeth R. Guzman

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The Honorable Karrie K. Delaney

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The Honorable Joshua G. Cole

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The Honorable Emily M. Brewer

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The Honorable Robert B. Bell

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Deirdre S. Goldsmith	6/30/2022
Avi D. Hopkins	6/30/2024
Chris Rehak	6/30/2024

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/206>

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**Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council**

**Location:**

900 East Main Street, 8th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code:**

§ 30-355. Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council (the Council) is hereby created as an advisory council in the legislative branch to encourage and facilitate compliance with the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (' 2.2-3100 et seq.) and the General Assembly Conflicts of Interests Act (' 30-100 et seq.) (hereafter the Acts) and the lobbying laws in Article 3 (' 2.2-418 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 2.2 (hereafter Article 3).

**Composition:**

The Council shall consist of nine members as follows: three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, two of whom shall be members of the House of Delegates and one of whom shall be a former judge of a court of record; three members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, two of whom shall be members of the Senate and one of whom shall be a former judge of a court of record; and three members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a current or former executive branch employee, one of whom shall be appointed from a list of three nominees submitted by the Virginia Association of Counties, and one of whom shall be appointed from a list of three nominees submitted by the Virginia Municipal League. In the appointment to the Council of members of the House of Delegates made by the Speaker and members of the Senate made by the Senate Committee on Rules, equal representation shall be given to each of the political parties having the highest and next highest number of members elected to their respective body. All members of the Council are subject to confirmation by the General Assembly by a majority vote in each house of (i) the members present of the majority party and (ii) the members present of the minority party.

All appointments following the initial staggering of terms shall be for terms of four years, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms in the same manner as the original appointment. No nonlegislative citizen member shall be eligible to serve for more than two successive four-year terms. However, after the expiration of a term of three years or less, or after the expiration of the remainder of a term to which appointed to fill a vacancy, two additional terms may be served by such member if appointed thereto. Legislative members and other state government officials shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Legislative members may be reappointed for successive terms. The members of the Council shall elect from among their membership a chairman and a vice-chairman for two-year terms. The chairman and vice-chairman may not succeed themselves to the same position. The Council shall hold meetings upon the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request. A majority of the Council appointed shall constitute a quorum.

**Term:**

All appointments following the initial staggering of terms shall be for terms of four years, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms in the same manner as the original appointment.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Tracy N. Retchin	6/30/2025
Sharon Elizabeth Pandak	6/30/2023
John C. Blair	6/30/2024

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**Virginia Code Commission**

**Location:**

Pocahontas Building  
900 East Main Street  
Richmond, VA 23219  
Tel. (804) 698-1810

**Code:**

§ 30-145. Virginia Code Commission

**Purpose:**

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of publishing and maintaining a Code of the general and permanent statutes of the Commonwealth. The Commission shall also have the responsibility of publishing and maintaining the Virginia

Administrative Code, and publishing the Virginia Register of Regulations as provided for in ' 2.2-4031.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall consist of not less than eleven members nor more than thirteen members as follows: two members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules for terms coincident with their terms as members of the Senate, and two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates for terms coincident with their terms as members of the House of Delegates, as well as two circuit court judges, both of whom may

be retired or inactive, one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and one appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, for terms of four years each; and one former member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker and one former member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, both for four-year terms, who shall be entitled to all the rights granted under ' 30-5; 4. The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. Meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

All members of the Commission shall serve until the expiration of their terms or until their successors qualify. Subsequent appointments shall be made for similar terms, and vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms in the manner of the original appointments.



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JUDICIAL BRANCH

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# SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA

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**Location:****Supreme Court Building**

Post Office Box 1315  
100 North Ninth Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-1315

Tel. (804) 786-2251

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/scv/home.html>

**Administrative Staff**

Clerk of the Court	<b>Muriel-Theresa Pitney</b>
Deputy Clerk III	<b>Melissa B. Layman</b>
Deputy Clerk II	<b>Jody James-Wood</b>
Deputy Clerk I	<b>Lesley Smith</b>
Chief Staff Attorney	<b>K. Lorraine Lord</b>

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## JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

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**Chief Justice**

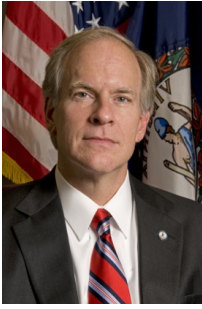
**The Honorable S. Bernard Goodwyn**

*Term expires: January 31, 2032*

**Justice**

**The Honorable Donald W. Lemons**

*Term expires: March 16, 2024*



**Justice**

**The Honorable William C. Mims**

*Term expires: March 31, 2022*

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**Justice**

**The Honorable Cleo E. Powell**

*Term expires: July 31, 2023*

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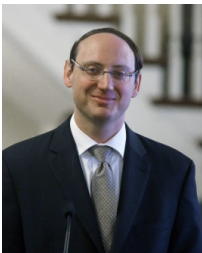


**Justice**

**The Honorable D. Arthur Kelsey**

*Term expires: January 31, 2027*

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**Justice**

**The Honorable Stephen R. McCullough**

*Term expires: March 2, 2028*

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**Justice**

**The Honorable Teresa M. Chafin**

*Term expires: August 31, 2031*

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SENIOR JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

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**Senior Justice**

The Honorable Charles S. Russell

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**Senior Justice**

The Honorable Lawrence L. Koontz, Jr.

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**Senior Justice**

The Honorable LeRoy F. Millette, Jr.

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# COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA

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**Location:****Court of Appeals**

109 North Eighth Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2321  
Tel. (804) 371-8428

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/cav/home.html>

**Administrative Staff**

Clerk of the Court

**A. John Vollino**

Chief Staff Attorney

**Alice T. Armstrong**

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## JUDGES

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Hon. Marla Graff Decker, Chief Judge

Hon. Robert J. Humphreys

Hon. Randolph A. Beales

Hon. Glen A. Huff

Hon. Mary Grace O'Brien

Hon. Wesley G. Russell, Jr.

Hon. Richard Y. AtLee, Jr.

Hon. Mary B. Malveaux

Hon. Clifford L. Athey, Jr.

Hon. Junius P. Fulton, III

Hon. Daniel E. Ortiz

Hon. Doris Henderson Causey

Hon. Frank K. Friedman

Hon. Vernida R. Chaney

Hon. Stuart A. Raphael

Hon. Lisa M. Lorish

Hon. Dominique A. Callins

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## SENIOR JUDGES

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Hon. Rosemarie Annunziata

Hon. Jean Harrison Clements

Hon. James W. Haley, Jr.

Hon. Robert P. Frank

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## CIRCUIT COURTS

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<b>County</b>	<b>Circuit Court</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Circuit Court</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Circuit Court</b>
Accomack	02	Franklin	22	Nottoway	11
Albemarle	16	Frederick	26	Orange	16
Alleghany	25	Giles	27	Page	26
Amelia	11	Gloucester	09	Patrick	21
Amherst	24	Goochland	16	Pittsylvania	22
Appomattox	10	Grayson	27	Powhatan	11
Arlington	17	Greene	16	Prince Edward	10
Augusta	25	Greensville	06	Prince George	06
Bath	25	Halifax	10	Prince William	31
Bedford	24	Hanover	15	Pulaski	27
Bland	27	Henrico	14	Rappahannock	20
Botetourt	25	Henry	21	Richmond	15
Brunswick	06	Highland	25	Roanoke	23
Buchanan	29	Isle of Wight	05	Rockbridge	25
Buckingham	10	James City	09	Rockingham	26
Campbell	24	King George	15	Russell	29
Caroline	15	King and Queen	09	Scott	30
Carroll	27	King William	09	Shenandoah	26
Charles City	09	Lancaster	15	Smyth	28
Charlotte	10	Lee	30	Southampton	05
Chesterfield	12	Loudoun	20	Spotsylvania	15
Clarke	26	Louisa	16	Stafford	15
Craig	25	Lunenburg	10	Surry	06
Culpeper	16	Madison	16	Sussex	06
Cumberland	10	Mathews	09	Tazewell	29
Dickenson	29	Mecklenburg	10	Warren	26
Dinwiddie	11	Middlesex	09	Washington	28
Essex	15	Montgomery	27	Westmoreland	15
Fairfax	19	Nelson	24	Wise	30
Fauquier	20	New Kent	09	Wythe	27
Floyd	27	Northampton	02	York	09
Fluvanna	16	Northumberland	15		

<b>City</b>	<b>Circuit Court</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Circuit Court</b>
Alexandria	18	Lynchburg	24
Arlington	17	Manassas	31
Bedford	24	Manassas Park	31
Bristol	28	Martinsville	21
Buena Vista	25	Newport News	07
Charlottesville	16	Norfolk	04
Chesapeake	01	Norton	30
Colonial Heights	12	Petersburg	11
Covington	25	Portsmouth	03
Danville	22	Poquoson	09
Emporia	06	Radford	27
Fairfax	19	Richmond	13
Falls Church	17	Roanoke	23
Franklin	05	Salem	23
Fredericksburg	15	Staunton	25
Galax	27	Suffolk	05
Hampton	08	Virginia Beach	02
Harrisonburg	26	Waynesboro	25
Hopewell	06	Williamsburg	09
Lexington	25	Winchester	26

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## FIRST CIRCUIT

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### **Chesapeake Circuit Court**

307 Albemarle Drive, Suite 300A  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23322  
Tel. (757) 382-3000

### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Marjorie T. Arrington, Judge	4/30/2024
Hon. Rufus A. Banks Jr., Judge	6/30/2026
Hon. John W. Brown, Judge	4/30/2024
Hon. Robert G. MacDonald, Judge	3/15/2029
Hon. Stephen J. Telfeyan, Judge	3/31/2027

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## SECOND CIRCUIT

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### **Virginia Beach Circuit Court**

2425 Nimmo Parkway  
Building 10, 4th Floor  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456  
Tel. (757) 385-4181

### **Accomack Circuit Court**

23316 Courthouse Avenue  
Post Office Box 126  
Accomack, Virginia 23301  
Tel. (757) 787-1849

### **Northampton Circuit Court**

5229 The Homes  
Post Office Box 36  
Eastville, Virginia 23347  
Tel. (757) 678-0465

### **Judges:**

*Term Expires*

Hon. Kevin M. Duffan, Judge	3/31/2028
Hon. Steven C. Frucci, Judge	1/31/2022
Hon. William Revell Lewis III, Judge	7/31/2027
Hon. James Clayton Lewis, Judge	12/31/2022
Hon. Leslie L. Lilley, Judge	2/28/2025
Hon. Stephen C. Mahan, Judge	9/30/2026
Hon. Anne Bonwill Shockley, Judge	3/15/2024

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## THIRD CIRCUIT

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### **Portsmouth Circuit Court**

1345 Court Street  
 Post Office Box 1217  
 Portsmouth, Virginia 23705  
 Tel. (757) 393-8671

#### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Joel P. Crowe, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Kenneth R. Melvin, Judge	1/31/2026
Hon. Johnny E. Morrison, Judge	1/31/2023
Hon. Brenda C. Spry, Judge	2/15/2029

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## FOURTH CIRCUIT

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### **Norfolk Circuit Court**

150 Saint Paul's Boulevard  
 Norfolk, Virginia 23510  
 Tel. (757) 664-4580

#### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Michelle J. Atkins, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. John Raymond Doyle III, Judge	1/31/2025
Hon. Mary Jane Hall, Judge	2/28/2025
Hon. Jerrauld C. Jones, Judge	1/31/2025
Hon. David W. Lannetti, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. Everett A. Martin Jr., Judge	3/15/2027
Hon. Tasha D. Scott, Judge	8/31/2029

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## FIFTH CIRCUIT

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**Suffolk Circuit Court**

**Isle of Wight Circuit Court**

**Southampton Circuit Court**



Mills E. Goodwin, Jr. Courts  
Building  
150 North Main Street  
Post Office Box 1604  
Suffolk, Virginia 23439  
Tel. (757) 514-7800

17000 Josiah Parker Circle  
Post Office Box 110  
Isle of Wight, Virginia 23397  
Tel. (757) 365-6233

22350 Main Street  
Post Office Box 190  
Courtland, Virginia 23837  
Tel. (757) 653-2200

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Carl Edward Eason Jr., Judge	1/31/2027
Hon. Lawson Wayne Farmer, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. Matthew A. Glassman, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Robert H. Sandwich Jr., Judge	1/31/2022

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SIXTH CIRCUIT

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**Hopewell Circuit Court**

100 East Broadway, Room 251  
Post Office Box 310  
Hopewell, Virginia 23860  
Tel. (434) 541-2239

**Brunswick Circuit Court**

216 North Main Street  
Lawrenceville, Virginia 23868  
Tel. (434) 848-2215

**Greensville Circuit Court**

337 South Main Street  
Post Office Box 631  
Emporia, Virginia 23847  
Tel. (434) 348-4215

**Prince George Circuit Court**

6601 Courts Drive  
Post Office Box 68  
Prince George, Virginia 23875  
Tel. (804) 733-2640

**Surry Circuit Court**

28 Colonial Trail, East  
Surry, Virginia 23883  
Tel. (757) 294-3161  
Tel. (434) 246-5511 ext. 1012

**Sussex Circuit Court**

15088 Courthouse Road, Route  
735  
Post Office Box 1337  
Sussex, Virginia 23884

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Carson E. Saunders Jr., Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. William Allan Sharrett, Judge	6/30/2028
Hon. William Edward Tomko III, Judge	6/30/2025

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SEVENTH CIRCUIT

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**Newport News Circuit Court**

Courthouse Building  
2500 Washington Avenue  
Newport News, Virginia 23607  
Tel. (757) 926-8561

**Judges:**

*Term Expires*

Hon. Timothy S. Fisher, Judge	1/31/2022
Hon. Tyneka L. D. Flythe, Judge	3/31/2029
Hon. Gary A. Mills, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Christopher R. Papile, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Bryant L. Sugg, Judge	11/30/2022

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## EIGHTH CIRCUIT

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### Hampton Circuit Court

237 North King Street  
 Post Office Box 40  
 Hampton, Virginia 23669  
 Tel. (757) 727-6105

#### Judges:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Michael A. Gaten, Judge	6/30/2026
Hon. Christopher W. Hutton, Judge	8/31/2027
Hon. Bonnie L. Jones, Judge	2/28/2025

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## NINTH CIRCUIT

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### Williamsburg/James City County

Circuit Court  
 5201 Monticello Avenue, Suite 6  
 Williamsburg, Virginia 23188  
 Tel. (757) 564-2242

### Charles City Circuit Court

10780 Courthouse Road  
 Post Office Box 86  
 Charles City, Virginia 23030  
 Tel. (804) 652-2105

### Gloucester Circuit Court

7400 Justice Drive, Room 327  
 Gloucester, Virginia 23061  
 Tel. (804) 693-2502  
 Tel. (804) 785-5984

### King and Queen Circuit Court

234 Allen's Circle  
 Post Office Box 67  
 King and Queen, Virginia 23085

### King William Circuit Court

351 Courthouse Lane  
 Suite 130  
 King William, Virginia 23086  
 Tel. (804) 769-4936

### Mathews Circuit Court

10622 Buckley Hall Road  
 Post Office Box 463  
 Mathews, Virginia 23109  
 Tel. (804) 725-2550

### Middlesex Circuit Court

Routes 17 & 33  
 Post Office Box 158  
 Saluda, Virginia 23149  
 Tel. (804) 758-5317

### New Kent Circuit Court

Post Office Box 98  
 12001 Courthouse Circle  
 New Kent, Virginia 23124  
 Tel. (804) 966-9520

### York County-Poquoson Circuit Court

300 Ballard Street  
 Post Office Box 371  
 Yorktown, Virginia 23690  
 Tel. (757) 890-3350

#### Judges:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Benjamin Elliott Bondurant, Judge	12/31/2022

Hon. Richard H. Rizk, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Jeffrey W. Shaw, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. Holly B. Smith, Judge	6/30/2029

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## TENTH CIRCUIT

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### **Appomattox Circuit Court**

297 Court Street, Suite B  
Post Office Box 672  
Appomattox, Virginia 24522  
Tel. (434) 352-5275

### **Buckingham Circuit Court**

13601 West James Anderson  
Highway  
Post Office Box 107  
Buckingham, Virginia 23921  
Tel. (434) 969-4734

### **Charlotte Circuit Court**

125 Bruce Avenue  
Post Office Box 38  
Charlotte Courthouse, Virginia  
23923  
Tel. (434) 542-5147

### **Cumberland Circuit Court**

1 Courthouse Circle  
Post Office Box 8  
Cumberland, Virginia 23040  
Tel. (804) 492-4442

### **Halifax Circuit Court**

Main Street  
Post Office Box 729  
Halifax, Virginia 24558  
Tel. (434) 476-6211

### **Lunenburg Circuit Court**

11435 Courthouse Road  
Lunenburg, Virginia 23952  
Tel. (434) 696-2132

### **Mecklenburg Circuit Court**

393 Washington Street  
Post Office Box 530  
Boydton, Virginia 23917  
Tel. (434) 738-6191 Tel. (434) 392-5145

### **Prince Edward Circuit Court**

Courthouse Building  
North Main Street  
Post Office Box 304  
Farmville, Virginia 23901

### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Donald Carl Blessing, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. Stephen Anderson Nelson, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. James William Watson Jr., Judge	4/15/2027
Hon. Kimberley S. White, Judge	1/31/2029

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## ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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### **Petersburg Circuit Court**

7 Courthouse Avenue  
Petersburg, Virginia 23803  
Tel. (804) 733-2367

### **Amelia Circuit Court**

Courthouse Square  
Post Office Box 237  
Amelia, Virginia 23002  
Tel. (804) 561-2128

### **Dinwiddie Circuit Court**

14008 Boydton Plank Road  
Post Office Box 63  
Dinwiddie, Virginia 23841  
Tel. (804) 469-4540

### **Nottoway Circuit Court**

328 West Courthouse Road  
Post Office Box 25  
Nottoway, Virginia 23955  
Tel. (434) 645-9043

### **Powhatan Circuit Court**

3880 Old Buckingham Road,  
Suite C  
Powhatan, Virginia 23139  
Tel. (804) 598-5660

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Paul W. Cella, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Dennis M. Martin, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Joseph M. Teefey Jr., Judge	12/31/2022

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**TWELFTH CIRCUIT**

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**Colonial Heights Circuit Court**

550 Boulevard  
Post Office Box 3401  
Colonial Heights, Virginia 23834  
Tel. (804) 520-9364

**Chesterfield Circuit Court**

9500 Courthouse Road  
Post Office Box 125  
Chesterfield, Virginia 23832  
Tel. (804) 748-1241

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Lynn S. Brice, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. David E. Johnson, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. Steven C. McCallum, Judge	6/30/2028
Hon. Jayne Ann Pemberton, Judge	8/31/2029
Hon. Edward A. Robbins Jr., Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. Frederick G. Rockwell III, Judge	4/30/2026

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**THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT**

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**Richmond City Circuit Court**

John Marshall Courts Building  
400 North 9th Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 646-6505

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Claire G. Cardwell, Judge	9/30/2029
Hon. Bradley B. Cavedo, Judge	1/31/2027
Hon. David Eugene Cheek Sr., Judge	6/30/2028
Hon. Phillip L. Hairston, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Clarence N. Jenkins Jr., Judge	9/30/2022
Hon. William R Marchant, Judge	12/31/2022
Hon. Jacqueline S. McClenney, Judge	3/31/2029

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**FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT**

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**Henrico Circuit Court**

4301 East Parham Road  
Post Office Box 90775  
Richmond, Virginia 23273  
Tel. (804) 501-4202

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Lee A. Harris Jr., Judge	7/31/2022
Hon. Rondelle D. Herman, Judge	3/15/2029
Hon. Randall G. Johnson Jr., Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. John Marshall, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Richard S. Wallerstein Jr., Judge	6/30/2028

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**FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT**

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**Fredericksburg Circuit Court**

701 Princess Anne Street  
Suite 100  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401  
Tel. (540) 372-1066

**Caroline Circuit Court**

112 Courthouse Lane, Suite A  
Post Office Box 309  
Bowling Green, Virginia 22427  
Tel. (804) 633-5800

**Essex Circuit Court**

305 Prince Street  
Post Office Box 445  
Tappahannock, Virginia 22560  
Tel. (804) 443-3541/4381

**Hanover Circuit Court**

7530 County Complex Road  
Post Office Box 39  
Hanover, Virginia 23069  
Tel. (804) 365-6150

**King George Circuit Court**

9483 Kings Highway  
Suite 3  
King George, Virginia 22485  
Tel. (540) 775-3322

**Lancaster Circuit Court**

8265 Mary Ball Road  
Post Office Box 99  
Lancaster, Virginia 22503  
Tel. (804) 462-5611

**Northumberland Circuit Court**

220 Judicial Place  
Post Office Box 217  
Heathsville, Virginia 22473  
Tel. (804) 580-3700

**Richmond County Circuit Court**

101 Court Circle  
Post Office Box 1000  
Warsaw, Virginia 22572  
Tel. (804) 333-3781

**Spotsylvania Circuit Court**

9107 Judicial Center Lane  
Post Office Box 96  
Spotsylvania, Virginia 22553  
Tel. (540) 507-7600

**Stafford Circuit Court**

1300 Courthouse Road  
Post Office Box 69  
  
Stafford, Virginia 22555  
Tel. (540) 658-8750

**Westmoreland Circuit Court**

175 Polk Street  
Post Office Box 307  
  
Montross, Virginia 22520  
Tel. (804) 493-0108

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Sarah L. Deneke, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. William E. Glover, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. John Overton Harris, Judge	4/30/2024

Hon. Herbert M. Hewitt, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. Patricia Kelly, Judge	6/30/2029
Hon. Michael E. Levy, Judge	6/30/2029
Hon. Roy Michael McKenney, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Ricardo Rigual, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. James Bruce Strickland, Judge	3/31/2028
Hon. Gordon F. Willis, Judge	3/31/2023
Hon. Victoria A. B. Willis, Judge	11/30/2022

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## SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT

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### **Charlottesville Circuit Court**

315 East High Street  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902  
Tel. (434) 970-3766

### **Albemarle Circuit Court**

501 East Jefferson Street  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902  
Tel. (434) 972-4083

### **Culpeper Circuit Court**

135 West Cameron Street  
Culpeper, Virginia 22701  
Tel. (540) 727-3438  
Tel. (434) 591-1970

### **Fluvanna Circuit Court**

72 Main Street  
Post Office Box 550  
Palmyra, Virginia 22963

### **Goochland Circuit Court**

2938 River Road West  
Post Office Box 196  
Goochland, Virginia 23063  
Tel. (804) 556-5353

### **Greene Circuit Court**

22 Court Street  
Post Office Box 386  
Standardsville, Virginia 22973  
Tel. (434) 985-5208

### **Louisa Circuit Court**

100 West Main Street  
Box 37  
Louisa, Virginia 23093  
Tel. (540) 967-5312

### **Madison Circuit Court**

1 Main Street  
Post Office Box 220  
Madison, Virginia 22727  
Tel. (540) 948-6888

### **Orange Circuit Court**

110 North Madison Road, Suite  
300  
Post Office Box 230  
Orange, Virginia 22960  
Tel. (540) 672-4030

### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Dale B. Durrer, Judge	6/30/2026
Hon. David B. Franzen, Judge	6/30/2028
Hon. Cheryl V. Higgins, Judge	3/31/2023
Hon. Richard E. Moore, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. Timothy K. Sanner, Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. Claude V. Worrell Jr., Judge	6/30/2027

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## SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT

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### **Arlington Circuit Court**

1425 North Courthouse Road  
Arlington, Virginia 22201  
Tel. (703) 228-7010

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Louise M. DiMatteo, Judge	6/30/2028
Hon. Daniel S. Fiore II, Judge	6/30/2028
Hon. William T. Newman Jr., Judge	2/28/2025
Hon. Judith L. Wheat, Judge	6/30/2027

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**EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT**

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**Alexandria Circuit Court**

520 King Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
Tel. (703) 746-4044

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. James C. Clark, Judge	12/31/2027
Hon. Lisa Bondareff Kemler, Judge	2/28/2029
Hon. Kathleen M. Uston, Judge	3/31/2029

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**NINETEENTH CIRCUIT**

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**Fairfax Circuit Court**

4110 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030  
Tel. (703) 246-4111

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Penney S. Azcarate, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Randy I. Bellows, Judge	1/31/2027
Hon. David Bernhard, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Dontae L. Bugg, Judge	3/15/2027
Hon. Grace Burke Carroll, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. Michael F. Devine, Judge	3/31/2026
Hon. Richard E. Gardiner, Judge	1/31/2025
Hon. Brett A. Kassabian, Judge	1/31/2026
Hon. Thomas P. Mann, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. David A. Oblon, Judge	12/31/2025
Hon. Tania M.L. Saylor, Judge	6/30/2029
Hon. Stephen C. Shannon, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Robert J. Smith, Judge	1/31/2024
Hon. John M. Tran, Judge	6/30/2029

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## TWENTIETH CIRCUIT

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**Fauquier Circuit Court**

29 Ashby Street  
Warrenton, Virginia 20186  
Tel. (540) 422-8100

**Loudoun Circuit Court**

18 East Market Street, 3rd Floor  
Post Office Box 550  
Leesburg, Virginia 20178  
Tel. (703) 777-0270

**Rappahannock Circuit Court**

238 Gay Street  
Post Office Box 517  
Washington, Virginia 22747  
Tel. (540) 675-5350

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. James P. Fisher, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Douglas L. Fleming Jr., Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Jeanette A. Irby, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. James E. Plowman Jr., Judge	10/31/2027
Hon. Stephen E. Sincavage, Judge	1/31/2022

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## TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT

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**Martinsville Circuit Court**

55 West Church Street  
Post Office Box 1206  
Martinsville, Virginia 24114  
Tel. (276) 403-5106

**Henry Circuit Court**

3160 Kings Mountain Road  
Suite B  
Martinsville, Virginia 24112  
Tel. (276) 634-4880

**Patrick Circuit Court**

101 Blue Ridge Street  
Post Office Box 148  
Stuart, Virginia 24171  
Tel. (276) 694-7213

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Marcus A. Brinks, Judge	4/30/2027
Hon. Giles Carter Greer, Judge	2/28/2029
Hon. David V. Williams, Judge	2/28/2022

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## TWENTY-SECOND CIRCUIT

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**Danville Circuit Court**

Courts and Jail Building  
401 Patton Street  
Post Office Box 3300  
Danville, Virginia 24543  
Tel. (434) 799-5168

**Franklin Circuit Court**

275 South Main Street  
Suite 212  
Post Office Box 567  
Rocky Mount, Virginia 24151  
Tel. (540) 483-3065

**Pittsylvania Circuit Court**

1 North Main Street  
Post Office Box 31  
Chatham, Virginia 24531  
Tel. (434) 432-7887

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Timothy W. Allen, Judge	3/31/2029
Hon. Joseph W. Milam Jr., Judge	1/31/2025



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Hon. Stacey W. Moreau, Judge	6/30/2028
Hon. James J. Reynolds, Judge	6/30/2029

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## TWENTY-THIRD CIRCUIT

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### **Roanoke City Circuit Court**

315 West Church Avenue  
Post Office Box 2610  
Roanoke, Virginia 24010  
Tel. (540) 853-6702

### **Salem Circuit Court**

2 East Calhoun Street  
Salem, Virginia 24153  
Tel. (540) 375-3067

### **Roanoke County Circuit Court**

305 East Main Street  
Post Office Box 1126  
Salem, Virginia 24153  
Tel. (540) 387-6205

#### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. David B. Carson, Judge	6/30/2029
Hon. John Christopher Clemens, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Charles N. Dorsey, Judge	6/30/2026
Hon. James R. Swanson, Judge	3/31/2025
Hon. Onzlee Ware, Judge	3/31/2028

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## TWENTY-FOURTH CIRCUIT

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### **Lynchburg Circuit Court**

900 Court Street  
Post Office Box 4  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24505  
Tel. (434) 455-2620

### **Amherst Circuit Court**

113 Taylor Street  
Post Office Box 462  
Amherst, Virginia 24521  
Tel. (434) 946-9321

### **Bedford Circuit Court**

123 East Main Street  
Suite 201  
Bedford, Virginia 24523  
Tel. (540) 586-7632

### **Campbell Circuit Court**

732 Village Highway  
Post Office Box 7  
Rustburg, Virginia 24588  
Tel. (434) 592-9517

### **Nelson Circuit Court**

84 Courthouse Square, 1st Floor  
Post Office Box 10  
Lovingston, Virginia 22949  
Tel. (434) 263-7020

#### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. John T. Cook, Judge	5/31/2024
Hon. Michael R. Doucette, Judge	4/30/2028
Hon. Michael T. Garrett, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. James W. Updike Jr., Judge	3/31/2022
Hon. James F. Watson, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Frank Patrick Yeatts, Judge	6/30/2027

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## TWENTY-FIFTH CIRCUIT

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**Buena Vista Circuit Court**

Municipal Building  
2039 Sycamore Avenue  
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416  
Tel. (540) 261-8627

**Waynesboro Circuit Court**

250 South Wayne Avenue, Suite  
202  
Post Office Box 910  
Waynesboro, Virginia 22980  
Tel. (540) 942-6616

**Staunton Circuit Court**

113 East Beverly Street  
2nd Floor  
Staunton, Virginia 24401  
Tel. (540) 332-3874

**Alleghany Circuit Court**

266 West Main Street  
Post Office Box 670  
Covington, Virginia 24426  
Tel. (540) 965-1730

**Augusta Circuit Court**

1 East Johnson Street  
Post Office Box 689  
Staunton, Virginia 24402  
Tel. (540) 245-5321

**Bath Circuit Court**

Post Office Box 180  
Warm Springs, Virginia 24484  
Tel. (540) 839-7226

**Botetourt Circuit**

Main Street  
Post Office Box 219  
Fincastle, Virginia 24090  
Tel. (540) 473-8274

**Craig Circuit Court**

182 Main Street, Suite 4  
Post Office Box 185  
New Castle, Virginia 24127  
Tel. (540) 864-6141

**Highland Circuit**

Post Office Box 190  
Monterey, Virginia 24465  
Tel. (540) 468-2447

**Rockbridge Circuit Court**

20 South Randolph Street, Suite  
101  
Lexington, Virginia 24450  
Tel. (540) 463-2232

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Joel R. Branscom, Judge	1/31/2026
Hon. Paul A. Dryer, Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. William Chapman Goodwin, Judge	1/31/2025
Hon. Anne M. Reed, Judge	6/30/2028
Hon. Christopher B. Russell, Judge	3/31/2028
Hon. Edward K. Stein, Judge	6/30/2027

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**TWENTY-SIXTH CIRCUIT**


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**Winchester Circuit Court**

The Judicial Center  
5 North Kent Street  
Winchester, Virginia 22601  
Tel. (540) 667-5770

**Clarke Circuit Court**

102 North Church Street  
Post Office Box 189  
Berryville, Virginia 22611  
Tel. (540) 955-5116

**Frederick Circuit Court**

5 North Kent Street  
Winchester, Virginia 22601  
Tel. (540) 667-5770

**Page Circuit Court**

116 South Court Street, Suite A  
Luray, Virginia 22835  
Tel. (540) 743-4064/6902

**Rockingham Circuit Court**

80 Court Square  
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802  
Tel. (540) 564-3111  
Tel. (540) 459-6150

**Shenandoah Circuit Court**

112 South Main Street  
Post Office Box 406  
Woodstock, Virginia 22664

**Warren Circuit Court**

1 East Main Street  
 Front Royal, Virginia 22630  
 Tel. (540) 635-2435

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Bruce D. Albertson, Judge	6/30/2029
Hon. Kevin C. Black, Judge	4/30/2027
Hon. William W. Eldridge IV, Judge	4/30/2028
Hon. Alexander R. Iden, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Brian M. Madden, Judge	8/31/2027
Hon. Clark Andrew Ritchie, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. William W. Sharp, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Thomas J. Wilson IV, Judge	4/30/2024

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH CIRCUIT**


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**Radford Circuit Court**

619 Second Street, West  
 Radford, Virginia 24141  
 Tel. (540) 731-3610 Tel. (276) 688-4562

**Bland Circuit Court**

612 Main Street, Suite 104  
 Post Office Box 295  
 Bland, Virginia 24315

**Carroll Circuit Court**

605 Pine Street  
 Post Office Box 218  
 Hillsville, Virginia 24343  
 Tel. (276) 730-3070

**Floyd Circuit Court**

100 East Main Street  
 Room 200  
 Floyd, Virginia 24091  
 Tel. (540) 745-9330

**Giles Circuit Court**

501 Wenonah Avenue  
 Post Office Box 502  
 Pearisburg, Virginia 24134  
 Tel. (540) 921-1722

**Grayson Circuit Court**

129 Davis Street  
 Post Office Box 130  
 Independence, Virginia 24348  
 Tel. (276) 773-2231

**Montgomery Circuit Court**

55 East Main Street, Suite 1  
 Christiansburg, Virginia 24068  
 Tel. (540) 382-5760

**Pulaski Circuit Court**

45 Third Street, Northwest, Suite 101  
 Pulaski, Virginia 24301  
 Tel. (540) 980-7825

**Wythe Circuit Court**

Circuit Court Building  
 225 South Fourth Street, Room 105  
 Wytheville, Virginia 24382  
 Tel. (276) 223-6050

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Bradley W. Finch, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. Kenneth M. Fleenor Jr., Judge	6/30/2028
Hon. Brett L. Geisler, Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. Hugh Lee Harrell, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Josiah T. Showalter Jr., Judge	3/31/2022
Hon. Robert M. D. Turk, Judge	6/30/2024

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## TWENTY-EIGHTH CIRCUIT

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**Bristol Circuit Court**

497 Cumberland Street  
Bristol, Virginia 24201  
Tel. (276) 645-7321

**Smyth Circuit Court**

109 West Main Street, Room  
1081  
Marion, Virginia 24354  
Tel. (276) 782-4044

**Washington Circuit Court**

189 East Main Street  
Abingdon, Virginia 24210  
Tel. (276) 676-6224

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Sage B. Johnson, Judge	6/30/2028
Hon. Charles Randall Lowe, Judge	1/31/2025
Hon. Fredrick A. Rowlett, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Deanis L. Simmons, Judge	6/30/2029

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## TWENTY-NINTH CIRCUIT

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**Buchanan Circuit Court  
Courthouse**

Post Office Box 929  
Grundy, Virginia 24614  
Tel. (276) 935-6567

**Dickenson Circuit Court**

293 Clintwood Main Street  
Post Office Box 190  
Clintwood, Virginia 24228  
Tel. (276) 926-1616

**Russell Circuit Court**

53 Main Street  
Post Office Box 435  
Lebanon, Virginia 24266  
Tel. (276) 889-8023

**Tazewell Circuit Court**

101 Main Street, Suite 202  
Tazewell, Virginia 24651  
Tel. (276) 988-1222

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Jack S. Hurley Jr., Judge	1/31/2029
Hon. Patrick R. Johnson, Judge	4/30/2024
Hon. Michael Lee Moore, Judge	3/31/2026
Hon. Richard C. Patterson, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. Brian K. Patton, Judge	6/30/2026

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## THIRTIETH CIRCUIT

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**Lee Circuit Court**

Main Street  
Post Office Box 326  
Jonesville, Virginia 24263  
Tel. (276) 346-7763

**Scott Circuit Court**

202 West Jackson Street  
Suite 102  
Gate City, Virginia 24251  
Tel. (276) 386-3801

**Wise Circuit Court**

206 East Main Street  
Post Office Box 1248  
Wise, Virginia 24293-1248  
Tel. (276) 328-6111

**THIRTY-FIRST CIRCUIT**

Prince William Circuit Court  
9311 Lee Avenue  
Manassas, Virginia 20110  
Tel. (703) 792-6015

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Ronald Kelley Elkins, Judge	8/2/2028
Hon. Jeffrey Hamilton, Judge	11/30/2022
Hon. John C. Kilgore, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Tammy S. McElyea, Judge	3/31/2029

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**THIRTY-FIRST CIRCUIT**

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**Prince William Circuit Court**

Prince William Circuit Court  
9311 Lee Avenue  
Manassas, Virginia 20110  
Tel. (703) 792-6015

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Angela Lemmon Horan, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Tracy Calvin Hudson, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Kimberly A. Irving, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Petula C. Metzler, Judge	4/30/2029
Hon. Carroll A. Weimer Jr., Judge	6/30/2029

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## GENERAL DISTRICT COURTS

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<b>County</b>	<b>District Court</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>District Court</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>District Court</b>
Accomack	32	Franklin	22	Nottoway	11
Albemarle	16	Frederick	26	Orange	16
Alleghany	25	Giles	27	Page	26
Amelia	11	Gloucester	09	Patrick	21
Amherst	24	Goochland	16	Pittsylvania	22
Appomattox	10	Grayson	27	Powhatan	11
Arlington	17	Greene	16	Prince Edward	10
Augusta	25	Greensville	06	Prince George	06
Bath	25	Halifax	10	Prince William	31
Bedford	24	Hanover	15	Pulaski	27
Bland	27	Henrico	14	Rappahannock	20
Botetourt	25	Henry	21	Richmond	15
Brunswick	06	Highland	25	Roanoke	23
Buchanan	29	Isle of Wight	05	Rockbridge	25
Buckingham	10	James City	09	Rockingham	26
Campbell	24	King George	15	Russell	29
Caroline	15	King and Queen	09	Scott	30
Carroll	27	King William	09	Shenandoah	26
Charles City	09	Lancaster	15	Smyth	28
Charlotte	10	Lee	30	Southampton	05
Chesterfield	12	Loudoun	20	Spotsylvania	15
Clarke	26	Louisa	16	Stafford	15
Craig	25	Lunenburg	10	Surry	06
Culpeper	16	Madison	16	Sussex	06
Cumberland	10	Mathews	09	Tazewell	29
Dickenson	29	Mecklenburg	10	Warren	26
Dinwiddie	11	Middlesex	09	Washington	28
Essex	15	Montgomery	27	Westmoreland	15
Fairfax	19	Nelson	24	Wise	30
Fauquier	20	New Kent	09	Wythe	27
Floyd	27	Northampton	32	York	09
Fluvanna	16	Northumberland	15		

<b>City</b>	<b>District Court</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>District Court</b>
Alexandria	18	Lynchburg	24
Arlington	17	Manassas	31
Bedford	24	Manassas Park	31
Bristol	28	Martinsville	21
Buena Vista	25	Newport News	07
Charlottesville	16	Norfolk	04
Chesapeake	01	Norton	30
Colonial Heights	12	Petersburg	11
Covington	25	Portsmouth	03
Danville	22	Poquoson	09
Emporia	06	Radford	27
Fairfax	19	Richmond	13
Falls Church	17	Roanoke	23
Franklin	05	Salem	23
Fredericksburg	15	Staunton	25
Galax	27	Suffolk	05
Hampton	08	Virginia Beach	02
Harrisonburg	26	Waynesboro	25
Hopewell	06	Williamsburg	09
Lexington	25	Winchester	26

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**FIRST DISTRICT**

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**Chesapeake General District**

Civic Center, 307 Albemarle Drive  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23322  
Tel. (757) 382-3100  
Tel. (757) 382-3104 Financial  
Tel. (757) 382-3143 Civil  
Tel. (757) 382-3134 Criminal  
Tel. (757) 382-3119 Traffic

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Linda L. Bryant, Judge	3/15/2027
Hon. Erin L. Evans, Judge	3/31/2025
Hon. Michael R. Katchmark, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Tanya L. Lomax, Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. Lori Beth Galbraith, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Andrew D. Kubovcik, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. David J. Whitted, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Larry D. Willis Sr., Judge	4/30/2023

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**SECOND DISTRICT**

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**Virginia Beach General District**

2425 Nimmo Parkway  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456  
Tel. (757) 385-8531

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Afshin Farashahi, Judge	3/31/2026
Hon. Elizabeth S. Foster, Judge	1/31/2026
Hon. Vivian F. Henderson, Judge	1/31/2027
Hon. Salvatore R. Iaquinto, Judge	1/31/2026
Hon. Daniel Roger Lahne, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Sandra S. Menago, Judge	4/30/2025
Hon. Paul David Merullo, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Adrienne L. Bennett, Judge	4/15/2026
Hon. Deborah V. Bryan, Judge	4/30/2022
Hon. Tanya Bullock, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Cheshire I'Anson Eveleigh, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Philip C Hollowell, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Timothy J. Quick, Judge	3/31/2025

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**THIRD DISTRICT**

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**Portsmouth General District**

1345 Court Street, Suite 104  
Post Office Box 129  
Portsmouth, Virginia 23705  
Tel. (757) 393-8681 Criminal  
Tel. (757) 393-8506 Traffic  
Tel. (757) 393-8624 Civil

**Norfolk General District**

150 St. Pauls Blvd  
Norfolk, VA 23510  
Tel. (757) 664-4910  
Tel. (757) 664-4913/4914 Civil  
Tel (757) 664-4915/4916 Criminal  
Tel (757) 664-4911/4912 Traffic

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Roxie O. Holder, Judge	9/30/2024
Hon. Douglas B. Ottinger, Judge	1/31/2022
Hon. Diane P. Griffin, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Bryan K. Meals, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Alotha C. Willis, Judge	2/15/2025

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**FOURTH DISTRICT**

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**Norfolk General District**

150 St. Pauls Blvd  
Norfolk, VA 23510  
Tel. (757) 664-4910



Tel. (757) 664-4913/4914 Civil  
Tel (757) 664-4915/4916 Criminal  
Tel (757) 664-4911/4912 Traffic

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Joan E. Mahoney, Judge	1/31/2026
Hon. Robert B. Rigney, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Michael C. Rosenblum, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Tameeka M. Williams, Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. M. Randolph Carlson II, Judge	12/31/2023
Hon. Lauri DiEnno Hogge, Judge	3/31/2025
Hon. Devon R. Paige, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Lyn M. Simmons, Judge	9/16/2027
Hon. Robert McLanahan Smith III, Judge	6/30/2024

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FIFTH DISTRICT

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**Franklin City General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Combined Courts**  
1020 Pretlow Street  
Franklin, Virginia 23851  
Tel. (757) 562-8550

**Suffolk General District**  
150 North Main Street  
Suffolk, Virginia 23434  
Tel. (757) 514-4822

**Isle of Wight General District**  
17000 Josiah Parker Circle  
Post Office Box 122  
Isle of Wight, Virginia 23397  
Tel. (757) 365-6244 Tel. (757) 653-2673

**Southampton General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**  
22350 Main Street  
Post Office Box 347  
Courtland, Virginia 23837

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Alfred W. Bates III, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Nicole A. Belote, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Helivi L. Holland, Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. Stan D. Clark, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. James E. Wiser, Judge	6/30/2022

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SIXTH DISTRICT

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**Emporia General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

**Hopewell General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

**Brunswick General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Combined Courts**

315 South Main Street  
Emporia, Virginia 23847  
Tel. (434) 634-5400

100 East Broadway  
Hopewell, Virginia 23860  
Tel. (804) 541-2257

Albertis S. Harrison Jr.  
Courthouse  
202 North Main Street  
Lawrenceville, Virginia 23868  
Tel. (434) 848-2315

**Greensville General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations Combined Courts**

315 South Main Street  
Emporia, Virginia 23847  
Tel. (434) 634-5400

**Prince George General District  
& Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations Combined Courts**

6601 Courts Drive  
Post Office Box 187  
Prince George, Virginia 23875  
Tel. (804) 733-2781

**Surry General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations Combined Courts**

Post Office Box 332  
Surry Government Center  
45 School Street  
Surry, Virginia 23883  
Tel. (757) 294-5201

**Sussex General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

15098 Courthouse Road  
State Route 735  
Post Office Box 1315  
Sussex, Virginia 23884  
Tel. (434) 246-1096

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Churchill Ridley Bain, Judge	1/31/2025
Hon. Bruce A. Clark Jr., Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Elbert D. Mumphery, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Lyndia P. Ramsey, Judge	3/31/2026
Hon. Harold Lee Townsend III, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Christopher B. Ackerman, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Wallace W. Brittle Jr., Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Jacqueline R. Waymack, Judge	5/31/2027

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SEVENTH DISTRICT

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**Newport News General District**

2500 Washington Avenue  
Newport News, Virginia 23607  
Tel. (757) 926-3520 Civil  
Tel. (757) 926-8811 Criminal  
Tel. (757) 926-8876/8725/8726  
Traffic

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Matthew W. Hoffman, Judge	1/31/2023
Hon. Charisse M. Mullen, Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. Robert G. Saunders, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Michael S. Stein, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Kimberly Anne Kurkjian, Judge	7/31/2027
Hon. Shawn W. Overbey, Judge	4/15/2027
Hon. Rebecca M. Robinson, Judge	4/15/2025
Hon. Jeffrey C. Rountree, Judge	6/30/2025

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## EIGHTH DISTRICT

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### **Hampton General District**

236 North King Street, 2nd Floor  
 Hampton, Virginia 23669  
 Tel. (757) 727-6480 Civil  
 Tel. (757) 727-6260 Criminal &  
 Traffic

### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Selena Stellute Glenn, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Tonya Henderson-Stith, Judge	4/30/2027
Hon. Corry N. Smith, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Gregory C. Bane, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Jay Edward Dugger, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Robert B. Wilson V, Judge	3/31/2025

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## NINTH DISTRICT

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### **Location: Williamsburg & James City County**

General District  
 5201 Monticello Avenue, Suite 2  
 Williamsburg, Virginia 23188  
 Tel. (757) 564-2400  
 Charles City, Virginia 23030

### **Charles City General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Combined Courts**

Post Office Box 57  
 10780 Courthouse Road  
 Tel. (804) 652-2188

### **Gloucester General District**

7400 Justice Drive, Room 102  
 Post Office Box 873  
 Gloucester, Virginia 23061  
 Tel. (804) 693-4860

### **King & Queen General District**

242 Allens Circle  
 Post Office Box 86  
  
 King & Queen Courthouse, VA  
 23085  
 Tel. (804) 785-5982

### **King William General District**

Post Office Box 5  
 351 Courthouse Lane, Ste 201  
 King William, Virginia 23086  
 Tel. (804) 769-4947

### **Mathews General District**

73 Bowden Street  
 Post Office Box 169  
 Saluda, Virginia 23149  
 Tel. (804) 758-4312

**Middlesex General District**

73 Bowden Street  
 Post Office Box 169  
 Saluda, Virginia 23149  
 Tel. (804) 758-4312

**New Kent General District**

12001 Courthouse Circle  
 Post Office Box 127  
 New Kent, Virginia 23124  
 Tel. (804) 966-9530/9534

**York General District**

Post Office Box 316  
 300 Ballard Street  
 Yorktown, Virginia 23690  
 Tel. (757) 890-3450/3451

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Joshua P. DeFord, Judge	10/31/2027
Hon. Stephen Ashton Hudgins, Judge	1/31/2025
Hon. Stephanie E. Merritt, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Wade A. Bowie, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Cressondra B. Conyers, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Mara M. Matthews, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Brian J. Smalls, Judge	3/31/2027

**TENTH DISTRICT****Appomattox General District**

297 Court Street, 2nd Floor  
 Post Office Box 187 Combined  
 Courts  
 Appomattox, Virginia 24522  
 Tel. (434) 352-5540

**Buckingham General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courthouse**

Post Office Box 127  
 Buckingham, Virginia 23921  
 Tel. (434) 969-4755

**Charlotte General District**

111 Legrande Avenue  
 Post Office Box 127  
 Charlotte Court House, Virginia  
 23923  
 Tel. (434) 542-5600

**Cumberland General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Combined Courts**

Courthouse  
 Post Office Box 24  
 Cumberland, Virginia 23040  
 Tel. (804) 492-4848

**Halifax General District**

8 South Main Street  
 Suite 134B  
 Post Office Box 458  
 Halifax, Virginia 24558  
 Tel. (434) 476-3385

**Lunenburg General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Combined Courts**

160 Courthouse Square, Suite  
 201  
 Lunenburg, Virginia 23952  
 Tel. (434) 696-5508

**Mecklenburg General District**

911 Madison Street  
 Post Office Box 306  
 Boydton, Virginia 23917  
 Tel. (434) 738-6260

**Prince Edward General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Combined Courts**

Courthouse Building  
  
 Post Office Box 41  
 111 South Street  
 Farmville, Virginia 23901  
 Tel. (434) 392-4024

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Jody H. Fariss, Judge	5/31/2025
Hon. Darrel W. Puckett, Judge	5/31/2025

Hon. Calvin S. Spencer Jr., Judge	4/15/2025
Hon. Marvin H. Dunkum Jr., Judge	3/31/2022
Hon. Nora J. Miller, Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Robert H. Morrison, Judge	1/31/2025

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## ELEVENTH DISTRICT

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**Petersburg General District**  
 33 East Tabb Street  
 Petersburg, Virginia 23803  
 Tel. (804) 733-2374

**Nottoway General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**  
 328 West Courthouse Road  
 Post Office Box 25  
 Nottoway, Virginia 23955  
 Tel. (434) 645-9312

**Dinwiddie General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Combined Courts**  
 Dinwiddie Courthouse  
 Post Office Box 280  
 Dinwiddie, Virginia 23841  
 Tel. (804) 469-4533

**Powhatan General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Combined Courts**  
 3880-D Old Buckingham Road  
 Powhatan, Virginia 23139  
 Tel. (804) 598-5665

**Amelia General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Combined Courts**  
 16441 Court Street  
 Post Office Box 24  
 Amelia, Virginia 23002  
 Tel. (804) 561-2456

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Kenneth A. Blalock, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Ray P. Lupold III, Judge	1/31/2026
Hon. Thomas Stark IV, Judge	4/30/2025
Hon. Phillip T. DiStanislao, Judge	1/31/2025
Hon. Theresa J. Royall, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Cheryl J. Wilson, Judge	6/30/2026

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## TWELFTH DISTRICT

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**Colonial Heights General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Combined Courts**  
 550 Boulevard  
 Post Office Box 3401  
 Colonial Heights, Virginia 23834  
 Tel. (804) 520-9346

**Chesterfield General District**  
 Chesterfield Courthouse  
 9500 Courthouse Road  
 Post Office Box 144  
 Chesterfield, Virginia 23832  
 Tel. (804) 748-1231

**Judges:**

*Term Expires*

Hon. Curtis M. Hairston Jr., Judge	9/30/2027
Hon. Keith Nelson Hurley, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Matthew Donald Nelson, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. James J. O'Connell III, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Thomas L. Vaughn, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Duane Gregory Carr, Judge	1/31/2022
Hon. Vanessa L Jones, Judge	12/31/2026
Hon. Scott David Landry, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. M. Duncan Minton Jr., Judge	2/28/2023
Hon. J. David Rigler, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Travis R. Williams, Judge	9/30/2027

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### THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

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**Richmond General District**

Civil Division, Room 203  
 John Marshall Courts Building  
 400 North Ninth Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 646-6461

**Richmond General District**

Traffic Division, Room 209  
 John Marshall Courts Building  
 400 North Ninth Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (804) 646-6431

**Richmond - Manchester**

General District  
 920 Hull Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23224  
 Tel. (804) 646-6677

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. L. B. Cann III, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Devika E. Davis, Judge	5/31/2027
Hon. David M. Hicks, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Mansi J. Shah, Judge	1/31/2027
Hon. Tracy W. J. Thorne-Begland, Judge	1/31/2025
Hon. Richard B. Campbell, Judge	3/31/2025
Hon. Marilyn C. Goss-Thornton, Judge	4/30/2026
Hon. Brice Edward Lambert, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Mary E. Langer, Judge	7/31/2022
Hon. Ashley K. Tunner, Judge	5/15/2024

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### FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

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**Henrico General District**

4301 East Parham Road  
 Post Office Box 90775  
 Henrico, Virginia 23273  
 Tel. (804) 501-4723  
 Traffic/Criminal  
 Tel. (804) 501-4727 Civil

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Thomas O. Bondurant Jr., Judge	1/31/2023
Hon. Lauren A. Caudill, Judge	5/31/2025
Hon. George Barton Chucker, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Bryan Craig Dunkum, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. John K. Honey Jr., Judge	10/31/2021
Hon. Linda Lambert Anderson, Judge	4/30/2026
Hon. Margaret W. Deglau, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Sharon Gregory Jacobs, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Stacy E. Lee, Judge	4/30/2027
Hon. Stuart L. Williams Jr., Judge	4/30/2022

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**FIFTEENTH DISTRICT**


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**Fredericksburg General District**

701 Princess Anne Street, Suite 200  
 Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401  
 Tel. (540) 372-1044 Civil  
 Tel. (540) 372-1043 Criminal & Traffic

**Caroline General District**

Post Office Box 511  
 Bowling Green, Virginia 22427  
 Tel. (804) 633-5720

**Essex General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

300 Prince Street  
 Post Office Box 66  
 Tappahannock, Virginia 22560  
 Tel. (804) 443-3744

**Hanover General District**

District Courts Building  
 7530 County Complex Road, 1st Floor  
 Post Office Box 176  
 Hanover, Virginia 23069  
 Tel. (804) 365-6191

**King George General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Combined Courts**

9483 Kings Highway  
 Post Office Box 279  
 King George, Virginia 22485  
 Tel. (540) 775-3573

**Lancaster General District**

8265 Mary Ball Road  
 Post Office Box 129  
 Lancaster, Virginia 22503  
 Tel. (804) 462-0012

**Northumberland General District**

220 Judicial Place  
 Post Office Box 114  
 Heathsville, Virginia 22473  
 Tel. (804) 580-4323

**Richmond County General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations Combined Courts**

201 Court Circle  
 Post Office Box 1000  
 Warsaw, Virginia 22572  
 Tel. (804) 333-4616

**Spotsylvania General District**

9111 Courthouse Road  
 Judicial Center, First Floor  
 Post Office Box 339  
 Spotsylvania, Virginia 22553  
 Tel. (540) 507-7680

**Stafford General District**

The Judicial Center  
 1300 Courthouse Road  
 Post Office Box 940  
 Stafford, Virginia 22555  
 Tel. Criminal/Traffic: (540) 658-8935

**Westmoreland General District**

175 Polk Street  
 Post Office Box 688  
 Montross, Virginia 22520  
 Tel. (804) 493-0105

Tel. Civil: (540) 658-4641

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. David B. Caddell Jr., Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Hugh S. Campbell, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. John S. Martin, Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Richard T. McGrath, Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Angela M. O'Connor, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Robert Eric Reibach, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Jane M. Reynolds, Judge	4/15/2027
Hon. John E. Franklin, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Shannon O. Hoehl, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Julian W. Johnson, Judge	3/31/2023
Hon. Marcel D. Jones, Judge	5/15/2026
Hon. William L. Lewis, Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Andrea M. Stewart, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Georgia K. Sutton, Judge	1/31/2026
Hon. Frank G Uvanni, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Joseph A. Vance IV, Judge	6/30/2025

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SIXTEENTH DISTRICT

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**Charlottesville General District**  
606 East Market Street  
PO Box 2677  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902  
Tel. (434) 970-3388

**Albemarle General District**  
501 East Jefferson Street  
Court Square, Suite 138  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902  
Tel. (434) 972-4007

**Culpeper General District**  
135 West Cameron Street  
Culpeper, Virginia 22701  
Tel. (540) 727-3417

**Fluvanna General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**  
72 Main Street, Suite B  
Post Office Box 417  
Palmyra, Virginia 22963  
Tel. (434) 591-1980

**Goochland General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**  
2938 River Road West  
Post Office Box 47  
Goochland, Virginia 23063  
Tel. (804) 556-5309

**Greene General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**  
85 Standard Street  
Post Office Box 245  
Standardsville, Virginia 22973  
Tel. (434) 985-5224

**Louisa General District**  
314 West Main Street  
Cunningham Building  
Post Office Box 524  
Louisa, Virginia 23093  
Tel. (540) 967-5330

**Madison General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**  
2 Main Street  
Post Office Box 470  
Madison, Virginia 22727  
Tel. (540) 948-4657

**Orange General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**  
110 North Madison Rd., Suite 100  
Post Office Box 821  
Orange, Virginia 22960  
Tel. (540) 672-3150

**Judges:**



	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Theresa W. Carter, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Matthew J. Quatrara, Judge	5/31/2025
Hon. Kenneth Andrew Sneathern, Judge	4/30/2026
Hon. Claiborne H. Stokes Jr., Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. David M Barredo, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Gilbert H. Berger, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Barbara G. Lowe, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Ronald L. Morris, Judge	1/31/2024
Hon. Frank W. Somerville, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Deborah S. Tinsley, Judge	11/30/2026

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## SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT

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### **Falls Church General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

City Hall  
 300 Park Avenue, Room 107E  
 Falls Church, Virginia 22046  
 Tel. (703) 248-5098 Civil  
 Tel. (703) 248-5157 Small Claims  
 Tel. (703) 248-5096 Traffic & Criminal

### **Arlington General District**

1425 North Courthouse Road  
 2nd Floor  
 Suite 2400  
 Arlington, Virginia 22201  
 Tel. (703) 228-7900

### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Daniel Tomas Lopez, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Romaine Frances O'Brien, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Jason S. Rucker, Judge	3/15/2025
Hon. Robin L. Robb, Judge	6/30/2022

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## EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

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### **Alexandria General District**

520 King Street, 2nd Floor  
 Post Office Box 320489  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22320  
 Tel. (703) 746-4021 Civil  
 Tel. (703) 746-4030 Criminal  
 Tel. (703) 746-4041 Traffic

### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Donald M. Haddock Jr., Judge	4/30/2026

Hon. Sonya L. Sacks, Judge	3/31/2026
Hon. Thomas Kevin Cullen, Judge	3/31/2026
Hon. Constance H. Frogale, Judge	3/31/2023

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## NINETEENTH DISTRICT

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### **Fairfax City General District**

City Hall, Room 101  
 10455 Armstrong Street  
 Fairfax, Virginia 22030  
 Tel. (703) 385-7866

### **Fairfax County General District**

4110 Chain Bridge Road  
 Fairfax, Virginia 22030  
 Tel. (703) 691-7320

### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Harry Michael Cantrell, Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Manuel A. Capsalis, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Susan Friedlander Earman, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Michael Joshua Lindner, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Lisa A. Mayne, Judge	9/30/2024
Hon. William J. Minor Jr., Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. Gary H. Moliken, Judge	4/30/2027
Hon. Mitchell I. Mutnick, Judge	4/30/2022
Hon. Mark C. Simmons, Judge	3/31/2024
Hon. Tina L. Snee, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Susan J. Stoney, Judge	1/31/2023
Hon. Maha-Rebekah Ramos Abejuela, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Melissa S. Cardoce, Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. Gayl Branum Carr, Judge	7/31/2024
Hon. Glenn L. Clayton II, Judge	9/30/2024
Hon. Jonathan D. Frieden, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Todd G. Petit, Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Thomas P. Sotelo, Judge	1/31/2027
Hon. Melinda L. VanLowe, Judge	3/31/2027

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## TWENTIETH DISTRICT

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### **Fauquier General District**

6 Court Street  
 Warrenton, Virginia 20186  
 Tel. (540) 422-8035

### **Loudoun General District**

18 East Market Street, 2nd Floor  
 Leesburg, Virginia 20176  
 Tel. (703) 777-0312

### **Rappahannock General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

250 Gay Street  
 Post Office Box 206  
 Washington, Virginia 22747  
 Tel. (540) 675-5356

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Jessica H. Foster, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Matthew Parke Snow, Judge	4/30/2026
Hon. Lorrie Ann Sinclair Taylor, Judge	3/31/2026
Hon. Deborah C. Welsh, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Pamela L. Brooks, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Melissa N. Cupp, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Avelina S. Jacob, Judge	2/9/2025

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**TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT**


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**Martinsville General District**

55 West Church Street  
 Post Office Box 1402  
 Martinsville, Virginia 24114  
 Tel. (276) 656-5125

**Henry General District**

3160 Kings Mountain Road, Suite  
 A  
 Martinsville, Virginia 24112  
 Tel. (276) 634-4815

**Patrick General District**

106 Rucker Street  
 Patrick County Administration  
 Building, Room 318  
 Post Office Box 149  
 Stuart, Virginia 24171  
 Tel. (276) 694-7258

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. James R. McGarry, Judge	4/30/2025
Hon. Joan Ziglar, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Kimberly R. Belongia, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Susan N. Deatherage, Judge	4/30/2025

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**TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT**


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**Danville General District**

401 Patton Street  
 Post Office Box 3300  
 Danville, Virginia 24543  
 Tel. (434) 799-5179

**Franklin County General District**

275 S. Main Street, Suite 111  
 Post Office Box 569  
 Rocky Mount, Virginia 24151  
 Tel. (540) 483-3060

**Pittsylvania General District**

11 Bank Street, Suite 201  
 Post Office Box 695  
 Chatham, Virginia 24531-0695  
 Tel. (434) 432-7879

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Robert L Adams Jr., Judge	12/31/2026
Hon. George A. Jones Jr., Judge	3/31/2024
Hon. Deanna Perdue Stone, Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. Brian H. Turpin, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Dale M. Wiley, Judge	6/30/2022

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## TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT

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**Roanoke City General District**

315 W. Church Avenue, SW  
Second Floor Roanoke, Virginia  
24016  
Tel. (540) 853-2364 Civil  
Tel. (540) 853-2361 Criminal  
Tel. (540) 853-2767 Traffic

**Salem General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

2 East Calhoun Street  
Salem, Virginia 24153  
Tel. (540) 375-3044

**Roanoke County General  
District**

Courthouse  
305 East Main Street  
Post Office Box 997  
Salem, Virginia 24153  
Tel. (540) 387-6168

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Francis W. Burkart III, Judge	10/31/2026
Hon. Scott R. Geddes, Judge	1/31/2023
Hon. Thomas W. Roe Jr., Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Jacqueline F. Ward Talevi, Judge	1/31/2027
Hon. Leisa K. Ciaffone, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Heather P. Ferguson, Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. Melissa W. Friedman, Judge	1/31/2027
Hon. Hilary D. Griffith, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Frank W. Rogers III, Judge	12/31/2026

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## TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT

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**Bedford General District**

123 East Main Street  
Suite 202  
Bedford, Virginia 24523  
Tel. (540) 586-7637

**Amherst General District**

113 Taylor Street  
Post Office Box 513  
Amherst, Virginia 24521  
Tel. (434) 946-9351

**Lynchburg General District**

Public Safety Building  
Civil, Criminal & Traffic  
905 Court Street  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24505  
Tel. (434) 455-2630 Criminal/Civil  
Tel. (434) 455-2640 Civil

**Nelson General District**

84 Courthouse Square, 2nd Floor  
Post Office Box 514  
Lovingsston, Virginia 22949  
Tel. (434) 263-7040

**Campbell General District**

732 Village Highway  
Post Office Box 97  
Rustburg, Virginia 24588  
Tel. (434) 332-9546

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Sam Daniel Eggleston, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Randy C. Krantz, Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Stephanie S. Maddox, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Jeffrey P. Bennett, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Brooke Taylor Willse Gaddy, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Robert Louis Harrison Jr., Judge	1/31/2022

Hon. Stephanie Mutter-Ayers, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. H. Cary Payne, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Jennifer E. Stille, Judge	6/30/2025

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## TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT

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**Buena Vista General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

2039 Sycamore Avenue  
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416  
Tel. (540) 264-2163

**Waynesboro General District**

250 South Wayne Avenue, Suite 100  
Waynesboro, Virginia 22980  
Tel. (540) 942-6636

**Highland General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

165 West Main Street  
Post Office Box 88  
Monterey, Virginia 24465  
Tel. (540) 468-2445

**Lexington/Rockbridge**

General District  
20 South Randolph Street, Suite 200  
Lexington, Virginia 24450  
Tel. (540) 463-3631

**Staunton General District**

113 East Beverley Street, 1st Floor  
Staunton, Virginia 24401-4390  
Tel. (540) 332-3878

**Alleghany General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

266 West Main Street  
Post Office Box 139  
Covington, Virginia 24426  
Tel. (540) 965-1720

**Augusta General District**

6 East Johnson Street  
Second Floor  
Staunton, Virginia 24401  
Tel. (540) 245-5300

**Bath General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

Courthouse  
Post Office Box 96  
Warm Springs, Virginia 24484  
Tel. (540) 839-7241

**Botetourt General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

20 East Back Street  
Fincastle, Virginia 24090  
Tel. (540) 473-8244

**Craig General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

182 Main Street, Suite 5  
Post Office Box 232  
New Castle, Virginia 24127  
Tel. (540) 864-5989

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Christopher M. Billias, Judge	3/31/2025
Hon. William Harrison Cleaveland, Judge	1/31/2025
Hon. Robin J. Mayer, Judge	4/30/2026
Hon. Rupen R. Shah, Judge	1/31/2023
Hon. Robert C. Hagan Jr., Judge	5/31/2027
Hon. Linda Schorsch Jones, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Susan B. Read, Judge	6/30/2025

Hon. Correy R. Smith, Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Paul A. Tucker, Judge	6/30/2023

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**TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT**

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**Harrisonburg/Rockingham**  
General District  
53 Court Square, Room 132  
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801  
Tel. (540) 564-3130

**Winchester/Frederick**  
General District  
5 North Kent Street  
Winchester, Virginia 22601  
Tel. (540) 722-7208

**Clarke General District**  
104 North Church Street  
Post Office Box 612  
Berryville, Virginia 22611  
Tel. (540) 955-5128

**Page General District**  
116 South Court Street, Suite B  
Luray, Virginia 22835  
Tel. (540) 743-5705

**Shenandoah General District**  
215 Mill Road, Suite 128  
Woodstock, Virginia 22664  
Tel. (540) 459-6130

**Warren General District**  
Courthouse  
One East Main Street  
Front Royal, Virginia 22630  
Tel. (540) 635-2335

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Mary Louise Costello Daniel, Judge	5/31/2026
Hon. John Stanley Hart Jr., Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. W. Dale Houff, Judge	4/15/2024
Hon. Amy B. Tisinger, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Kimberly Marion Athey, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Anthony Wayne Bailey, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Elizabeth Kellas Burton, Judge	4/30/2022
Hon. Rachel E. Figura, Judge	4/30/2025
Hon. Daryl L. Funk, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Chad A. Logan, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Hugh David O'Donnell, Judge	3/31/2027

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT**

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**Galax General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**  
353 North Main Street, Suite 204  
Galax, Virginia 24333  
Tel. (276) 236-8731

**Radford General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**  
Municipal Building  
619 Second Street  
Radford, Virginia 24141  
Tel. (540) 731-3609

**Bland General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**  
612 Main Street, Suite 106  
Post Office Box 157  
Bland, Virginia 24315  
Tel. (276) 688-4433/4789

**Carroll General District**  
605 Pine Street  
Post Office Box 698

**Floyd General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**  
100 East Main Street, Room 208

**Giles General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**  
120 North Main Street, Suite 1

Hillsville, Virginia 24343  
Tel. (276) 730-3050

Floyd, Virginia 24091  
Tel. (276) 745-9327

Pearisburg, Virginia 24134  
Tel. (540) 921-3533

**Grayson General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

New Grayson Courthouse  
129 Davis Street  
P. O. Box 280  
Independence, Virginia 24348  
Tel. (276) 773-2011

**Montgomery General District**

55 East Main Street, Third Floor  
Christiansburg, Virginia 24073  
Tel. (540) 394-2086

**Pulaski General District**

Courthouse  
45 Third Street, NW Suite 102  
Pulaski, Virginia 24301  
Tel. (540) 980-7470

**Wythe General District**

245 South Fourth Street  
Suite 205  
Wythville, Virginia 24382  
Tel. (276) 223-6079

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. J. D. Bolt, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Erin J. DeHart, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Randal J. Duncan, Judge	4/30/2022
Hon. Gerald Eugene Mabe II, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Gino W. Williams, Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. Howard Lee Chitwood, Judge	1/31/2024
Hon. Monica D. Cox, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Bradley G Dalton, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Stephanie Murray Shortt, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Robert C. Viar Jr., Judge	4/30/2027

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TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT

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**Bristol General District**

Courthouse, Room 208  
497 Cumberland Street  
Bristol, Virginia 24201  
Tel. (276) 645-7341

**Smyth General District**

109 West Main Street, Room 231  
Marion, Virginia 24354  
Tel. (276) 782-4047

**Washington General District**

191 East Main  
Abingdon, Virginia 24210  
Tel. (276) 676-6279

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Robert L. Hobbs, Judge	9/15/2027
Hon. Travis B. Lee, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Eric R. Thiessen, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Richard S. Buddington Jr., Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Joseph B. Lyle, Judge	6/30/2027

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT

**Buchanan General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

1012 Walnut Street, Suite 328  
Post Office Box 654  
Grundy, Virginia 24614  
Tel. (276) 935-6526

**Dickenson General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

818 Happy Valley Drive  
Post Office Box 128  
Clintwood, Virginia 24228  
Tel. (276) 926-1630

**Russell General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

53 East Main Street  
Post Office Box 65  
Lebanon, Virginia 24266  
Tel. (276) 889-8051/8052

**Tazewell General District**

104 Court Street, Suite 3  
Tazewell, Virginia 24651  
Tel. (276) 988-5962  
Tel. (276) 385-1563

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Henry A. Barringer, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. George Robert Brittain, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. Michael J. Bush, Judge	3/31/2027
Hon. Martha P. Ketrone, Judge	1/31/2027
Hon. Laura F. Robinson, Judge	6/30/2022

THIRTIETH DISTRICT

**Lee General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

Lee County Courthouse  
Main Street  
Post Office Box 306  
Jonesville, Virginia 24263  
Tel. (276) 346-7729/7735

**Scott General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

202 West Jackson Street  
Suite 302  
Gate City, Virginia 24251  
Tel. (276) 386-7341

**Wise/Norton General District**

206 East Main Street  
Wise, Virginia 24293  
Tel. (276) 328-3426

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Shawn L. Hines, Judge	12/31/2026
Hon. Andrew L. Johnson, Judge	8/2/2026
Hon. Kimberly M. Jenkins, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Marcus F. McClung, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Elizabeth S. Wills, Judge	1/31/2025



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THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT

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**Prince William General District**

9311 Lee Avenue  
Manassas, Virginia 20110  
Tel. (703) 792-6141

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Robert P. Coleman, Judge	6/30/2027
Hon. Wallace Semeon Covington III, Judge	11/30/2026
Hon. William E. Jarvis, Judge	10/31/2024
Hon. Che Christopher Rogers, Judge	4/30/2027
Hon. Turkessa B. Rollins, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. David Scott Bailey, Judge	1/31/2022
Hon. Lisa Michelle Baird, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Carlos Javier Flores Laboy, Judge	5/31/2026
Hon. Jacqueline W. Lucas, Judge	6/30/2026
Hon. Helen Jan Roltsch-Anoll, Judge	11/30/2026

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THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT

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**Accomack General District**

23371 Front Street  
Post Office Box 276  
Accomac, Virginia 23301  
Tel. (757) 787-0923

**Northampton General District**

5229 The Hornes  
Post Office Box 125  
Eastville, Virginia 23347  
Tel. (757) 678-0466

**Judges:**

*Term Expires*

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**THE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURTS**

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<b>County</b>	<b>District Court</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>District Court</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>District Court</b>
Accomack	32	Franklin	22	Nottoway	11
Albemarle	16	Frederick	26	Orange	16
Alleghany	25	Giles	27	Page	26
Amelia	11	Gloucester	09	Patrick	21
Amherst	24	Goochland	16	Pittsylvania	22
Appomattox	10	Grayson	27	Powhatan	11
Arlington	17	Greene	16	Prince Edward	10
Augusta	25	Greensville	06	Prince George	06
Bath	25	Halifax	10	Prince William	31
Bedford	24	Hanover	15	Pulaski	27
Bland	27	Henrico	14	Rappahannock	20
Botetourt	25	Henry	21	Richmond	15
Brunswick	06	Highland	25	Roanoke	23
Buchanan	29	Isle of Wight	05	Rockbridge	25
Buckingham	10	James City	09	Rockingham	26
Campbell	24	King George	15	Russell	29
Caroline	15	King and Queen	09	Scott	30
Carroll	27	King William	09	Shenandoah	26
Charles City	09	Lancaster	15	Smyth	28
Charlotte	10	Lee	30	Southampton	05
Chesterfield	12	Loudoun	20	Spotsylvania	15
Clarke	26	Louisa	16	Stafford	15
Craig	25	Lunenburg	10	Surry	06
Culpeper	16	Madison	16	Sussex	06
Cumberland	10	Mathews	09	Tazewell	29
Dickenson	29	Mecklenburg	10	Warren	26
Dinwiddie	11	Middlesex	09	Washington	28
Essex	15	Montgomery	27	Westmoreland	15
Fairfax	19	Nelson	24	Wise	30
Fauquier	20	New Kent	09	Wythe	27
Floyd	27	Northampton	32	York	09
Fluvanna	16	Northumberland	15		

City	District Court	City	District Court
Alexandria	18	Lynchburg	24
Arlington	17	Manassas	31
Bedford	24	Manassas Park	31
Bristol	28	Martinsville	21
Buena Vista	25	Newport News	07
Charlottesville	16	Norfolk	04
Chesapeake	01	Norton	30
Colonial Heights	12	Petersburg	11
Covington	25	Portsmouth	03
Danville	22	Poquoson	09
Emporia	06	Radford	27
Fairfax	19	Richmond	13
Falls Church	17	Roanoke	23
Franklin	05	Salem	23
Fredericksburg	15	Staunton	25
Galax	27	Suffolk	05
Hampton	08	Virginia Beach	02
Harrisonburg	26	Waynesboro	25
Hopewell	06	Williamsburg	09
Lexington	25	Winchester	26

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## FIRST DISTRICT

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### **Chesapeake Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

301 Albemarle Drive, Second  
Floor  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23322  
Tel. (757) 382-8100

#### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Lori Beth Galbraith, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Andrew D. Kubovcik, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. David J. Whitted, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Larry D. Willis Sr., Judge	4/30/2023

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## SECOND DISTRICT

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### **Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

2425 Nimmo Parkway, Building  
10  
Judicial Complex 10A

Municipal Center  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456  
Tel. (757) 385-4391

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Deborah V. Bryan, Judge	4/30/2022
Hon. Tanya Bullock, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Adrienne L. Bennett, Judge	
Hon. Cheshire l'Anson Eveleigh, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Philip C Hollowell, Judge	11/30/2020
Hon. Timothy J. Quick, Judge	3/31/2025

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### THIRD DISTRICT

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**Portsmouth Juvenile and  
Domestic Relations**

1345 Court Street, Suite 103  
Portsmouth, Virginia 23704  
Tel. (757) 393-8851

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Diane P. Griffin, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Bryan K. Meals, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Alotha C. Willis, Judge	2/15/2025

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### FOURTH DISTRICT

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**Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

800 East City Hall Avenue  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510  
Tel. (757) 664-7340

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. M. Randolph Carlson II, Judge	12/31/2023
Hon. Lauri D. Hogge, Judge	3/31/2025
Hon. Devon Rebecca Paige, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Lyn M. Simmons, Judge	6/30/2021
Hon. Robert McLanahan Smith III, Judge	6/30/2024

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FIFTH DISTRICT

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**Franklin City General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

1020 Pretlow Street  
Franklin, Virginia 23851  
Tel. (757) 562-8550

**Suffolk General District**

150 North Main Street  
Post Office Box 1648  
Suffolk, Virginia 23434  
Tel. (757) 514-4822

**Isle of Wight General District**

17000 Josiah Parker Circle  
Post Office Box 122  
Isle of Wight, Virginia 23397  
Tel. (757) 365-6244

**Southampton General District  
& Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

22350 Main Street  
Post Office Box 347  
Courtland, Virginia 23837  
Tel. (757) 653-2673

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Stan D. Clark, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. James E. Wiser, Judge	6/30/2022

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SIXTH DISTRICT

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**Emporia General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

315 South Main Street  
Emporia, Virginia 23847  
Tel. (434) 634-5400

**Hopewell General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

100 East Broadway  
Hopewell, Virginia 23860  
Tel. (804) 541-2257

**Brunswick General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

Albertis S. Harrison Jr.  
Courthouse  
202 North Main Street  
Lawrenceville, Virginia 23868  
Tel. (434) 848-2315

**Greensville General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

315 South Main Street  
Emporia, Virginia 23847  
Tel. (434) 634-5400

**Prince George General District  
& Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

6601 Courts Drive  
Post Office Box 187  
Prince George, Virginia 23875  
Tel. (804) 733-2781

**Surry General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

Surry Government Center  
45 School Street  
Post Office Box 332  
Surry, Virginia 23883  
Tel. (757) 294-5201

**Sussex General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

15098 Courthouse Road  
Post Office Box 1315  
Sussex, Virginia 23884

20352X, Virginia 23064  
Tel. (434) 246-1096

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Christopher B. Ackerman, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Wallace W. Brittle Jr., Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Jacqueline R. Waymack, Judge	5/31/2021

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SEVENTH DISTRICT

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**Newport News Juvenile and  
Domestic Relations**

2501 Huntington Avenue  
Newport News, Virginia 23607  
Tel. (757) 926-3603

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Rebecca M. Robinson, Judge	4/15/2025
Hon. Jeffrey C. Rountree, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Kimberly Anne Kurkjian, Judge	
Hon. Shawn W. Overbey, Judge	

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

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**Hampton Juvenile and  
Domestic Relations**

220 North King Street  
Post Office Box 69104  
Hampton, Virginia 23669  
Tel. (757) 727-6147

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Gregory C. Bane, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Jay Edward Dugger, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Robert B. Wilson V, Judge	3/31/2025

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NINTH DISTRICT

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**Williamsburg & James City  
County**  
General District

**Charles City General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

**Gloucester General District**  
7400 Justice Drive, Room 102  
Post Office Box 873

5201 Monticello Avenue, Suite 2  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23188  
Tel. (757) 564-2400

Post Office Box 57  
10780 Courthouse, Routes 5 &  
155  
Charles City, Virginia 23030-0057  
Tel. (804) 652-2188

Gloucester, Virginia 23061  
Tel. (804) 693-4860

**King & Queen General District**  
242 Allens Circle  
Post Office Box 86  
King & Queen Courthouse, VA  
23085  
Tel. (804) 785-5982

**King William General District**  
Post Office Box 5  
351 Courthouse Lane, Ste 201  
King William, Virginia 23086  
Tel. (804) 769-4947

**Mathews General District**  
10622 Buckley Hall Road  
Liberty Square, Mathews, VA  
23109  
Post Office Box 169  
Saluda, Virginia 23149  
Tel. (804) 758-4312

**New Kent General District**  
12001 Courthouse Circle  
Post Office Box 127  
New Kent, Virginia 23124  
Tel. (804) 966-9530

**York General District**  
Post Office Box 316  
300 Ballard Street  
Yorktown, Virginia 23690  
Tel. (757) 890-3450

**Middlesex General District**  
73 Bowden Street  
Post Office Box 169  
Saluda, Virginia 23149  
Tel. (804) 758-4312

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Wade A. Bowie, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Cressondra B. Conyers, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Mara M. Matthews, Judge	1/31/2022
Hon. Brian J. Smalls, Judge	6/30/2025

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TENTH DISTRICT

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**Appomattox JDR**  
Courthouse, 2nd Floor  
297 Court Street  
Post Office Box 26  
Appomattox, Virginia 24522  
Tel. (804) 352-8225

**Buckingham GD & JDR**  
Courthouse  
Post Office Box 127  
Buckingham, Virginia 23921  
Tel. (804) 969-4755

**Charlotte JDR**  
Post Office Box 8  
Human Services Building  
Charlotte Court House, Virginia  
23923  
Tel. (804) 542-5104

**Cumberland GD & JDR**  
Courthouse  
Post Office Box 24  
Cumberland, Virginia 23040  
Tel. (804) 492-4848

**Halifax JDR**  
Courthouse Building, Second  
Floor  
Post Office Box 430  
Halifax, Virginia 24558  
Tel. (804) 476-3388

**Lunenburg GD & JDR**  
160 Courthouse Square, Suite  
201  
Lunenburg, Virginia 23952  
Tel. (804) 696-5508

**Mecklenburg JDR**  
911 Madison Street  
Post Office Box 340  
Boydton, Virginia 23917

**Prince Edward GD & JDR**  
111 South Street  
Post Office Box 41  
Farmville, Virginia 23901

Tel. (804) 738-6191

Tel. (434) 392-4024

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Marvin H. Dunkum Jr., Judge	3/31/2022
Hon. Nora J. Miller, Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Robert H. Morrison, Judge	1/31/2025

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ELEVENTH DISTRICT

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**Petersburg General District**

33 East Tabb Street  
Petersburg, Virginia 23803  
Tel. (804) 733-2374

**Nottoway General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

328 West Courthouse Road  
Post Office Box 25  
Nottoway, Virginia 23955  
Tel. (434) 645-9312

**Dinwiddie General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

Dinwiddie Courthouse  
Post Office Box 280  
Dinwiddie, Virginia 23841  
Tel. (804) 469-4533

**Powhatan General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

3880 D Old Buckingham Road  
Powhatan, Virginia 23139  
Tel. (804) 598-5665

**Amelia General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

16441 Court Street  
Post Office Box 24  
Amelia, Virginia 23002  
Tel. (804) 561-2456

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Phillip T. DiStanislao, Judge	1/31/2025
Hon. Theresa J. Royall, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Cheryl J. Wilson, Judge	

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TWELFTH DISTRICT

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**Colonial Heights General  
District & Juvenile and  
Domestic Relations**

Courts Building  
Post Office Box 3401  
Colonial Heights, Virginia 23834  
GD Tel: (804) 520-9346  
J&DR Tel: (804) 451-0213

**Chesterfield General District**

Chesterfield Courthouse  
9500 Courthouse Road  
Post Office Box 144  
Chesterfield, Virginia 23832  
Tel. (804) 748-1231

**Judges:**

*Term Expires*



Hon. D. Gregory Carr, Judge	1/31/2022
Hon. Vanessa L Jones, Judge	12/31/2020
Hon. Scott David Landry, Judge	11/30/2020
Hon. M. Duncan Minton Jr., Judge	2/28/2023
Hon. Travis R. Williams, Judge	
Hon. J. David Rigler, Judge	6/30/2024

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## THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

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### **Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

Oliver Hill Courts Building  
 1600 Oliver Hill Way, Suite C181  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219-1214  
 Tel. (804) 646-2942

#### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Richard B. Campbell, Judge	3/31/2025
Hon. Marilynn C. Goss-Thornton, Judge	4/30/2020
Hon. Brice Edward Lambert, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Mary E. Langer, Judge	7/31/2022
Hon. Ashley K. Tunner, Judge	5/15/2024

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## FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

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### **Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

Juvenile Courts Building  
 4201 East Parham Road  
 Post Office Box 90775  
 Richmond, Virginia 23273  
 Tel. (804) 501-4688

#### **Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Margaret W. Deglau, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Linda Lambert Anderson, Judge	
Hon. Sharon Gregory Jacobs, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Stacy E. Lee, Judge	
Hon. Stuart L. Williams Jr., Judge	4/30/2022

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## FIFTEENTH DISTRICT

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**Fredericksburg General District**

701 Princess Anne Street, 2nd Floor  
Post Office Box 180  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22404  
Tel. (540) 372-1044 Civil  
Tel. (540) 372-1043 Criminal & Traffic

**Caroline General District**

111 Ennis Street  
Post Office Box 511  
Bowling Green, Virginia 22427  
Tel. (804) 633-5720

**Essex General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

300 Prince Street  
Post Office Box 66  
Tappahannock, Virginia 22560  
Tel. (804) 443-3744

**Hanover General District**

District Courts Building  
7515 Library Drive  
Post Office Box 176  
Hanover, Virginia 23069  
Tel. (804) 365-6191

**King George General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

9483 Kings Highway  
Post Office Box 279  
King George, Virginia 22485  
Tel. (540) 775-3573

**Lancaster General District**

8265 Mary Ball Road  
Post Office Box 129  
Lancaster, Virginia 22503  
Tel. (804) 462-0012

**Northumberland General District**

220 Judicial Place  
Post Office Box 114  
Heathsville, Virginia 22473  
Tel. (804) 580-4323

**Richmond County General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

201 Court Circle  
Post Office Box 1000  
Warsaw, Virginia 22572  
Tel. (804) 333-4616

**Spotsylvania General District**

9111 Courthouse Road  
Judicial Center, First Floor  
Post Office Box 339  
Spotsylvania, Virginia 22553  
Tel. (540) 507-7680

**Stafford General District**

The Judicial Center  
1300 Courthouse Road  
Post Office Box 940  
Stafford, Virginia 22555  
Tel. Criminal/Traffic: (540) 658-8935  
Tel. Civil: (540) 658-4641

**Westmoreland General District**

175 Polk Street  
Post Office Box 688  
Montross, Virginia 22520  
Tel. (804) 493-0105

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. John E. Franklin, Judge	6/30/2021
Hon. Shannon O. Hoehl, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Julian W. Johnson, Judge	3/31/2023
Hon. William L. Lewis, Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Andrea M. Stewart, Judge	6/30/2021
Hon. Georgja K. Sutton, Judge	1/31/2020
Hon. Frank G Uvanni, Judge	6/30/2021
Hon. Joseph A. Vance IV, Judge	6/30/2025

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**Charlottesville General District**

606 East Market Street  
PO Box 2677  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902  
Tel. (434) 970-3388

**Albemarle General District**

501 East Jefferson Street  
Court Square, Suite 138  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902  
Tel. (434) 972-4007

**Culpeper General District**

135 West Cameron Street  
Culpeper, Virginia 22701  
Tel. (540) 727-3417

**Fluvanna General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

72 Main Street, Suite B  
Post Office Box 417  
Palmyra, Virginia 22963  
Tel. (434) 591-1980

**Goochland General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

2938 River Road West  
Post Office Box 47  
Goochland, Virginia 23063  
Tel. (804) 556-5309

**Greene General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

85 Standard Street  
Post Office Box 245  
Standardsville, Virginia 22973  
Tel. (434) 985-5224

**Louisa General District**

314 West Main Street  
Cunningham Building  
Post Office Box 524  
Louisa, Virginia 23093  
Tel. (540) 967-5330

**Madison General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

2 Main Street  
Post Office Box 470  
Madison, Virginia 22727  
Tel. (540) 948-4657

**Orange General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

110 North Madison Rd., Suite 100  
Post Office Box 821  
Orange, Virginia 22960  
Tel. (540) 672-3150

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. David M Barredo, Judge	11/30/2020
Hon. Gilbert H. Berger, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Barbara G. Lowe, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Ronald L. Morris, Judge	1/31/2024
Hon. Frank W. Somerville, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Deborah S. Tinsley, Judge	11/30/2020

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**SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT**

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**Falls Church General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

City Hall  
300 Park Avenue, Room 107E  
Falls Church, Virginia 22046  
Tel. (703) 248-5098 Civil  
Tel. (703) 248-5157 Small Claims  
Tel. (703) 248-5096 Traffic &  
Criminal

**Arlington General District**

1425 North Courthouse Road  
2nd Floor  
Suite 2400  
Arlington, Virginia 22201  
Tel. (703) 228-7900

**Judges:**

*Term Expires*

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

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**Alexandria Juvenile and  
Domestic Relations**

520 King Street, First Floor  
Post Office Box 21461  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
Tel. (703) 746-4141

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Constance H. Frogale, Judge	3/31/2023
Hon. Thomas Kevin Cullen, Judge	

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NINETEENTH DISTRICT

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**Fairfax County Juvenile and  
Domestic Relations**

4110 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030  
Tel. (703) 246-3367

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Maha-Rebekah Ramos Abejuela, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Gayl Branum Carr, Judge	7/31/2024
Hon. Glenn L. Clayton II, Judge	9/30/2024
Hon. Melinda L. VanLowe, Judge	
Hon. Jonathan D. Frieden, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Todd G. Petit, Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Melissa S. Cardoce, Judge	
Hon. Thomas P. Sotelo, Judge	1/31/2021

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TWENTIETH DISTRICT

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**Fauquier General District**

6 Court Street  
Warrenton, Virginia 20186  
Tel. (540) 422-8035

**Loudoun General District**

18 East Market Street, 2nd Floor  
Leesburg, Virginia 20176  
Tel. (703) 777-0312

**Rappahannock General District  
& Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

250 Gay Street  
Post Office Box 206  
Washington, Virginia 22747  
Tel. (540) 675-5356

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Pamela L. Brooks, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Melissa N. Cupp, Judge	6/30/2023
Hon. Avelina S. Jacob, Judge	2/9/2025

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT

**Martinsville**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
55 West Church Street  
Municipal Building  
Post Office Drawer 751  
Martinsville, Virginia 24114  
Tel. (276) 403-5168

**Henry**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
3160 Kings Mountain Road  
2nd Floor, Suite C  
Martinsville, Virginia 24112  
Tel. (276) 634-4830

**Patrick Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

106 Rucker Street, Room 320  
Patrick County Administration  
Building  
Post Office Box 452  
Stuart, Virginia 24171  
Tel. (276) 694-3927

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Kimberly R. Belongia, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Susan N. Deatherage, Judge	4/30/2025

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT

**Danville**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
401 Patton Street  
Post Office Box 3300  
Danville, Virginia 24543  
Tel. (434) 799-5173

**Franklin County**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
275 South Main Street  
Courthouse, Suite 3  
Rocky Mount, Virginia 24151  
Tel. (540) 483-3055

**Pittsylvania Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

E. R. Shields Courthouse Addition  
5 Bank Street, 3rd Floor  
Post Office Box 270  
Chatham, Virginia 24531  
Tel. (434) 432-7861

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Deanna Perdue Stone, Judge	
Hon. Brian H. Turpin, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Dale M. Wiley, Judge	6/30/2022

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT

**Roanoke City General District**  
315 W. Church Avenue, SW

**Salem General District & Juvenile and Domestic**

**Roanoke County General District**

Second Floor  
Roanoke, Virginia 24016  
Tel. (540) 853-2364 Civil  
Tel. (540) 853-2361 Criminal  
Tel. (540) 853-2767 Traffic

**Relations**  
2 East Calhoun Street  
Salem, Virginia 24153  
Tel. (540) 375-3044

Courthouse  
305 East Main Street  
Post Office Box 997  
Salem, Virginia 24153  
Tel. (540) 387-6168

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Leisa K. Ciaffone, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Hilary D. Griffith, Judge	6/30/2021
Hon. Frank W. Rogers III, Judge	12/31/2020
Hon. Heather P. Ferguson, Judge	
Hon. Melissa W. Friedman, Judge	

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TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT

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**Bedford**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
123 East Main Street  
Suite 101  
Bedford, Virginia 24523  
Tel. (540) 586-7641

**Lynchburg**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
909 Court Street, Main Level  
Post Office Box 757  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24505  
Tel. (434) 455-2670

**Amherst**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
113 Taylor Street  
Post Office Box 178  
Amherst, Virginia 24521  
Tel. (434) 946-9355

**Campbell**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
732 Village Highway  
Post Office Box 220, Second  
Floor  
Rustburg, Virginia 24588  
Tel. (434) 332-9555

**Nelson Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

84 Courthouse Square  
Post Office Box 7  
Lovingston, Virginia 22949  
Tel. (434) 263-7030

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Stephanie Mutter-Ayers, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Jeffrey P. Bennett, Judge	6/30/2021
Hon. Brooke Willse Gaddy, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Robert Louis Harrison Jr., Judge	1/31/2022
Hon. H. Cary Payne, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Jennifer E. Stille, Judge	6/30/2025

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TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT

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**Buena Vista General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

**Waynesboro General District**  
250 South Wayne Avenue, Suite  
100

**Highland General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

2039 Sycamore Avenue  
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416  
Tel. (540) 264-2163

Waynesboro, Virginia 22980  
Tel. (540) 942-6636

165 West Main Street  
Post Office Box 88  
Monterey, Virginia 24465  
Tel. (540) 468-2445

**Lexington/Rockbridge General District**

20 South Randolph Street, Suite 200  
Lexington, Virginia 24450  
Tel. (540) 463-3631

**Staunton General District**

113 East Beverley Street, 1st Floor  
Staunton, Virginia 24401-4390  
Tel. (540) 332-3878

**Alleghany General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

266 West Main Street  
Post Office Box 139  
Covington, Virginia 24426  
Tel. (540) 965-1720

**Augusta General District**

6 East Johnson Street  
Second Floor  
Staunton, Virginia 24401  
Tel. (540) 245-5300

**Bath General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

Courthouse  
Post Office Box 96  
Warm Springs, Virginia 24484  
Tel. (540) 839-7241

**Botetourt General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

20 East Back Street  
Fincastle, Virginia 24090  
Tel. (540) 473-8244  
Tel. (540) 864-5989

**Craig General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

182 Main Street, Suite 5  
Post Office Box 232  
New Castle, Virginia 24127

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Robert C. Hagan Jr., Judge	
Hon. Linda Schorsch Jones, Judge	11/30/2020
Hon. Susan B. Read, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Correy R. Smith, Judge	6/30/2022
Hon. Paul A. Tucker, Judge	6/30/2023

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TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT

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**Harrisonburg/Rockingham**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
53 Court Square, Suite 214  
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801  
Tel. (540) 564-3370

**Winchester/Frederick**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
Judicial Center  
5 North Kent Street  
Winchester, Virginia 22601  
Tel. (540) 667-5770

**Clarke Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

Post Office Box 556  
104 North Church Street  
Berryville, Virginia 22611  
Tel. (540) 955-5136

**Page Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

**Shenandoah**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations

**Warren**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
Post Office Box 1618

116 South Court Street, Suite F  
Luray, Virginia 22835  
Tel. (540) 743-4152

215 Mill Road, Suite 228  
Woodstock, Virginia 22664  
Tel. (540) 459-6135

POST OFFICE BOX 1010  
One East Main Street, Room 203  
Front Royal, Virginia 22630  
Tel. (540) 635-4107

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Kimberly Marion Athey, Judge	11/30/2020
Hon. Anthony Wayne Bailey, Judge	11/30/2020
Hon. Elizabeth Kellas Burton, Judge	4/30/2022
Hon. Rachel E. Figura, Judge	4/30/2025
Hon. Daryl L. Funk, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Chad A. Logan, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Hugh David O'Donnell, Judge	3/31/2021

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TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT

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**Galax General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

353 North Main Street, Suite 204  
Galax, Virginia 24333  
Tel. (276) 236-8731

**Radford General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

Municipal Building  
619 Second Street  
Radford, Virginia 24141  
Tel. (540) 731-3609

**Bland General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

612 Main Street, Suite 106  
Post Office Box 157  
Bland, Virginia 24315  
Tel. (276) 688-4433/4789

**Carroll General District**

605 Pine Street  
Post Office Box 698  
Hillsville, Virginia 24343  
Tel. (276) 730-3050

**Floyd General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

100 East Main Street, Room 208  
Floyd, Virginia 24091  
Tel. (276) 745-9327

**Giles General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

120 North Main Street, Suite 1  
Pearisburg, Virginia 24134  
Tel. (540) 921-3533

**Grayson General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

New Grayson Courthouse  
129 Davis Street  
P. O. Box 280  
Independence, Virginia 24348  
Tel. (276) 773-2011

**Montgomery General District**

55 East Main Street, Third Floor  
Christiansburg, Virginia 24073  
Tel. (540) 394-2086

**Pulaski General District**

Courthouse  
45 Third Street, NW Suite 102  
Pulaski, Virginia 24301  
Tel. (540) 980-7470

**Wythe General District**

245 South Fourth Street  
Suite 205  
Wythville, Virginia 24382  
Tel. (276) 223-6079



**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. H. Lee Chitwood, Judge	1/31/2024
Hon. Monica D. Cox, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Bradley G Dalton, Judge	11/30/2020
Hon. Stephanie Murray Shortt, Judge	11/30/2020
Hon. Robert C. Viar Jr., Judge	4/30/2021

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT

**Bristol**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
497 Cumberland Street  
Courthouse, Suite 107  
Bristol, Virginia 24201  
Tel. (276) 645-7325

**Smyth**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
109 West Main Street, Room 207  
Marion, Virginia 24354  
Tel. (276) 782-4052

**Washington Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courthouse**

187 East Main Street  
Abingdon, Virginia 24210  
Tel. (276) 676-6282

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Richard S. Buddington Jr., Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Joseph B. Lyle, Judge	6/30/2021
Hon. Florence A. Powell, Judge	1/31/2020

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT

**Buchanan General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

1012 Walnut Street, Suite 328  
Post Office Box 654  
Grundy, Virginia 24614  
Tel. (276) 935-6526

**Dickenson General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

818 Happy Valley Drive  
Post Office Box 128  
Clintwood, Virginia 24228  
Tel. (276) 926-1630

**Russell General District & Juvenile and Domestic Relations**

53 East Main Street  
Post Office Box 65  
Lebanon, Virginia 24266  
Tel. (276) 889-8051/8052

**Tazewell General District**

104 Court Street, Suite 3  
Tazewell, Virginia 24651  
Tel. (276) 988-5962  
Tel. (276) 385-1563

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Michael J. Bush, Judge	3/31/2021
Hon. Martha P. Ketron, Judge	1/31/2021
Hon. Laura F. Robinson, Judge	6/30/2022

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THIRTIETH DISTRICT

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**Lee General District & Juvenile  
and Domestic Relations**

Lee County Courthouse  
Main Street  
Post Office Box 306  
Jonesville, Virginia 24263  
Tel. (276) 346-7729/7735

**Scott General District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

202 West Jackson Street  
Suite 302  
Gate City, Virginia 24251  
Tel. (276) 386-7341

**Wise/Norton General District**

206 East Main Street  
Wise, Virginia 24293  
Tel. (276) 328-3426

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. Kimberly M. Jenkins, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Marcus F. McClung, Judge	6/30/2024
Hon. Elizabeth S. Wills, Judge	1/31/2025

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THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT

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**Prince William District &  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

9311 Lee Avenue  
Manassas, Virginia 20110  
Tel. (703) 792-6160

**Judges:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Hon. D. Scott Bailey, Judge	1/31/2022
Hon. Lisa Michelle Baird, Judge	6/30/2025
Hon. Carlos Javier Flores Laboy, Judge	
Hon. H. Jan Roltsch-Anoll, Judge	11/30/2020
Hon. Jacqueline W. Lucas, Judge	

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THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT

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**Location: Accomack Juvenile  
and**

Domestic Relations  
23371 Front Street  
Post Office Box 299  
Accomac, Virginia 23301  
Tel. (757) 787-0920

**Northampton General District  
& Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations**

5229 The Hornes, 2nd Floor  
Post Office Box 125  
Eastville, Virginia 23347  
Tel. (757) 678-1269

**Judges:**

*Term Expires*

Hon. Cela J. Burge, Judge

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## JUDICIAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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### BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS

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**Location:**

2201 West Broad Street  
Suite 101  
Richmond, Virginia 23220

**Code Reference:**

§ 54.1-3919

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Board of Bar Examiners ("Board") is an agency of the Supreme Court of Virginia. In addition, its statutory authority is found in ' 54.1-3919 et seq. of the Code of Virginia. The Board is responsible for ascertaining the qualifications of applicants for admission to the Bar of Virginia and licensing those applicants who meet those requirements as established by the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Virginia General Assembly, and the Rules and Regulations issued by the Board.

**Web Site:**

<http://barexam.virginia.gov/>

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### INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION

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**Location:**

Indigent Defense Commission  
1604 Santa Rosa Road  
Suite 200  
Richmond, Virginia 23229  
Tel. (804) 662-7249

**Code Reference:**

§ 19.2-163.01

**Purpose:**

The Indigent Defense Commission (VIDC) provides criminal defense representation for indigent clients. There are 32 public defender/capital defender offices statewide and the agency also provides certification and training for court appointed attorneys.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.vadefenders.org/>

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### Indigent Defense Commission

**Location:**

1604 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 200  
Richmond, Virginia 23229

Tel. (804) 662-7249 ? Fax (804) 662-7359

**Code:**

§ 19.2-163.02

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Indigent Defense Commission is to publicize and enforce the qualification standards for attorneys seeking eligibility to serve as court-appointed counsel for indigent defendants pursuant to ' 19.2-159.

**Composition:**

The Virginia Indigent Defense Commission shall consist of fourteen members as follows: the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice or their designees who shall be members of the Courts of Justice committees; the chairman of the Virginia State Crime Commission or his designee; the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court or his designee; two attorneys officially designated by the Virginia State Bar; two persons appointed by the Governor; three persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and three persons appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. At least one of the appointments made by the Governor, one of the appointments made by the Speaker, and one of the appointments made by the Senate Committee on Rules, shall be an attorney in private practice with a demonstrated interest in indigent defense issues.

**Term:**

Persons who are appointed by virtue of their office shall hold terms coincident with their terms of office. If the chairman of the Virginia State Crime Commission is the chairman of the House Committee for Courts of Justice, then the vice-chairman of the Committee shall serve in the position designated for the Committee chairman or the chairman of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice, then the Senate Committee on Rules, upon the recommendation of the chairman of the Committee, shall appoint a member of the Committee to serve in the position designated for the Committee chairman. All other members shall be appointed for terms of three years and may be reappointed.

**Senate Members:**

.....  
The Honorable R. Creigh Deeds, Designee, Chairman, Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Vivian E. Watts, Vice Chair, House Committee on Courts of Justice

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Henry Lawrence Chambers	6/30/2022
..... Nicholas M. Braswell	6/30/2022

**Legislative Appointees:**

..... Stephen D. Benjamin	June 30, 2023
..... Artisha Gregg	June 30, 2023
..... Manuel Leiva	June 30, 2024
..... Christie Leary	June 30, 2024
..... LaRana Owens	June 30, 2024
..... Guy W. Horsley Jr.	June 30, 2024
..... John G. Douglass	
..... David Lett	

**Ex Officio Members:**

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Kristen Howard, Designee, Chair, Virginia State Crime Commission

The Honorable Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/197>

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## COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA

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**Location:**

109 North Eighth Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2321  
Tel. (804) 371-8428

**Code Reference:**

§ 17.1-400

**Purpose:**

The Court of Appeals of Virginia provides appellate review of final decisions of the circuit courts in domestic relations matters, appeals from decisions of an administrative agency, traffic infractions and criminal cases, except where a sentence of death has been imposed.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/cav/home.html>

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## CIRCUIT COURTS

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**Code Reference:**

§ 17.1-500

**Purpose:**

There is a circuit court in each city and county in Virginia. The circuit court is the trial court with the broadest powers in Virginia. The circuit court handles all civil cases with claims of more than \$25,000. It shares authority with the general district court to hear matters involving claims between \$4,500 and \$25,000. The circuit court has the authority to hear serious criminal cases called felonies. The circuit court also handles family matters, including divorce. In addition, the circuit court hears cases appealed from the general district court and from the juvenile and domestic relations district court.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/circuit/home.html>

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## VIRGINIA CRIMINAL SENTENCING COMMISSION

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**Location:**

100 North 9th Street, 5th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 225-4398

**Code Reference:**

§ 17.1-800

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission (VCSC) is charged with developing, implementing, and administering felony sentencing guidelines used in circuit courts throughout the Commonwealth.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.vcsc.virginia.gov/>

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**Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission****Location:**

100 North 9th Street, 5th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 225-4398

**Code:**

§ 17.1-802

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Sentencing Commission shall develop discretionary sentencing guidelines to achieve the goals of certainty, consistency, and adequacy of punishment with due regard to the seriousness of the offense, the dangerousness of the offender, deterrence of individuals from committing criminal offenses and the use of alternative sanctions, where appropriate.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall be composed of seventeen members as follows: six judges or justices, who may be judges of a circuit court who regularly hear criminal cases or judges or justices of the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals, to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia; one person who is not an active member of the judiciary, to be appointed as Chairman by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia for a term of four years subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The Chairman shall designate a vice-chairman from among the other members to serve a term commensurate with that of the Chairman; the Chairman of the House Committee for Courts of Justice or his designee who shall be a member of the committee and two persons to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Chairman of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice or his designee who shall be a member of the committee and one person to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; four persons to be appointed by the Governor, at least one of whom shall be a representative of a crime victims' organization or a victim of crime as defined in subsection B of ' 19.2-11.01; and the Attorney General of Virginia or his designee for a term commensurate with his term of office. All members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Term:**

Except for legislative members and gubernatorial appointments, appointments to the Commission made on and after January 1, 2001, shall be for terms of four years. Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable John S. Edwards, Chair, Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Leslie R. (Les) Adams, Designee, Chairman, House Committee on Courts of Justice

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Shannon L. Taylor	12/31/2022
Michon J. Moon	12/31/2025
Linda W. Brown	12/31/2022
Timothy Stephen Coyne	12/31/2024

**Legislative Appointees:**

Marcus Elam	June 30, 2024
Edward L. Hogshire, Chair	
6 Judges or Justices	
Thomas Mann	June 30, 2024
K. Scott Miles	December 31, 2025

**Ex Officio Members:**

The Honorable Mark R. Herring, Attorney General

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/261>

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## JUDICIAL INQUIRY AND REVIEW COMMISSION

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**Location:**

Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission  
Post Office Box 367  
Richmond, Virginia 23218-0367  
Tel. (804) 786-6636  
Fax (804) 371-0650

**Code Reference:**

§ 17.1-901

**Purpose:**

The Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission (JIRC) was created by the Constitution of Virginia to investigate charges of judicial misconduct or serious mental or physical disability. The Commission has seven members consisting of three judges, two lawyers, and two citizens who are not lawyers.

**Web Site:**

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/agencies/jirc/home.html>



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## INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

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### STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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**Location:**

1300 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 371-9967

**Code Reference:**

§ 12.1-2 et seq

**Purpose:**

The State Corporation Commission (SCC) has regulatory authority over utilities, insurance, state-chartered financial institutions, securities, retail franchising and railroads. It is the state's central filing office for corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability companies and Uniform Commercial Code liens. The SCC is an independent branch of state government with delegated administrative, legislative and judicial powers. It acts as a court of record and holds formal hearings when warranted. SCC decisions can only be appealed to the Virginia Supreme Court. Created in 1902 by the Virginia Constitution, the SCC began operations in March 1903. It was initially established to oversee the railroad and telephone and telegraph industries in Virginia. The Virginia General Assembly has since broadened its regulatory authority. The SCC's powers, which range from issuing rules and regulations to setting rates charged by large investor-owned utilities, are delineated by the state constitution and state law. The SCC's three commissioners are elected by the General Assembly for six-year terms. Working full-time, the commissioners direct the work of the SCC.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.scc.virginia.gov/index.aspx>

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### Virginia Health Benefit Exchange Advisory Committee

**Code:**

§ 38.2-6503

**Purpose:**

The State Corporation Commission shall establish the Health Benefit Exchange Division as a separate division within the Commission. The Virginia Health Benefit Exchange shall be established and administered by the Commission, through the Division, in compliance with the requirements of this chapter and the Federal Act. The Exchange shall facilitate the purchase and sale of qualified health plans and qualified dental plans to qualified individuals and qualified employers. The Commission shall ensure that the Exchange and Bureau Divisions work in agreement to administer consistent regulation of Exchange plans.

There is hereby established an Advisory Committee in accordance with ' 1311 (d) of the Federal Act and 45 C.F.R. ' 155.110 to advise and provide recommendations to the Commission and the Director in carrying out the purposes and duties of the Exchange.

**Composition:**

The Committee shall consist of up to 15 members. Members shall be appointed as follows: five nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall have demonstrated and acknowledged expertise in individual health coverage, small employer health coverage, health benefits plan administration, health care finance and economics, actuarial science, or with expertise in eligibility and enrollment in health care affordability programs and public health insurance; at least three nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Commission, including an individual representing an organization that

represents the Virginia insurance industry, an individual representing insurance agents, and a consumer representative; and any other members determined by the Commission.

No member of the Committee shall be a legislator or hold any elective office in state government. A majority of the members appointed by the Governor and a majority of the members appointed by the Commission shall have no conflict of interest as set forth in the Federal Act.

**Term:**

After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Julia G. Bataille	6/30/2024
Starla Kiser	6/30/2024
Elizabeth Cunningham	6/30/2023
Jane N. Kusiak	6/30/2022
Ikeita Cantu Hinojosa	6/30/2025

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## VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEMS AUTHORITY

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**Location:**

1250 East Marshall Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-2400

**Purpose:**

The VCU Health System Authority is charged by statute with the missions of operating MCV Hospitals as teaching hospitals for the benefit of the health sciences schools of VCU, providing high quality patient care and providing a site for medical and biomedical research.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.vcuhealth.org/>

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### Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority Board of Directors

**Location:**

1250 East Marshall Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23298  
Tel. (804) 828-9000

**Code:**

§ 23.1-2402

**Purpose:**

The Board of the Directors shall provide, promote, support and sponsor education, public knowledge and scientific research in medicine, public health and related fields; to administer programs to assist in the delivery of medical and related services to the citizens of the Commonwealth and others; and to participate in and administer federal, state and local programs affecting, supporting or carrying out any of its purposes. The Authority is further authorized to exercise independently the powers conferred by this chapter in furtherance of its corporate and public purposes, and the Authority is directed to undertake the operation of teaching hospitals and related facilities and to maintain and, as appropriate, to expand the same, all for the benefit of the Commonwealth, its citizens and such other persons who might be served by the Authority.

**Composition:**

The Board shall be composed of twenty-one members as follows: six nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, of whom two shall be physician-faculty members; five members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, of whom two shall be physician-faculty members; three members to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, of whom one shall be a physician-faculty member; and five nonlegislative citizen members of the board of visitors of the University to be appointed by the rector of the board of visitors of the University, all of whom shall be members of the board of visitors of the University at all times while serving on the board. The President of the University and the Vice-President for Health Sciences of the University, or the individual who holds such other title as subsequently may be established by the board of visitors of the University for the chief academic and administrative officer for the Health Sciences Schools of the University, shall serve ex officio with voting privileges.

All appointed members except those who are members of the Board of Visitors of the University shall have demonstrated experience or expertise in business, health care management, or legal affairs.

**Term:**

Three year terms; no person shall be eligible to serve for more than two successive three-year terms

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable Ryan T. McDougle

**House Members:**

.....  
The Honorable Lamont Bagby

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Joel D. Bieber	6/30/2024
..... Timothy A. McDermott	6/30/2023
..... May H. Fox	6/30/2022
..... Clyde T. Clark	6/30/2023
..... Michelle Y. Whitehurst-Cook	6/30/2022
..... Alice Coombs	6/30/2023

**Legislative Appointees:**

..... Hem L. Bhardwaj, MD	June 30, 2024
..... Fay Manolios	June 30, 2024
..... Don Gehring	June 30, 2023
..... Dr. Lisa L. Ellis	June 30, 2023
..... The Honorable Lisa M. Hicks-Thomas	June 30, 2022
..... Bruce E. Mathern	June 30, 2022

**Ex Officio Members:**

Michael Rao, President, Virginia Commonwealth University  
Sheldon M. Retchin, Chief Academic and Administrative Officer; Health Science  
Campus of Virginia Commonwealth University

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/186>

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## VIRGINIA LOTTERY

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**Location:**

Virginia Lottery  
900 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 692-7000

**Code Reference:**

§ 58.1-4004

**Purpose:**

The mission of the Virginia Lottery is to contribute to Virginia's future one play at a time.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.valottery.com/>

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### Virginia Lottery Board

**Location:**

Pocahontas Building  
900 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (804) 692-7777 ? Fax (804) 692-7102

**Code:**

§ 58.1-4004.

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Lottery Board shall have the power to adopt regulations governing the establishment and operation of a lottery. The regulations governing the establishment and operation of the lottery shall be promulgated by the Board after consultation with the Director. Such regulations shall be in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (' 2.2-4000 et seq.). The regulations shall provide for all matters necessary or desirable for the efficient, honest and economical operation and administration of the lottery and for the convenience of the purchasers of tickets or shares, and the holders of winning tickets or shares. The regulations, which may be amended, repealed or supplemented as necessary, shall include, but not be limited to, the following: the type or types of lottery or game to be conducted in accordance with ' 58.1-4001, the price or prices of tickets or shares in the lottery, the numbers and sizes of the prizes on the winning tickets or shares, including informing the public of the approximate odds of winning and the proportion of lottery revenues disbursed as prizes and returned to the

Commonwealth as net revenues, the manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares, the manner of payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares, the frequency of the drawings or selections of winning tickets or shares without limitation, without limitation as to number, the type or types of locations at which tickets or shares may be sold, the method to be used in selling tickets or shares, the advertisement of the lottery in accordance with the provisions of subsection E of ' 58.1-4022, the licensing of agents to sell tickets or shares who will best serve the public convenience and promote the sale of tickets or shares. No person under the age of 18 shall be licensed as an agent. A licensed agent may employ a person who is 16 years of age or older to sell or otherwise vend tickets at the agent's place of business so long as the employee is supervised in the selling or vending of tickets by the manager or supervisor in charge at the location where the tickets are being sold. Employment of such person shall be in compliance with Chapter 5 (' 40.1- 78 et seq.) of Title 40.1. The manner and amount of compensation, if any, to be paid licensed sales agents necessary to provide for the adequate availability of tickets or shares to prospective buyers and for the convenience of the public. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, the Board shall not be required to approve temporary bonus or incentive programs for payments to licensed sales agents. Apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale of tickets or shares and from all other sources and establishment of the amount of the special reserve fund as provided in ' 58.1-4022 of this chapter. Such other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and economical operation and administration of the lottery.

The Department shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter 43 (' 2.2-4300 et seq.) of Title 2.2; however, the Board shall promulgate regulations, after consultation with the Director, relative to departmental procurement which include standards of ethics for procurement consistent with the provisions of Article 6 (' 2.2-4367 et seq.) of Chapter 43 of Title 2.2 and which ensure that departmental procurement will be based on competitive principles. The Board shall have the power to advise and recommend, but shall have no power to veto or modify administrative decisions of the Director. However, the Board shall have the power to accept, modify or reject any revenue projections before such projections are forwarded to the Governor.

**Composition:**

The Board shall consist of seven members, all of whom shall be citizens and residents of the Commonwealth and all of whom shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly if in session when the appointment is made, and if not in session, then at its next succeeding session. At least one member shall be a law-enforcement officer, and at least one member shall be a certified public accountant authorized to practice in the Commonwealth. Prior to the appointment of any Board members, the Governor shall consider the political affiliation and the geographic residence of the Board members. The members shall be appointed for terms of five years. The members shall annually elect one member as chairman of the Board.

No member of the Board shall: 1. Have any direct or indirect financial, ownership, or management interest in any gaming activities, including any casino gaming operation, charitable gaming, pari-mutuel wagering, or lottery. 2. Receive or share in, directly or indirectly, the receipts or proceeds of any gaming activities, including any casino gaming operation, charitable gaming, pari-mutuel wagering, or lottery. 3. Have an interest in any contract for the manufacture or sale of gaming devices, the conduct of any gaming activity, or the provision of independent consulting services in connection with any gaming establishment or gaming activity.

**Term:**

Pleasure of the Governor; five year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Cynthia D. Lawrence	1/14/2025
John Powell	1/14/2023
Ferhan Hamid	1/14/2027
Kimberley Martin	1/14/2024
Scott A. Price	1/14/2026
Orrin K. Gallop	1/14/2025
Vonda M. Collins	1/14/2024

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## VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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**Location:**

Virginia Retirement System  
1200 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Tel. (888) 827-3847

**Web Site:**

<https://www.varetire.org/default.asp>

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## VIRGINIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

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**Location:**

Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission  
333 E Franklin St.  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
(877) 664-2566

**Code Reference:**

§ 65.2-200

**Purpose:**

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission's mission is to serve injured workers, victims of crimes, employers, and related industries by providing exceptional services, resolving disputes, and faithfully executing the duties entrusted to them by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Web Site:**

<http://workcomp.virginia.gov/>

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## VIRGINIA529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN

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**Location:**

9001 Arboretum Parkway  
Richmond, Virginia 23236  
Tel. (804) 371-0766

**Code Reference:**

§ 23.1-701

**Purpose:**

Virginia529 makes higher education more accessible and affordable for families and individuals.

**Web Site:**

<https://www.virginia529.com>

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## Virginia College Savings Plan

**Location:**

9001 Arboretum Parkway  
Richmond, Virginia 23236  
Tel. (804) 371-0766

**Code:**

§ 23.1-701

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Virginia College Savings Plan is to enhance the accessibility and affordability of higher education for all citizens of the Commonwealth, there is hereby established as an independent agency of the Commonwealth, the Virginia College Savings Plan. Moneys of the Plan shall be held in the state treasury in a special nonreverting fund, which shall consist of payments received pursuant to prepaid tuition contracts or contributions to savings trust accounts made pursuant to this chapter, bequests, endowments or grants from the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities, and any other available sources of funds, public or private. Any moneys remaining in the Fund at the end of a biennium shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest and income earned from the investment of such funds shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it.

**Composition:**

The Plan shall be administered by an eleven member board that consists of the director of the Council or his designee, the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee, the State Treasurer or his designee, and the State Comptroller or his designee, all of whom shall serve ex officio with voting privileges, and seven nonlegislative citizen members, four of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, two of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and all of whom shall have significant experience in finance, accounting, law, or investment management.

Members appointed to the board shall serve terms of four years. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No member appointed to the board shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms; however, a member appointed to serve an unexpired term is eligible to serve two consecutive four-year terms immediately succeeding such unexpired term. Ex officio members of the board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

**Term:**

Four years; no more than two full successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Reginald Delrae Samuel	6/30/2023
Dante Jackson	6/30/2025
Lauren K. Stack	6/30/2023
Edward Hugh Bersoff	6/30/2022

**Legislative Appointees:**

Catherine Beck	June 30, 2024
Dr. Elliott Dubin	June 30, 2025
The Honorable Walter A. Stosch	June 30, 2024

**Ex Officio Members:**

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Andrew Fogarty, Interim Director, State Council of Higher Education

Glenn DuBois, Chancellor, Virginia Community College System

David A. Von Moll, State Comptroller

The Honorable Manju Ganeriwala, State Treasurer, Virginia Department of the Treasury

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.viriniageneralassembly.gov/studies/152>

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**Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission**

**Location:**

32386 Lankford Highway

Post Office Box 111

Cape Charles, Virginia 23310-0111

Tel. (757) 331-2960 ? Fax (757) 331-4565

**Code:**

Chapters 693, 462, 714, 24, 228, 605, 348, 203, and 548 of the Virginia Acts of Assembly of 1954, 1956, 1956, 1959 Extra Session, 1962, 1962, 1964, 1990, and 1998, respectively

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission is to establish policy and administer the operations of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

**Composition:**

The Commission shall be composed of eleven members consisting of one member from the Commonwealth Transportation Board, ten members represent the localities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News; and the two Eastern Shore counties of Northampton and Accomack.

**Term:**

Four year terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
John F. Malbon	6/30/2022
Stuart K. Colonna	6/30/2022
Jeffery Rowland	5/14/2024
Jeffrey Knee Walker	6/30/2022
John F. Malbon	5/14/2023
Karen S. James	5/14/2024
Christine Snead	5/14/2024
Reeves W. Mahoney	5/14/2024
Paul E. Bibbins	6/30/2022
Gregory L. Duncan	5/14/2025
William H. Ferguson	5/14/2025



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## Board of Directors of the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program

### Location:

7501 Boulders View Drive, Suite 210  
Richmond, Virginia 23225  
Tel. (804) 330-2471

### Code:

§ 38.2-5016

### Purpose:

The Board of Directors of the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program shall administer the program as well as the Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Fund.

### Composition:

The Directors shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: six citizen representatives. One of the members shall have a minimum of five years of professional investment experience. One of the members shall have a minimum of five years of professional experience in finance and be licensed as a certified public accountant or hold a similar professional designation. One of the members shall have professional experience working with the disabled community. One of the members shall be the relative of a disabled child experienced in the care of the disabled child. One of the members shall be an attorney with a minimum of three years of experience in the practice of law representing clients with physical personal injuries. One of the members shall be an at large representative consisting of a person deemed qualified to serve by knowledge, education, training, interest or experience; One representative of participating physicians. The initial term of the member appointed in 1999 shall commence when appointed and shall be for one year; One representative of participating hospitals. The initial term of the member appointed in 1999 shall commence when appointed and shall be for two years; and One representative of liability insurers. The initial term of the member appointed in 1999 shall commence when appointed and shall be for three years.

The Governor may select the representative of the participating physicians from a list of at least three names to be recommended by the Virginia Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology; the representative of participating hospitals from a list of at least three names to be recommended by the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association; and the representative of liability insurers from a list of at least three names, one of whom is recommended by the American Insurance Association and two of whom are recommended by the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America. The Governor may select the attorney member from a list of at least four names to be recommended by the Virginia State Bar. The Governor may select the parent of a disabled child member and the at large member from applications duly submitted. Nothing contained herein shall preclude qualified applicants for any position on the Board from submitting an application to the Governor to serve as a member of the Board. In no case shall the Governor be bound to make any appointment from among the nominees of the respective associations.

### Term:

Three year terms

### Gubernatorial Appointees:

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Michael L. Hoover	6/30/2022
Joseph H. Stepp	6/30/2024
Vanessa S. Rakestraw	6/30/2023
Rhonda L. Russell	6/30/2023
Jonathan M. Petty	6/30/2023
Dawn R. Mccoy	6/30/2023

Rebecca Dawn Filla	6/30/2021
Ronald M. Ramus	6/30/2022
Kevin V. Logan	6/30/2023

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## Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy

**Location:**

145 Ednam Drive  
 Charlottesville, Virginia 22903  
 Tel. (434) 924-3296 ? Fax (434) 296-4714

**Code:**

Humanities Act of 1965; Amended 1976, 1980, and 1985

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy (aka Virginia Humanities) is to foster public understanding, development, and use of humanities, and relate humanities to current conditions of local, state, and national life.

**Composition:**

The Foundation shall be composed of twenty-five members: six appointed by the Governor and nineteen elected by the board.

**Term:**

Three years; no more than two successive terms

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
William Mark Habeeb	6/30/2022
Megan C. Beyer	6/30/2024
Sylvester A. Johnson	6/30/2022
Iris E. Holliday	6/30/2022
Lenneal J. Henderson	6/30/2022
Linda J. Seligmann	6/30/2024

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## Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System

**Location:**

1200 East Main Street  
 Richmond, Virginia 23219  
 Tel. (888) 827-3847

**Code:**

§ 51.1-124.2

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System is to administer the Virginia Retirement System, a body corporate and a retirement system for teachers, state employees, and employees of participating political subdivisions.

**Composition:**

The Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement System is established as an independent board in state government and shall consist of nine members as follows: five members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of those voting in each house of the General Assembly and four members appointed by the Joint Rules Committee and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of those voting in each house of the General Assembly.

Members shall be appointed for five-year terms with such members leaving the Board on a staggered basis as initially provided. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms. A vacancy of a legislatively appointed trustee shall be filled by the Joint Rules Committee, and any such appointee shall enter upon and continue in office, subject to confirmation at the next session of the General Assembly. If the General Assembly refuses or fails to confirm his appointment, such person shall not be eligible for reappointment. No member shall be eligible to serve for more than two successive five-year terms. After the expiration of an unexpired term to which appointed, or for an initial staggered appointment of less than five years, a member may serve one additional five-year term. Subject to confirmation by the affirmative vote of a majority of those voting in each house of the General Assembly, the Governor shall designate the chairman of the Board from among the Board members described in subsection A above. A chairman may be reappointed and confirmed for additional two-year terms, not to exceed a total of two. However, the initial chairman's one-year term shall not be counted against the two-term limitation, and such person may serve as chairman for five successive years if appointed and confirmed as aforesaid. The chairman shall (i) preside over meetings of the Board; (ii) communicate on behalf of the Board to outside entities interested in the Retirement System; and (iii) perform additional duties as may be set by resolution of the Board. The Board shall elect one of its members as vice-chairman and appoint a secretary who may or may not be a member of the Board. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

**Term:**

Members shall be appointed for five-year terms with such members leaving the Board on a staggered basis as initially provided. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms. A vacancy of a legislatively appointed trustee shall be filled by the Joint Rules Committee, and any such appointee shall enter upon and continue in office, subject to confirmation at the next session of the General Assembly. If the General Assembly refuses or fails to confirm his appointment, such person shall not be eligible for reappointment.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Susan T. Gooden	2/28/2024
O'Kelly Edward McWilliams	2/28/2022
O'Kelly Edward McWilliams	2/28/2022
Brandon Bell	2/28/2026
William A. Garrett	2/28/2023
Michael P. Disharoon	2/28/2025

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**Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund Board**

**Location:**

Mailing Address:

Wells Fargo IRT Texas Service Center/VOLSAP

Post Office Box 2577

Waco, Texas 76702-2577  
Tel. 1 (844) 749-1819

**Code:**

§ 51.1-1201

**Purpose:**

The Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund Board shall promulgate such rules and policies as are necessary to carry out its responsibilities as required by this chapter. The Board may contract the administrative services related to the service awards provided for herein and designate authority for the administration of those service awards based on the standards set forth in ' 51.1-124.30. The Board or its designee shall request such general fund appropriations as necessary to maintain the Fund, make determinations of eligibility for membership in the Fund, approve applications for service awards to be paid from the Fund, and (iv) exercise all other powers necessary for the administration of this chapter and management of the Fund. Member contributions to the Fund shall be segregated into separate member accounts and be used only to pay service awards to its members. The Board shall adopt rules and policies that bring the Fund into compliance with any applicable law or regulation of this Commonwealth or the United States.

**Composition:**

The Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund Board is hereby created and is to be composed of 10 members. The Director of the Virginia Retirement System shall be a member and act as chairman. The Governor shall appoint three members of the Board from a list provided by the Virginia State Firefighters Association and three members from a list provided by the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads. Such appointees shall be confirmed by the General Assembly and shall serve for six-year terms. No Board member appointed by the Governor shall serve more than two full consecutive terms. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall appoint two members of the House of Delegates and the Senate Committee on Rules shall appoint one member of the Senate. Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

The Director of the Virginia Retirement System with the consent of the Board shall immediately declare the office of any nonlegislative member of the Board vacant when he finds that the member is unable to perform the duties of his office or for any reason does not meet the qualifications of this section. The Governor shall appoint a new member, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, to serve for a full or unexpired term whenever the office of a nonlegislative member becomes or is declared vacant. In any case where a new appointment is made, the person receiving the appointment shall be a (i) volunteer firefighter representative if his predecessor was a volunteer firefighter representative or (ii) volunteer emergency medical services personnel representative if his predecessor was a volunteer emergency medical services personnel representative.

**Term:**

Such appointees shall be confirmed by the General Assembly and shall serve for six-year terms. No Board member appointed by the Governor shall serve more than two full consecutive terms. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall appoint two members of the House of Delegates and the Senate Committee on Rules shall appoint one member of the Senate. Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

**Senate Members:**

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The Honorable John A. Cosgrove Jr.

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Stephen E. Heretick  
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The Honorable Hyland F. (Buddy) Fowler Jr.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

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Gary A. Dalton *Term Expires*  
6/30/2024

Richard W. Harris	6/30/2024
Mark Louis Crnarich	6/30/2022
Kenneth J. Brown	6/30/2026
Steve A. Grayson	6/30/2026
John Howard Craig	6/30/2022

**Ex Officio Members:**

Patricia S. Bishop, Director, Virginia Retirement System

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/183>

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**Task Force for the Identification of the History of Formerly Enslaved African Americans in Virginia**

**Location:**

Martin, Hopkins & Lemon, P.C.  
1000 Wells Fargo Tower, 10 South Jefferson Street,  
Roanoke, Virginia 24011

**Code:**

§ 23.1-2219

**Purpose:**

With such funds as are appropriated by the General Assembly and with the agreement of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (the Foundation), the Foundation shall identify the history of formerly enslaved African Americans in Virginia and determine ways to preserve that history for educational and cultural purposes.

**Composition:**

To assist the Foundation in its work, a task force is hereby created consisting of 17 members as follows: three members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; seven nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, at least one of whom shall be a recognized historian with scholarship in American history and slavery and at least one of whom shall be the president of a historically black college or university located in the Commonwealth. The Director of the Department of Historic Resources or his designee, the Director of the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia or his designee, the executive director of the Virginia Tourism Authority or his designee, the chairman of the board of trustees of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation or his designee, and the President of the Foundation shall serve ex officio.

**Term:**

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Gubernatorial appointments shall be for a term of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Nonlegislative citizen members may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

**Senate Members:**

The Honorable Mamie E. Locke  
The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan

**House Members:**

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The Honorable Jeion A. Ward

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The Honorable Alex Q. Askew

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The Honorable Hyland F. (Buddy) Fowler Jr.

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

	<i>Term Expires</i>
..... Cainan Townsend	6/30/2021
..... Corey Walker	6/30/2021
..... Jalane Schmidt	6/30/2021
..... Audrey Davis	6/30/2021
..... Nelson Harris	6/30/2022
..... Khadijah O. Miller	6/30/2022
..... Makola M. Abdullah	6/30/2022

**Legislative Appointees:**

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Vacancy (Citizens, 4)

**Ex Officio Members:**

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Julie Langan, Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources

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Matthew Gibson, Executive Director, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities

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Rita McClenny, President and CEO, Virginia Tourism Corporation

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Eleanor Weston Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation

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Adele Johnson, Director, Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia

**Legislative Details:**

<https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/442>

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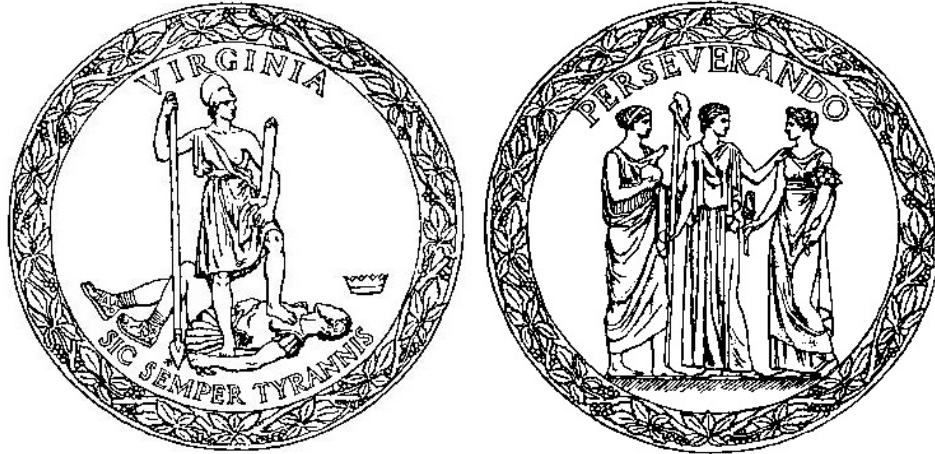
## ABOUT VIRGINIA

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## HISTORY OF THE GREAT SEAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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Virginia's great seal was adopted by the Virginia Convention on July 5, 1776. Its design was the work of a committee chaired by George Mason, who was the principal author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights and the first Virginia Constitution. George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, and Robert Carter Nicholas also served as members of the committee. Taking its theme from ancient Roman mythology, the seal emphasizes the importance of civic virtue.

The original design was never cast properly and a number of variations came into use. Attempting to legislate uniformity, the General Assembly of 1873 and 1903 passed acts describing the seal in detail. In 1930, a committee was named to prepare an "accurate and faithful description of the great seal of this Commonwealth, as it was intended to be by Mason and Wythe and their associates." The committee set forth the official design in use today, which is essentially the design adopted by the Virginia Convention of 1776.

The obverse side of the great seal depicts the Roman goddess Virtus representing the genius of the Commonwealth. She is dressed as an Amazon, a sheathed sword in one hand and a spear in the other and one foot on the form of Tyranny who is pictured with a broken chain in his left hand, a scourge in his right and his fallen crown nearby, implying that the struggle has ended in complete victory. Virginia's motto, "Sic Semper Tyrannis" (Thus Always to Tyrants), appears at the bottom.

On the reverse side of the seal are three Roman goddesses, Libertas (Liberty) in the center holding a wand and pileus in her right hand, Aeternitas (Eternity) with a globe and phoenix in her right hand, and Ceres (Fruitfulness) with a cornucopia in her left hand and an ear of wheat in her right. At the top is the word "Perseverando" (By Preserving). A border of Virginia creeper encircles the designs on each side.

The Art Commission established official colors in 1949 and a watercolor, the only official model for flag makers and stationers, hangs in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The great seal, imprinted on two metallic discs two and one-fourth inches in diameter, is affixed to documents signed by the Governor and intended for use before tribunals or for purposes outside of the jurisdiction of Virginia. The lesser seal, a smaller version of the obverse side of the great seal (one and nine-sixteenth inches in diameter) is used on commissions for gubernatorial appointees and notaries, and to authenticate the signature of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth is designated by the *Code of Virginia* as the keeper of the seals.



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## HISTORY AND FACTS ON VIRGINIA

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### Capitol Building, Richmond



In 1607, the first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown. The Jamestown colonists also established the first representative legislature in America in 1619. Virginia became a colony in 1624 and entered the union on June 25, 1788, the tenth state to do so. Virginia was named for Queen Elizabeth I of England, the "Virgin Queen" and is also known as the "Old Dominion." King Charles II of England gave it this name in appreciation of Virginia's loyalty to the crown during the English Civil War of the mid-1600s. Virginia is designated as a Commonwealth, along with Kentucky, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. In 1779, the capital was relocated from Williamsburg to Richmond.

The cornerstone for the Virginia Capitol Building was laid on August 18, 1785, and the building was completed in 1792. Modeled after the Maison Carrée at Nîmes, France, the Capitol was the first public building in the United States to be built using the Classical Revival style of architecture. Thomas Jefferson designed the central section of the Capitol, including its most outstanding feature: the interior dome, which is undetectable from the exterior. The wings were added in 1906 to house the Senate and House of Delegates. In 2007, in time to receive the Queen of England during the celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jamestown Settlement, the Capitol underwent an extensive restoration, renovation and expansion, including the addition of a state of the art Visitor's Center that will ensure that it remains a working capitol well into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The Virginia state Capitol is the second oldest working capitol in the United States, having been in continuous use since 1788.

More information on the Capitol building can be found at <http://www.virginiacapitol.gov>.

Eight U.S. Presidents were born in Virginia: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor, and Woodrow Wilson, giving Virginia the nickname the “Mother of Presidents.”

Virginia is also known as the “Mother of States.” All or part of the following eight states were formed from western territory once claimed by Virginia: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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## Why Virginia is a Commonwealth

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Virginia was first designated a Commonwealth during the Interregnum (“between reigns”) while Oliver Cromwell was the Lord Protector of England. Under Cromwell’s leadership, the colony of Virginia enjoyed greater freedom in self-government than it had before. From 1660 until the end of the American Revolution in 1781, Virginia was considered a royal British colony along with the other twelve colonies established in North America before the English Civil War.

Virginia’s first constitution was passed on June 29, 1776. The constitution directed that “Commissions and grants shall run, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and bear teste by the Governor with Seal of the Commonwealth annexed.” It also states “Government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people...” and “That all power is vested in and consequently derived from, the people...” These statements are the foundation and heart of the meaning of the “Commonwealth of Virginia.” The delegates at the Williamsburg convention decided to name their new form of government the Commonwealth of Virginia, probably in deference to the rebellion against the Crown and the relative freedom they had enjoyed as a colony over one hundred years before and during the Interregnum.

While Virginia was the first Commonwealth, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania became Commonwealths after the War of Independence. Kentucky, formerly part of Virginia, kept the Commonwealth distinction when it was formed in 1792.

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This piece is a compilation of texts written by Thomas M. Moncure, Jr. of George Mason University and Louise A. Arnatt, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia for Governor Mark Warner. Both texts were compiled by Anne Forsythe.

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## STATISTICS, EMBLEMS, AND SYMBOLS

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### Statewide Statistics:

Population	<b>8,631,393</b>
Rank in Country	<b>12th</b>
Density per Square Mile	<b>212</b>
Land Area (Square Miles)	<b>39,490</b>
Rank in Country	<b>35th</b>
Capital City	<b>Richmond</b>
Population	<b>226,610</b>
Rank in State	<b>4th</b>
Number of Counties	<b>95</b>
Number of Independent Cities	<b>38</b>
Number of Incorporated Towns	<b>191</b>

### Congressional Delegation:

U.S Senators	<b>2</b>
U.S Representatives	<b>11</b>
Electoral College Votes	<b>13</b>

### State Legislature:

Senators	<b>40</b>
Delegates	<b>100</b>

### Official State Emblems and Symbols:

State Flower	<b>Dogwood Blossom</b>
State Tree	<b>Dogwood</b>
State Bird	<b>Cardinal</b>
State Dog	<b>American Foxhound</b>
State Fish (Freshwater)	<b>Brook Trout</b>
State Fish (Saltwater)	<b>Striped Bass</b>
State Shell	<b>Oyster</b>
State Folk Dance	<b>Square Dance</b>

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State Insect	<b>Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly</b>
State Fossil	<b>Chesapacten Jeffersonius</b>
State Motto	<b>Sic Semper Tyrannis</b> (Thus Always to Tyrants)
State Bat	<b>Virginia Big Eared Bat</b>
State Boat	<b>Chesapeake Bay Deadrise</b>
State Beverage	<b>Milk</b>
State Rock	<b>Nelsonite</b>
State Snake	<b>Eastern Garter Snake</b>
State Artisan Center	<b>Virginia Artisans Center, located in the City of Waynesboro</b>
State Blue Ridge Folklore State Center	<b>Blue Ridge Institute located in the village of Ferrum</b>
State Cabin Capital of Virginia	<b>Page County</b>
State Coal Miners' Memorial	<b>The Richlands Coal Miners' Memorial located in Tazewell County</b>
State Covered Bridge Capital of the Commonwealth	<b>Patrick County</b>
State Covered Bridge Festival	<b>Virginia Covered Bridge Festival held in Patrick County</b>
State Flag of Remembrance of September 11, 2001	<b>Freedom Flag, designed by a Virginian, as the flag of remembrance of September 11, 2001</b>
State Fleet	<b>Replicas of the three ships, Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery, which comprised the Commonwealth</b>
State Gold Mining Interpretive Center	<b>Monroe Park, located in the County of Fauquier</b>
State Insect	<b>Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly (Papilio glaucus Linne)</b>
State Maple Festival	<b>The Highland County Maple Festival</b>
State Motor Sports Museum	<b>Wood Brothers Racing Museum and Virginia Motor Sports Hall of Fame, located in Patrick County</b>
State Opry	<b>The Virginia Opry</b>
State Outdoor Drama	<b>The Trail of the Lonesome Pine Outdoor Drama, adapted for the stage by Clara Lou Kelly and performed in t</b>

State Outdoor Drama, Historical	<b>The Long Way Home based on the life of Mary Draper Ingles, adapted for the stage by Earl Hobson Smith, an</b>
State Salamander	<b>Red Salamander (Pseudotriton ruber)</b>
State Shakespeare Festival	<b>The Virginia Shakespeare Festival held in the City of Williamsburg</b>
State Song Emeritus	<b>Carry Me Back to Old Virginny, by James A. Bland, as set out in the House Joint Resolution 10, adopted by the</b>
State Song (Popular)	<b>Sweet Virginia Breeze, by Robbin Thompson and Steve Bassett</b>
State Song (Traditional)	<b>Our Great Virginia, lyrics by Mike Greenly and arranged by Jim Papoulis with music from the original Americ</b>
State Spirit	<b>George Washington's rye whiskey produced at Mount Vernon, Virginia</b>
State Sports Hall of Fame	<b>Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, located in the City of Portsmouth</b>
State Television Series	<b>Song of the Mountains</b>
State Tree	<b>American Dogwood (Cornus florida)</b>
State War Memorial Museum	<b>Virginia War Museum, (formerly known as the War Memorial Museum of Virginia), located in the City of Nev</b>

## Ten Largest Counties\*:

Fairfax	<b>1,137,290</b>
Prince William	<b>448,050</b>
Loudoun	<b>385,327</b>
Chesterfield	<b>333,963</b>
Henrico	<b>321,233</b>
Arlington	<b>236,691</b>
Stafford	<b>141,915</b>
Spotsylvania	<b>129,668</b>
Albemarle	<b>105,715</b>
Hanover	<b>105,210</b>

## Ten Largest Cities\*:

Virginia Beach	<b>453,628</b>
Norfolk	<b>247,087</b>
Chesapeake	<b>240,485</b>
Richmond	<b>221,679</b>

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Newport News	<b>183,218</b>
Alexandria	<b>159,464</b>
Hampton	<b>137,492</b>
Roanoke	<b>99,644</b>
Portsmouth	<b>96,179</b>
Suffolk	<b>91,722</b>

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\* Populations estimates by Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service

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## GOVERNORS OF VIRGINIA

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### 1. Virginia under the London Company, 1606-1624

May 14-September 10, 1607	<b>Edward Maria, Wingfield, President of the Council</b>
September 10, 1607-July 22, 1608	<b>John Ratcliffe, President of the Council</b>
July 22-September 10, 1608	<b>Matthew Scrivener, President of the Council</b>
September 10, 1608-September 1609	<b>John Smith, President of the Council</b>
September 1609-May 23, 1610	<b>George Percy, President of the Council</b>
1609-1618	<b>Thomas West, Baron De La Warr, Governor</b> <i>Held title until his death, June 7, 1618; represented for most of his term by deputies:</i>
May 23-June 10, 1610	Sir Thomas Gates, Governor
June 10, 1610-March 28, 1611	Thomas West, Baron De La Warr, Governor in Virginia
March 28-May 19, 1611	George Percy, Deputy Governor
May 19- August 16, 1611	Sir Thomas Dale, Deputy Governor
August 1611-March 1614	Sir Thomas Gates, Lieutenant Governor
March 1614-April 1616	Sir Thomas Dale, Lieutenant Governor
April 1616-May 15, 1617	George Yeardley, Deputy Governor
May 1617-April 1619	Samuel Argall, Deputy
April 18, 1619-November 18, 1621	<b>Sir George Yeardley, Governor</b>
November 18, 1621-May 1624	<b>Sir Francis Wyatt, Governor</b>

### 2. Virginia under the King, 1624-1652

1624-1626	<b>Sir Francis Wyatt, Governor and Captain General</b>
1626-1627	<b>Sir George Yeardley, Governor and Captain General</b>
1627-1629	<b>Francis West, President of the Council and Acting Governor</b>
1629-1630	<b>John Pott, President of the Council and Acting Governor</b>
1630-1635	<b>Sir John Harvey, Governor and Captain General, resided in Virginia</b>
1635-1637	<b>John West, President of the Council and Acting Governor</b>

1637-1639	<b>Sir John Harvey, Governor and Captain General, resided in Virginia</b>
1639-1642	<b>Sir Francis Wyatt, Governor and Captain General</b>
1642-1644	<b>Sir William Berkley, Governor and Captain General</b>
1644-1645	<b>Richard Kemp (Kempe), President of the Council and Acting Governor</b>
1645-1652	<b>Sir William Berkley, Governor</b>

3. Virginia under the Commonwealth of England, 1652-1660

1652-1655	<b>Richard Bennett, Governor, elected by the General Assembly</b>
1655-1656	<b>Edward Digges (Diggs), Governor, elected by the General Assembly</b>
1656-1660	<b>Samuel Matthews, Jr., Governor, elected by the General Assembly</b>
1660	<b>Sir William Berkley, Governor, elected by the General Assembly</b>

4. Virginia again a Royal Province, 1660-1776  
July-September 1687 February 1689-June 1690

1660-1661	<b>Sir William Berkeley, Governor</b>
1661-1662	<b>Francis Morrison (Moryson), Lieutenant Governor</b>
1662-1677	<b>Sir William Berkeley, Governor</b>
1677-1683	<b>Thomas Culpeper, Governor</b>
1677-1678	<b>Sir Herbert Jeffreys (Jeffries), Lieutenant Governor</b>
1678-1680	<b>Sir Henry Chicheley, Deputy Governor</b>
May-August 1680	<b>Thomas Culpeper, Governor, resided in Virginia</b> <i>Represented by duties during his absence for the following terms:</i>
1677-1678	Sir Herbert Jeffreys (Jeffries), Lieutenant Governor
1678-1680	Sir Henry Chicheley, Deputy Governor

August 1680- December 1682	<b>Sir Henry Chicheley, Deputy Governor</b>
December 1682-May 1683	<b>Thomas Culpeper, Governor</b>
1683-1684	<b>Nicholas Spencer, President of the Council</b>
1684-1689	<b>Francis Howard, Baron of Effingham, Governor resided in Virginia</b>
June-September 1684	<b>Nathaniel Bacon, President of the Council</b>
June 1690-September 1692	<b>Colonel Francis Nicholson, Lieutenant Governor</b> <i>Represented by the following individuals in his absence:</i>



June-September 1684 July-September 1687 February 1689-June 1690	Nathaniel Bacon, President of the Council
June 1690-September 1692	Colonel Francis Nicholson, Lieutenant Governor
1692-1698	<b>Sir Edmund Andros, Governor</b>
1698-1705	<b>Colonel Francis Nicholson, Governor</b> <i>Represented by the following during brief absences:</i>
September-October 1700 April-June 1703 August-September 1704	William Byrd, President of the Council
September-October 1700	<b>William Byrd, President of the Council</b>
1705-1706	<b>Edward Knott, Governor</b>
1706-1708	<b>Edmund Jennings, President of the Council</b>
1707-1709	<b>Robert Hunter, Governor, captured by the French and never reached Virginia</b>
1708-1710	Edmund Jennings, Lieutenant Governor and Deputy to Hunter
1710-1737	<b>George Hamilton, Earl of Orkney, Governor</b> <i>Never went to Virginia and was represented by the following:</i>
1710-1722	Alexander Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor
1722-1726	Hugh Drysdale, Lieutenant Governor
1726-1727	Robert Carter, President of the Council
1727-1749	Sir William Gooch, Lieutenant Governor
1740-1741	James Blair, President of the Council (acted during Gooches absence)
1737-1754	<b>William Anne Keppel, Governor</b> <i>Never went to Virginia and was represented by the following deputies:</i>
September 1749-November 1750	Thomas Lee, President of the Council
November 1750-November 1751	Lewis Burwell, President of the Council
1751-1758	Robert Dinwiddie, Lieutenant Governor

1756-1759	<b>John Cambel, Earl of Loudoun, Governor</b> <i>Never went to Virginia and was represented by the following deputies:</i>
January-June 1758	John Blair, President of the Council
1758-1768	Francis Fauquier, Lieutenant Governor
1759-1768	<b>Sir Jeffrey Amherst, Governor</b>
March-October 1768	<b>John Blair, President of the Council</b>
1768-1770	<b>Norborne Berkeley, Governor</b>
1770-1771	<b>William Nelson, President of the Council</b>
1771-1775	<b>John Murray, Earl of Dunmore, Governor</b>

5. Virginia in Revolt – The Convention Period

**Peyton Randolph, President of the Virginia Convention of 1774, March 1775, and July 1775**

**Edmund Pendleton, President of the Virginia Convention of December 1775 and May 1776**

6. Governors under the Commonwealth 1776-1852 (chosen by the State Legislature)

1776-1779	<b>Patrick Henry, Governor</b>
1779-1781	<b>Thomas Jefferson, Governor</b>
June 4-June 12, 1781	<b>William Fleming, member of the Council of State acting as Governor</b>
June-November 1781	<b>Thomas Nelson, Jr., Governor</b>
November 22-30, 1781	<b>David Jameson, member of the Council of State acting as Governor</b>
1781-1784	<b>Benjamin Harrison, Governor</b>
1784-1786	<b>Patrick Henry, Governor</b>
1786-1788	<b>Edmund Randolph, Governor</b>
1788-1791	<b>Beverly Randolph, Governor</b>
1791-1794	<b>Henry Lee, Governor</b>
1794-1796	<b>Robert Brooke, Governor</b>
1796-1799	<b>James Wood, Governor</b>
December 7-11, 1799	<b>Hardin Gurnley, member of the Council of State acting as Governor</b>
December 11-19, 1799	<b>John Pendleton, member of the Council of State acting as Governor</b>
1799-1802	<b>James Monroe, Governor</b>
1802-1805	<b>John Page, Governor</b>
1805-1808	<b>William H. Cabell, Governor</b>
1808-1811	<b>John Tyler, Sr., Governor</b>

January 15-19,1811	<b>George William Smith, member of the Council of State acting as Governor</b>
January 19-April 3, 1811	<b>James Monroe, Governor</b>
April 3-December 6, 1811	<b>Acting as Governor</b>
December 6-26, 1811	<b>George William Smith, Governor</b>
December 27, 1811- January 4, 1812	<b>Acting as Governor</b>
1812-1814	<b>James Barbour, Governor</b>
1814-1816	<b>Wilson Cary Nicholas, Governor</b>
1816-1819	<b>James P. Preston, Governor</b>
1819-1822	<b>Thomas Mann Randolph, Governor</b>
1822-1825	<b>James Pleasants, Governor</b>
1825-1827	<b>John Tyler, Jr., Governor</b>
1827-1830	<b>William B. Giles, Governor</b>
1830-1834	<b>John Floyd, Governor</b>
1834-1836	<b>Littleton Waller Tazewell, Governor</b>
March 1836-March 1837	<b>Acting as Governor</b>
1837-1840	<b>David Campbell, Governor</b>
1840-1841	<b>Thomas Walker Gilmer, Governor</b>
March 20-31, 1841	<b>John Mercer Patton, member of the Council of State acting as Governor</b>
March 1841-March 1842	<b>Acting as Governor</b>
March 1842-January 1843	<b>Acting as Governor</b>
1843-1846	<b>James McDowell, Governor</b>
1846-1849	<b>William Smith, Governor</b>
1849-1852	<b>John Buchanan Floyd, Governor</b>

7. Governors under the Commonwealth 1852-Present (Elected by Popular Vote)

1852-1856	<b>Joseph Jonson, Governor,</b>
1856-1860	<b>Henry Alexander Wise, Governor,</b>
1860-1864	<b>John Letcher, Governor</b>
1864-1865	<b>William Smith, Governor</b>
May 1865-April 1868	<b>Francis Harrison Pierpoint, Provisional Governor</b>
April 1868-September 1869	<b>Henry H. Wells, Provisional Governor</b>
September 1869-December 1869	<b>Gilbert C. Walker, Provisional Governor</b>
1870-1874	<b>Gilbert C. Walker, Governor</b>

1874-1878	<b>James Lawson Kemper , Governor</b>
1878-1882	<b>Frederick W. M. Hilliday, Governor</b>
1882-1886	<b>William E. Cameron, Governor</b>
1886-1890	<b>Fitzhugh Lee, Governor</b>
1890-1894	<b>Philip W. Mckenny, Governor</b>
1894-1898	<b>Charles T. O'Ferrall, Governor</b>
1898-1902	<b>James Hoge Tyler, Governor</b>
1902-1906	<b>Andrew Jackson Montague, Governor</b>
1906-1910	<b>Claude A. Swanson, Governor</b>
1910-1914	<b>William Hodges Mann, Governor</b>
1914-1918	<b>Henry Carter Stuart, Governor</b>
1918-1922	<b>Westmoreland Davis, Governor</b>
1922-1926	<b>E. Lee Trinkle, Governor</b>
1926-1930	<b>Harry F. Byrd, Governor</b>
1930-1934	<b>John Garland Pollard, Governor</b>
1934-1938	<b>James H. Price, Governor</b>
1938-1942	<b>George C. Peery, Governor</b>
1942-1946	<b>Colgate W. Darden, Jr., Governor</b>
1946-1950	<b>William M. Tuck, Governor</b>
1950-1954	<b>John Stewart Battle, Governor</b>
1954-1958	<b>Thomas B. Stanley, Governor</b>
1958-1962	<b>J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., Governor</b>
1962-1966	<b>Albertis S. Harrison, Jr., Governor</b>
1966-1970	<b>Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Governor</b>
1970-1974	<b>A. Linwood Holton, Governor</b>
1974-1978	<b>Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Governor</b>
1978-1982	<b>John N. Dalton, Governor</b>
1982-1986	<b>Charles S. Robb, Governor</b>
1986-1990	<b>Gerald L. Baliles, Governor</b>
1990-1994	<b>Lawrence Douglas Wilder, Governor</b>
1994-1998	<b>George Allen, Governor</b>
1998-2002	<b>James S. Gilmore, III, Governor</b>
2002-2006	<b>Mark R. Warner, Governor</b>

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2006-2010	<b>Timothy M. Kaine, Governor</b>
2010-2014	<b>Robert F. McDonnell, Governor</b>
2014-2018	<b>Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor</b>
2018-2022	<b>Ralph S. Northam, Governor</b>

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It is difficult to compile a clear and comprehensive list of governors for the colonial period because of the governmental and administrative changes made in England, and due to the proxy system whereby the person bearing the title of Governor often resided in England while a deputy resided in the colony. During the exploration or pre-colonization period, the territory that became Virginia was directly under the crown. Under the charter granted to the London Company, the early government of Virginia was a company appointed council and president, often spoken of as governor. The first man ever to have the title "governor" was Lord Delaware, appointed in 1609. When the London Company lost its charter in 1624, Virginia became a royal colony, and the governor was appointed by the crown. Those appointed to the position often resided in England and were represented in Virginia by deputies. During this period Virginia still remained a resident council and if the governor or deputy governor was absent from the colony the president of the council served as acting governor. There was a break in royal control after the Civil War in England when Parliament allowed the colony to be almost completely self-governed. From 1652 to 1660 the General Assembly elected four Governors. Royal authority was restored in 1660, and from that date until the American Revolution in 1776 the Governors were appointed by the crown.

After the colony declared independence, a constitution was adopted which provided for the election of the governor by the General Assembly for a one-year term. A governor could be reelected to serve a total of three consecutive years. He could be reelected again only after a break in service. From 1776 to 1852 the governor was chosen by the state legislature. When the office became vacant by death or resignation, the senior member of the Council of the State acted as governor until the Assembly was able to choose a successor. The Constitution of 1851 abolished the Council of State and provided for the popular election of the Governor for a four-year term. With the exception of the Reconstruction period 1865-1869, when provisional governors were designated by federal authorities, the governor has been elected by popular vote since 1852.

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## SECRETARIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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1607-1609	<b>Gabriel Archer, Recorder</b>
1610-1611	<b>William Strachey</b>
1611-1614	<b>Ralph Hamor, Jr</b>
1614-1619	<b>John Rolfe</b>
1619-1621	<b>John Pory</b>
1621-1623	<b>Christopher Davison</b>
1625-1635	<b>William Claiborne</b>
1635-1649	<b>Richard Kemp</b>
1649-1652	<b>Richard Lee</b>
1652-1660	<b>William Claiborne</b>
1661-1678	<b>Thomas Ludwell</b>
1678	<b>Philip Ludwell</b>
1678-1679	<b>Daniel Parke</b>
1679-1689	<b>Nicholas Spencer</b>
1689-1692	<b>William Cole</b>
1692-1693	<b>Christopher Robinson</b>
1693-1701	<b>Ralph Wormeley</b>
1702-1712	<b>Edmund Jennings</b>
1712-1720	<b>William Cocke</b>
1720-1722	<b>Edmund Jennings</b>
1712-1743	<b>John Carter</b>
1743-1788	<b>Thomas Nelson</b>
1788-1800	<b>John Harvie</b>
1801-1811	<b>Daniel L. Hylton</b>
1811-1820	<b>William Robertson</b>
1820-1821	<b>John Burfoot</b>
1821-1852	<b>William H. Richardson</b>
1853-1865	<b>George W. Munford</b>
1865-1867	<b>Charles H. Lewis</b>
1867-1869	<b>John M. Herndon</b>

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1869-1870	<b>Brevet Col. Garrick Mallery</b> <i>(appointed under Special Orders No. 68, Hdqrts., First Military District)</i>
1870-1879	<b>James McDonald</b>
1880-1881	<b>Thomas T. Flournoy*</b>
1882-1883	<b>William C. Elam</b>
1884-1893	<b>Henry W. Flournoy</b>
1894-1900	<b>Joseph T. Lawless</b>
1901-1910	<b>David Q. Eggleston</b>
1910-1926	<b>B. O. Jones</b>
1927-1929	<b>Martin A. Hutchinson</b>
1930-1937	<b>Peter H. Saunders</b>
1938-1941	<b>Raymond L. Jackson</b>
1942-1944	<b>Ralph E. Wilkins</b>
1945-1946	<b>Thelma Y. Gordon, acting</b>
1946-1948	<b>Jesse W. Dillon</b>
1948	<b>M. W. Armistead</b>
1948-1952	<b>Thelma Y. Gordon</b>
1952-1970	<b>Martha Bell Conway</b>
1970-1974	<b>Cynthia Newman</b>
1974-1978	<b>Patricia Perkinson</b>
1978	<b>Stanford E. Parris</b>
1978-1981	<b>Frederick T. Gray, Jr.</b>
1981-1982	<b>Marilyn Lussen, acting</b>
1982-1985	<b>Laurie Naismith</b>
1985-1986	<b>H. Benson Dendy, III</b>
1986-1990	<b>Sandra D. Bowen</b>
1990-1993	<b>Pamela M. Womack</b>
1993	<b>Scott Bates</b>
1993-1994	<b>Penelope Anderson, acting</b>
1994-1998	<b>Betsy Davis Beamer</b>
1998-2002	<b>Anne P. Petera</b>
2002-2006	<b>Anita A. Rimler</b>
2006	<b>Daniel G. LeBlanc</b>
2006-2010	<b>Katherine K. Hanley</b>

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2010-2014

**Janet V. Kelly**

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2014-2016

**Levar M. Stoney**

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2016-2021

**Kelly T. Thomasson**

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\*From 1801-1830 this official was designated only as "Clerk of the Council of State" or "Clerk of the Privy Council"; later the phrase "Keeper of the Public Seal" was added.



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## VIRGINIA INDIAN TRIBES

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Archaeological evidence shows that people have been living in what is now Virginia as far back as 16-22,000 years ago. Virginia's modern day tribes were firmly established in ancestral lands long before the English arrived to settle at Jamestown. These tribes contributed significantly to the newcomers' ability to survive those first few years upon their arrival to present-day Virginia. Over the four hundred years since the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown, Virginia's native people have contributed greatly to the vitality of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the nation, and continue to do so.

The Commonwealth recognizes 11 Virginia Indian tribes: the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indians Eastern Division, Mattaponi Indian Tribe, Monacan Indian Nation, Nansemond Indian Tribe, Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Patowomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia, Rappahannock Tribe, and the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe.

Seven of these tribes are federally recognized, including the Chickahominy Indians Eastern Division, Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Monacan Indian Nation, Nansemond Indian Nation, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Rappahannock Tribe, and Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe.



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EXECUTIVE ORDERS

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*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER ONE (2018)**

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

#### **Importance of the Initiative**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, I hereby declare that it is the firm and unwavering policy of the Commonwealth of Virginia to ensure equal opportunity in all facets of state government. The foundational tenet of this Executive Order is premised upon a steadfast commitment to foster a culture of inclusion, diversity, and mutual respect for all Virginians.

This policy specifically prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, political affiliation, or against otherwise qualified persons with disabilities. The policy permits appropriate employment preferences for veterans and specifically prohibits discrimination against veterans.

State appointing authorities and other management principals are hereby directed to take affirmative measures, as determined by the Director of the Department of Human Resource Management, to emphasize the recruitment of qualified minorities, women, disabled persons, and older Virginians to serve at all levels of state government. This directive does not permit or require the lowering of bona fide job requirements, performance standards, or qualifications to give preference to any state employee or applicant for state employment.

Allegations of violations of this policy shall be brought to the attention of the Office of Equal Employment Services of the Department of Human Resource Management. No state appointing authority, other management principal, or supervisor shall take retaliatory actions against persons making such allegations.

Any state employee found in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

The Secretary of Administration is directed to review and update annually state procurement, employment, and other relevant policies to ensure compliance with the non-discrimination mandate contained herein, and shall report to the Governor his or her findings together with such recommendations as he or she deems appropriate. This review shall ensure that state procurement policies fully implement and align with the non-discrimination directives in the Virginia Public Procurement Act, including its prohibitions on discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, status as a service disabled veteran, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment. The Director of the Department of Human Resource Management shall assist in this review.

No state employee or agent within the Executive Branch may engage in discrimination in the provision of public services based on race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, political affiliation, disability, or veteran status. Any state employee or agent who engages in such discrimination will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. The Department of Human Resource Management is directed to promulgate, review and update appropriate policies in the Commonwealth's Standards of Conduct to implement these requirements in accordance with any other applicable laws and regulations.

This Executive Order supersedes and rescinds Executive Order No. 1 (2014), Equal Opportunity, issued by Governor Terence R. McAuliffe on January 11, 2014.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 13th day of January 2018.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER TWO (2018)**

#### **AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V, Sections 1, 7, 8, and 10 of the Constitution of Virginia and Sections 2.2-100 and 2.2-104 of the Code of Virginia, and subject always to my continuing ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters and to reserve to myself any and all such powers, I hereby affirm and delegate to my Chief of Staff the powers and duties enumerated below.

1. To direct, as the deputy planning and budget officer, the administration of the state government planning and budget process, except as to the responsibilities enumerated below, which are retained by me:
  - a. Submission of the budget and accompanying documents to the General Assembly;
  - b. Final review and determination of all proposed expenditures and of estimated revenues and borrowings to be included in the Executive Budget for each state department, division, office, board, commission, institution, or other agency or undertaking;
  - c. Amendment of Position Levels; and
  - d. Authorization of deficits.
  
2. To direct, as the deputy personnel officer, the administration of the state government personnel system, except as to the responsibility enumerated below, which are retained by me:
  - a. Final determination with respect to employee compensation plans;
  - b. Submission of reports to the General Assembly by the Governor as required by law;
  - c. Issuance, amendment, or suspension of the Rules for the Administration of the Virginia Personnel Act; and
  - d. Final action on appeals from appointing authorities to the Governor.
  
3. To review, in the event of my absence or unavailability, major planning, budgetary, personnel, policy, and legislative matters that require my decision.

4. To review, in the event of my absence or unavailability, policy or operational differences that may arise among or between my Secretaries and other Cabinet members.
5. To administer the direction and supervision of the Governor's Office, as well as budgetary and personnel authority for the Office.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order rescinds Executive Order No. 3 (2014) issued on January 11, 2014, by Governor Terence R. McAuliffe. This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until January 31, 2022, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 13th day of January 2018.

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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER THREE (2018)**

#### **DELEGATION OF GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY, TO CALL THE VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD TO ACTIVE SERVICE FOR EMERGENCIES OR DISASTERS, AND TO DECLARE THE GOVERNOR UNABLE TO DISCHARGE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE WHEN THE GOVERNOR CANNOT BE REACHED OR IS INCAPACITATED**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 2.2-104 of the Code of Virginia, and subject to the provisions stated herein, I hereby affirm and delegate to the Chief of Staff, followed in protocol order by the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the State Coordinator of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, my authorities under Sections 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the Code of Virginia, to declare a state of emergency and to call forth the Virginia National Guard or any part thereof to state-active duty in any of the circumstances outlined in subsections 4 and 5 of Section 44-75.1.A.

I further hereby affirm and delegate to the Chief of Staff, my authority under Article V Section 16 of the Constitution and under Section 24.2-211 of the Code of Virginia to transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, a declaration that I am unable to discharge the powers and duties of the Governor's office. Each of these declarations is subject to the following conditions:

1. Such delegation is subject always to my continuing, ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, and in the case of a declaration that I am unable to discharge the powers and duties of my office, my ability to transmit to the Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Delegates my written declaration that no inability continues to exist and to resume the powers and duties of my office.
2. Use of this delegation is contingent upon my being unable to be reached so as to give my approval for the declaration of a state of emergency, as defined in Section 44-146.16 of the Code of Virginia, or use of the Virginia National Guard.

3. Use of this delegation to declare that I am unable to discharge the powers and duties of my office is specifically contingent upon my being unable to be reached or otherwise incapacitated for over 24 hours and the unavailability of any one of the Attorney General, President pro tempore of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of Delegates.
4. This delegation is strictly standby in nature, to be held in abeyance until such time as there may be explicit circumstances involving an emergency whereby human lives and public and private property are threatened in the event of natural or man-made emergencies or disasters.
5. If the authority granted under this Executive Order is used, the Lieutenant Governor and I shall be informed of such use as soon as practicable.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order rescinds Executive Order No. 4 (2014) issued on January 11, 2014 (revised January 13, 2014), by Governor Terence R. McAuliffe. This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until January 31, 2022, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 13th day of January 2018.

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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### NUMBER FOUR (2018)

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, February 12, 2018, I verbally declared a state of emergency to exist due to severe weather that began affecting portions of the Commonwealth of Virginia and resulted in local emergency declarations in the Counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, and Wise, and the City of Norton on February 10, 2018, resulting in significant flooding, road closures, mudslides, and damage to property.

The health and general welfare of the citizens require that state action be taken to help alleviate the conditions caused by this situation. The effects of this incident constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-75.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the Commonwealth, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby confirm, ratify, and memorialize in writing my verbal order issued on this date, February 12, 2018, that a state of emergency exists and I direct that appropriate assistance be rendered by agencies of both state and local governments to prepare for potential impacts of this severe weather event, alleviate any conditions resulting from the incident, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions in so far as possible.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet this threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with

my authority contained in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby order the following measures:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP), as amended, along with other appropriate state agency plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments and emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.
- C. I direct that appropriate assistance, including temporary assignments of non-essential state employees to the Adjunct Emergency Workforce, be rendered by agencies of state government to respond to this situation.
- D. Evacuation of areas threatened or stricken by effects of the severe weather and flooding, as appropriate. Pursuant to § 44-146.17(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, I reserve the right to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace therein from such areas and upon such timetable as the local governing body, in coordination with the VEOC, acting on behalf of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, shall determine. I authorize the control of ingress and egress at an emergency area, including the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein upon such timetable as the local governing body, in coordination with the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and the VEOC, shall determine. Violations of any order to citizens to evacuate shall constitute a violation of this Executive Order and are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- E. Activation, implementation, and coordination of appropriate mutual aid agreements and compacts, including the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and the authorization of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to enter into any other supplemental agreements, pursuant to § 44-146.17(5) and § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby designated as Virginia's authorized representative within the meaning of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- F. The authorization of appropriate oversight boards, commissions, and agencies to ease building code restrictions and to permit emergency demolition, hazardous waste disposal, debris removal, emergency landfill siting, and operations and other activities necessary to address immediate health and safety needs without regard to time-consuming procedures or formalities and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties.
- G. I hereby authorize the heads of executive branch agencies, acting when appropriate on behalf of their regulatory boards, to waive any state requirements or regulation for which the federal government has issued a waiver of the corresponding federal or state regulation based on the impact of events related to this situation.



- H. Activation of the statutory provisions in § 59.1-525 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia* related to price gouging.
- I. Authorization of a maximum of \$900,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local governments mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management that are allowable as defined by The Stafford Act or *Code of Virginia*. This funding is also available for state response and recovery operations and incident documentation.
- J. Implementation by public agencies under my supervision and control of their emergency assignments as directed in the COVEOP without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(b) of the *Code of Virginia*. § 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.
- K. During this declared emergency, any person who holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any U.S. territory, state, or political subdivision thereof, evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, the person, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, may render aid involving that skill in the Commonwealth during a disaster, and such person shall not be liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to, any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person resulting from such service as set forth in *Code of Virginia* § 44-146.23(C). Additionally, members and personnel of volunteer, professional, auxiliary, and reserve groups identified and tasked by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management for specific disaster-related mission assignments as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(a) and (f) of the *Code of Virginia*, in the performance of their specific disaster-related mission assignments.
- L. Designation of physicians, nurses, and other licensed and non-licensed health care providers and other individuals as well as hospitals, nursing facilities and other licensed and non-licensed health care organizations, political subdivisions and other private entities by agencies of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to the Department of Health, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Department of Social Services, Department of Emergency Management, Department of Transportation, Department of State Police, Department of Motor Vehicles, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities, at sites designated by the Commonwealth, within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23 (a) of the *Code of Virginia*, in the performance of their disaster-related mission assignments.
- M. Upon my approval, the costs incurred by state agencies and other agents in performing mission assignments through the VEOC of the Commonwealth as defined herein and in § 44-146.28 of the *Code of Virginia*, other than costs defined in the paragraphs above pertaining to the Virginia National Guard and pertaining to the Virginia Defense Force, in performing these missions shall be paid from state funds.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective February 12, 2018, and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2018, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of the Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal-type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **NUMBER FIVE (2018)**

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, March 2, 2018, I am declaring a state of emergency to exist for the Commonwealth of Virginia based on the severe weather event.

The health and general welfare of the citizens require state action to help alleviate the conditions caused by this situation. The effects of this situation constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are, or are likely to be, imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-75.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the Commonwealth, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby proclaim a state of emergency. Accordingly, I direct state and local government agencies to render appropriate assistance, to prepare for potential severe weather impacts, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet this threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with my authority contained in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby order the following measures:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP), as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments and

emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.

- C. Provision of appropriate assistance, including temporary assignments of non-essential state employees to the Adjunct Emergency Workforce, be rendered by agencies of state government to respond to this situation.
- D. Evacuation of areas threatened or stricken by effects of the severe weather, as appropriate. Pursuant to § 44-146.17(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, I reserve the right to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace therein from such areas and upon such timetable as the local governing body, in coordination with the VEOC, acting on behalf of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, shall determine. I authorize the control of ingress and egress at an emergency area, including the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein upon such timetable as the local governing body, in coordination with the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and the VEOC, shall determine. Violations of any order to citizens to evacuate shall constitute a violation of this Executive Order and are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- E. Activation, implementation, and coordination of appropriate mutual aid agreements and compacts, including the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and the authorization of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to enter into any other supplemental agreements, pursuant to § 44-146.17(5) and § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby designated as Virginia's authorized representative within the meaning of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- F. This Emergency Declaration implements limited relief from the provisions 49 CFR §§390.23 and 395.3 for purpose of providing direct relief or assistance as a result of this disaster.
- G. Authorization of the Department of Emergency Management, Departments of State Police, Transportation, and Motor Vehicles to grant temporary overweight, over width, registration, license, or hours of service exemptions to all carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies to, through, and from any area of the Commonwealth. This Declaration is also intended to satisfy the federal commercial motor vehicle requirements of 49 CFR § 390.23, which provides any motor carrier or driver operating a commercial motor vehicle emergency relief from Parts 390-399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (Title 49, CFR). The exemption shall not exceed the duration of the motor carrier's or driver's direct assistance in providing emergency relief, or 14 days from the initial declaration of emergency, whichever is less.

Implementation and discontinuance of the transportation related provisions authorized above shall be disseminated by the publication of administrative notice to all affected and interested parties. I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, after consultation with other affected Cabinet Secretaries, the authority to implement and disseminate this Order as set forth in § 2.2-104 of the *Code of Virginia*.

- H. Authorization of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to grant a temporary waiver of the maximum vapor pressure prescribed in regulation 2 VAC 5-425 *et seq.*, and to prescribe a vapor pressure limit the Commissioner deems reasonable. The temporary waiver shall remain in effect until emergency relief is no longer necessary, as determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- I. Authorization of appropriate oversight boards, commissions, and agencies to waive and/or ease building code restrictions, permitting requirements, and to allow for emergency demolition, hazardous waste disposal, debris removal, emergency landfill siting, and other operations and activities necessary to address immediate health and safety needs without regard to time-consuming procedures or formalities and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All appropriate executive branch agencies are to exercise their discretion to the extent allowed by law to address any pending deadlines or expirations affected by or attributable to this emergency event.
- J. I hereby authorize the heads of executive branch agencies, acting when appropriate on behalf of their regulatory boards, to waive any state requirements or regulation for which the federal government has issued a waiver of the corresponding federal or state regulation based on the impact of events related to this situation.
- K. Activation of the statutory provisions in § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* related to price gouging.
- L. Authorization of a maximum of \$250,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government's mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management that are allowable as defined by The Stafford Act. 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* This funding is also available for state response and recovery operations and incident documentation.
- M. Implementation by public agencies under my supervision and control of their emergency assignments as directed in the COVEOP without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(b) of the *Code of Virginia*. Section 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.
- N. During this declared emergency, any person who holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any U.S. territory, state, or political subdivision thereof, evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, the person, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, may render aid involving that skill in the Commonwealth during a disaster, and such person shall not be liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to, any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person resulting from such service as set forth in *Code of Virginia* § 44-146.23(C). Additionally, members and personnel of volunteer, professional, auxiliary, and reserve groups identified and tasked by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management for specific disaster-related mission assignments as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities within the meaning of the

immunity provisions of §§ 44-146.23(a) and (f) of the *Code of Virginia*, in the performance of their specific disaster-related mission assignments.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective March 2, 2018, and shall remain in full force and in effect until June 2, 2018, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of the Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Ralph S. Northam in black ink.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson in black ink.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER SIX (2018)**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER SUPPORTING THE CRITICAL ROLE OF THE VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN PROTECTION OF  
VIRGINIA'S AIR, WATER, AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Importance of the Initiative**

The Commonwealth of Virginia has made significant progress in controlling and reducing air and water pollution, though challenges remain. As Governor, it is my constitutional responsibility to ensure “clean air, pure water, and the use and enjoyment for recreation of adequate public lands, waters and other natural resources.” Virginia’s Constitution further sets forth the policy to “protect [our] atmosphere, lands, and waters from pollution, impairment or destruction for the benefit, enjoyment and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.”

Public health, recreational opportunities, safe drinking water, economic vitality, and our quality of life are linked directly to a healthy environment. It is critical that the Commonwealth’s natural resource agencies have the tools necessary to protect and improve our environmental quality.

Despite progress to reduce pollution, many Virginians, particularly those in urban and rural low income or minority communities, do not enjoy clean air and water for outdoor recreation and daily activities. Assessments of our waterways document improvements in the quality of some rivers and estuaries, but these assessments also show thousands of miles of streams that remain polluted. Additionally, many Virginians suffer from asthma attacks and other respiratory ailments that are directly attributable to poor air quality. Science also shows that carbon pollution and climate change are exacerbating these problems.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is the Commonwealth's lead agency charged with ensuring clean air and clean water. Over the past 25 years, DEQ has done extraordinary work to protect and enhance Virginia's environment, and promote the health and well-being of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Yet there is more work to do, and DEQ needs both the tools and the resources to safeguard our air and water for the improvement of our quality of life and that of future generations. Robust monitoring and verification coupled with strong, consistent, and uniform enforcement of our air, water, and waste statutes empower Virginia's good corporate stewards, providing regulatory certainty for businesses and healthy places for employees to live, work, and play. This also eliminates any perverse incentive to ignore environmental requirements for short-term economic gain.

### **Executive Action**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Chief Executive by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby order the Director of DEQ, in consultation with the Secretary of Natural Resources, to take the following actions:

- A. Review DEQ's permitting, monitoring, and enforcement activities across the air, water, and solid waste programs. This shall include:
  - a. Ensuring that DEQ's permitting programs are as protective of public health and the environment as authorized under state and/or federal law, and identifying within 90 days critical updates to regulations or guidance necessary to meet the objectives of this order;
  - b. Assessing the enforceability of permitting activity and determining if changes are needed in the methods DEQ uses in crafting such permits;
  - c. Reviewing the DEQ matrix that guides establishment of penalties to ensure that it effectively, consistently, and uniformly addresses violations that result in threats to public safety, public health, and the environment, as well as recurrent offenses;
  - d. Developing a protocol for engagement with the Attorney General's Office on enforcement efforts;
  - e. Identifying any gaps in monitoring, especially in areas where there is credible evidence to support an indication of impairment to public health or the environment;
  - f. Identifying the extent and causes of delays or backlogs in permitting programs;
  - g. Assessing any gaps in DEQ resources or authorities necessary to address challenges identified under this review; and
  - h. Reporting to the Secretary of Natural Resources within 180 days on the reviews required under this section.



- B. Evaluate every proposed federal regulatory or guidance modification released after January 20, 2017, regarding air, water, and solid waste to determine the impact on public health, drinking water supplies, and land and water protection. This ongoing review shall include:
  - a. Determining whether implementation of any proposed federal changes would lead to reduced effectiveness or efficiency in state programs to protect public health and the environment, which should be avoided;
  - b. Ensuring that any potential rollback in federal protections does not alter DEQ's existing authority to protect public health, drinking water supplies, and the environment;
  - c. Assessing any gaps in DEQ resources or authorities necessary to address challenges identified under this review; and
  - d. Reporting initially to the Secretary of Natural Resources within 180 days on the reviews required under this section and every 90 days thereafter.
  
- C. Work with stakeholders to improve communication with the public and the regulated community and provide more opportunities for proactive education, especially among underserved and lower income populations. This shall include:
  - a. Reviewing processes to identify ways to enhance public participation and community engagement, including ways to promote transparency and simplify regulatory hearings;
  - b. Engaging the regulated community, local governments, and other interested stakeholders in the development of new protocols;
  - c. Establishing an ombudsman dedicated to addressing public questions and concerns;
  - d. Assessing any gaps in DEQ resources or authorities necessary to address challenges identified under this review; and
  - e. Reporting to the Secretary of Natural Resources within 180 days on the reviews required under this section.

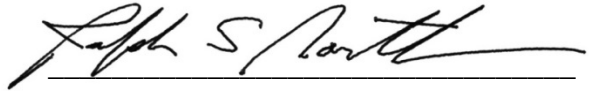
The Director of DEQ shall report monthly to the Secretary of Natural Resources on the progress of these reviews and shall complete his reviews as specified in this order. The Secretary of Natural Resources shall provide a report on recommended actions to the Governor by April 30, 2019. In addition, the Director of DEQ's review of proposed federal regulatory or guidance modifications shall be ongoing throughout my term as Governor.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

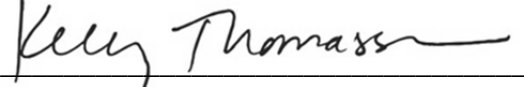
This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this Tuesday, April 3, 2018.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### NUMBER SEVEN (2018)

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On April 16, 2018, I declared a state of emergency to exist for the Commonwealth of Virginia based on the severe storms and tornadoes that impacted the Commonwealth on April 15, 2018.

The health and general welfare of the citizens require state action to help alleviate the conditions caused by this situation. The effects of this situation constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are, or are likely to be, imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-75.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the Commonwealth, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby proclaim a state of emergency. Accordingly, I direct state and local government agencies to render appropriate assistance, to prepare for potential severe weather impacts, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet this threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with my authority in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby order the following:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP), as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.

- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments and emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.
- C. Evacuation of areas threatened or stricken by effects of the severe weather, as appropriate. Pursuant to § 44-146.17(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, I reserve the right to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace therein from such areas and upon such timetable as the local governing body, in coordination with the VEOC, acting on behalf of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, shall determine. I authorize the control of ingress and egress at an emergency area, including the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein upon such timetable as the local governing body, in coordination with the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and the VEOC, shall determine. Violations of any order to citizens to evacuate shall constitute a violation of this Executive Order and are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- D. Activation, implementation, and coordination of appropriate mutual aid agreements and compacts, including the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and the authorization of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to enter into any other supplemental agreements, pursuant to § 44-146.17(5) and § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby designated as Virginia's authorized representative within the meaning of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- E. This Emergency Declaration implements limited relief from the provisions of 49 CFR §§ 390.23 and 395.3 for purpose of providing direct relief or assistance as a result of this disaster.
- F. Authorization of appropriate oversight boards, commissions, and agencies to waive and/or ease building code restrictions, permitting requirements, and to allow for emergency demolition, hazardous waste disposal, debris removal, emergency landfill siting, and other operations and activities necessary to address immediate health and safety needs without regard to time-consuming procedures or formalities and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All appropriate executive branch agencies are to exercise their discretion to the extent allowed by law to address any pending deadlines or expirations affected by or attributable to this emergency event.
- G. Authorizing of the heads of executive branch agencies, acting when appropriate on behalf of their regulatory boards, to waive any state requirements or regulation for which the federal government has issued a waiver of the corresponding federal or state regulation based on the impact of events related to this situation.
- H. Provision of appropriate assistance, including temporary assignments of non-essential state employees to the Adjunct Emergency Workforce, be rendered by agencies of state government to respond to this situation.

- I. Activation of the statutory provisions in § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* related to price gouging.
- J. Authorization of a maximum of \$600,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government's mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management that are allowable as defined by The Stafford Act. 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* This funding is also available for state response and recovery operations and incident documentation.
- K. Implementation by public agencies under my supervision and control of their emergency assignments as directed in the COVEOP, without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(b) of the *Code of Virginia*. Section 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.
- L. During this declared emergency, any person who holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any U.S. territory, state, or political subdivision thereof, evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, may render aid involving that skill in the Commonwealth during a disaster, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, and such person shall not be liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to, any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person resulting from such service as set forth in *Code of Virginia* § 44-146.23(C). Additionally, members and personnel of volunteer, professional, auxiliary, and reserve groups identified and tasked by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management for specific disaster-related mission assignments as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities within the meaning of the immunity provisions of §§ 44-146.23(A) and (F) of the *Code of Virginia*, shall not be liable for the death of, or injury to, persons or damage to property as a result of the performance of their specific disaster-related mission assignments.

Upon my approval, the costs incurred by state agencies and other agents in performing mission assignments through the VEOC of the Commonwealth as defined herein and in § 44-146.28 of the *Code of Virginia*, other than costs defined in the paragraphs above pertaining to the Virginia National Guard and pertaining to the Virginia Defense Force, in performing these missions shall be paid from state funds.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective April 16, 2018, and shall remain in full force and in effect until June 30, 2018, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of the Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### NUMBER EIGHT (2018)

#### **DESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES REQUIRED TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act reflects the Commonwealth's steadfast commitment to ensuring that public officers and employees maintain the highest standards of ethical behavior when conducting the business of the Commonwealth, avoiding even the appearance of impropriety arising out of personal economic interests.

##### **Directive**

In furtherance of the purposes of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, Section 2.2-3100 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* (hereinafter, "the Act"), and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby delegate to the Secretary of the Commonwealth the power and duty to implement the Act with respect to Executive Branch agencies, institutions, boards, commissions, councils, and authorities through the following policies and procedures:

1. Each of the Governor's Secretaries and the head of each agency, institution, board, commission, council, and authority within the Executive Branch shall submit to the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on or before October 1, 2018 a report identifying by name and job title the positions that are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests.

By issuance of this Executive Order, the following Executive Branch officers and employees shall file a disclosure form, prescribed in § 2.2-3117:

##### Office of the Governor

- Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, and Assistant Secretaries
- Chief Workforce Development Advisor and the Executive Director of the Virginia Workforce Development Board
- Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff

- Counsel and Deputy Counsel
- Legislative Director and Deputy Legislative Director
- Policy Director and Deputy Policy Director
- Communications Office
- Scheduling Office
- Policy Analysts
- Designated Special Assistants

#### Executive Branch Agencies

- Agency Heads, Chief Deputies, and Deputies
- Chief Administrative Officers and Deputies
- Chief Financial Officers and Deputies
- Chief Procurement Officers and Deputies
- Chief Technology Officers and Deputies
- Chief Human Resources Officer
- Legislative Liaisons

#### Institutions of Higher Education

- Presidents/Vice Presidents/Provosts/Deans
- Any other persons as designated by the institution including those persons with approval authority over contracts or audits

#### Executive Branch Authorities

- Authorities established within the Executive Branch
- All persons within this group will file the form prescribed in § 2.2-3118, unless required by law to file the form prescribed in § 2.2-3117

#### Executive Branch Appointees

- All non-salaried citizen members of Executive Branch advisory boards, commissions, councils, and authorities are hereby designated to file the financial disclosure form prescribed in § 2.2-3118
- Appointees to boards or commissions who are salaried, such as the Parole Board, shall file the form prescribed in § 2.2-3117

In addition to the above-mentioned positions that are required to file, the agency's report shall include a list of other senior-level positions with responsibility affecting legislative policies and rule-making authority or substantive authorization and decision-making regarding 1) policy, 2) contracts and procurement, 3) audits, 4) licensure, 5) inspections and investigations, and 6) investments or other financial matters.

2. From the reports submitted, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall maintain a comprehensive list of officers and employees, including their position titles, who shall be designated to file the statement of economic interests. The Secretary of the Commonwealth may add or delete positions on the list.



3. The head of each agency, institution, board, commission, council, and authority within the Executive Branch shall be responsible for ensuring that designated officers and employees file their statements of economic interests in accordance with § 2.2-3114 of the *Code of Virginia*. This includes obtaining a statement of economic interests from each new officer or employee so long as the officer or employee is hired for a position previously designated and ensuring that appropriate additions to and deletions from the list of those designated to file are recommended to the Secretary in a timely fashion. Agency heads shall also be responsible for ensuring that appropriate employees receive the necessary orientation on the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act in accordance with the provisions of § 2.2-3128 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2022, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph S. Northam", written over a horizontal line.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomasson", written over a horizontal line.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### NUMBER NINE (2018)

#### **DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF EXPIRING DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On Thursday, April 26, 2018, an information technology equipment failure temporarily interrupted the electronic services provided by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. This disruption greatly impacted the ability of many Virginians to renew their driver's licenses and identification cards. On April 27, 2018, I verbally directed the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to extend the validity period for expiring licenses and identification cards for a period of one week. This unforeseen disruption of services places citizens at risk of suffering fines and other costs resulting from their inability to renew their driver's licenses and identification cards in a timely manner.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby confirm, ratify, and memorialize in writing that verbal directive issued on April 27, 2018, whereby, it was determined that the Department of Motor Vehicles suffered a disruption in service that prevented the Department from processing applications for renewal of driver's licenses and identification cards.

In order to prevent any further hardship to the citizens of Virginia, and in accordance with my authority contained in §§ 46.2-330(A) and 46.2-345 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby order the following measures:

- I hereby direct the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the directors of such other executive branch agencies as deem appropriate in their discretion, to extend the validity period of Virginia driver's licenses, learner's permits, commercial driver's

licenses, and identification cards issued by the Commonwealth that expire April 26, 2018, through April 30, 2018, until May 4, 2018, 11:59:59 PM EST.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective retroactively from April 26, 2018, and shall remain in full force and effect until May 4, 2018, 11:59:59 PM EST.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Ralph S. Northam in black ink.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson in black ink.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### NUMBER TEN (2018)

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, June 8, 2018, I am declaring a state of emergency to exist for the Commonwealth of Virginia based on a series of severe thunderstorms that began impacting the Commonwealth on May 14, 2018, and continued through June 3, 2018. These storms produced damaging winds and resulted in severe flooding, downed trees, large-scale power outages, and loss of life.

The health and general welfare of the citizens require state action to help alleviate the conditions caused by this situation. The effects of this situation constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are, or are likely to be, imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-75.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the Commonwealth, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby proclaim a state of emergency. Accordingly, I direct state and local government agencies to render appropriate assistance, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet this threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with my authority detailed in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby order the following measures:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP), as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments and

emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.

- C. Evacuation of areas threatened or stricken by effects of the severe weather and flooding, as appropriate. Pursuant to § 44-146.17(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, I reserve the right to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace therein from such areas and upon such timetable as the local governing body, in coordination with the VEST, acting on behalf of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, shall determine. I authorize the control of ingress and egress at an emergency area, including the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein upon such timetable as the local governing body, in coordination with the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and the VEST, shall determine. Violations of any order to citizens to evacuate shall constitute a violation of this Executive Order and are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- D. Activation, implementation, and coordination of appropriate mutual aid agreements and compacts, including the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and the authorization of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to enter into any other supplemental agreements, pursuant to § 44-146.17(5) and § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby designated as Virginia's authorized representative within the meaning of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- E. Provision of appropriate assistance, including temporary assignments of non-essential state employees to the Adjunct Emergency Workforce, shall be rendered by agencies of state government to respond to this situation.
- F. Authorization of appropriate oversight boards, commissions, and agencies to waive and/or ease building code restrictions and permitting requirements, and to allow for emergency demolition, hazardous waste disposal, debris removal, emergency landfill siting, and other operations and activities necessary to address immediate health and safety needs without regard to time-consuming procedures or formalities and without regard to application, permit fees, or royalties. All appropriate executive branch agencies are to exercise their discretion to the extent allowed by law to address any pending deadlines or expirations affected by or attributable to this emergency event.
- G. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, acting when appropriate on behalf of their regulatory boards, to waive any state requirements or regulation for which the federal government has issued a waiver of the corresponding federal or state regulation based on the impact of events related to this situation.
- H. Activation of the statutory provisions in § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* related to price gouging.
- I. Authorization of a maximum of \$300,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government's mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management that are allowable as defined by the Stafford Act,

42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* This funding is also available for state response and recovery operations and incident documentation.

- J. Authorization of an amount estimated at \$500,000 for matching funds for the Individuals and Household Program, authorized by the Stafford Act (when presidentially authorized), to be paid from state funds.
- K. Implementation by public agencies under my supervision and control of their emergency assignments as directed in the COVEOP without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, and incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(b) of the *Code of Virginia*. Section 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.
- L. During this declared emergency, any person who holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any U.S. territory, state, or political subdivision thereof, evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, may render aid involving that skill in the Commonwealth during a disaster, and such person shall not be liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to, any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person resulting from such service as set forth in the *Code of Virginia* § 44-146.23(C). Additionally, members and personnel of volunteer, professional, auxiliary, and reserve groups identified and tasked by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management for specific disaster-related mission assignments as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(a) and (f) of the *Code of Virginia*, in the performance of their specific disaster-related mission assignments.

Upon my approval, the costs incurred by state agencies and other agents in performing mission assignments through the VEOC of the Commonwealth as defined herein and in § 44-146.28 of the *Code of Virginia*, other than costs defined in the paragraphs above pertaining to the Virginia National Guard and pertaining to the Virginia Defense Force, in performing these missions shall be paid from state funds.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective May 14, 2018, and shall remain in full force and in effect until July 6, 2018, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of the Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal-type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Ralph S. Northam in black ink.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson in black ink.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER ELEVEN (2018)**

#### **THE WAY AHEAD FOR VIRGINIA'S CHILDREN: ESTABLISHING THE CHILDREN'S CABINET**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

Virginia has a distinguished record as one of the best states for children and families. This national recognition is the result of substantial investments in education, health care, public safety, and a vibrant business environment that promotes job growth, employment opportunities, and career advancement.

However, complex challenges still exist for children in Virginia. Current research shows a child's environment and experiences from 0-5 years old have a dramatic influence on brain development and, ultimately, school readiness. One-third of Virginia kindergartners may not be fully ready for school and lack the appropriate social, self-regulation, literacy, or math skills based on a recent Joint Legislative Audit Review study. Nearly 500,000 children in Virginia do not have access to fresh or healthy food. Children who are food-insecure are in poorer health and are more likely to be developmentally at-risk than their peers. Finally, at least 19% of children in Virginia have endured two or more adverse childhood experiences: traumatic events linked to risky health behaviors, chronic health conditions, low life potential, and early death.

These particular challenges require collaboration from a wide range of state and local agencies, like education, health, human services, public safety, and the courts. In order to improve children's services in these areas, we need leaders at the highest levels of state government to direct and prioritize the resources and activities that will have the greatest impact on improving the lives of our children.

##### **Establishment of the Cabinet**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish Virginia's Children's Cabinet ('Children's Cabinet').



## **Children's Cabinet**

The Children's Cabinet shall work to develop a set of goals, identify strategies, and measure impact and outcomes related to the priorities described below. It shall encourage state agencies to collaborate across government and non-governmental entities on collective goals and support efforts to collect and share data to track outcome metrics and inform future policy. In addition, it shall evaluate and recommend ways to optimize and align local, state, and federal resources, and public-private partnerships to enhance current and prospective programs and services for Virginia's children and their families, particularly those at higher risk. It shall also identify best practices and areas for improvement.

## **Children's Cabinet Priorities**

### **A. Early Childhood Development and School Readiness**

A child's early experiences are lifelong determinants of health and well-being. Current research shows that the years from birth to school age are critically important for brain development. Many of the risks for the diseases of adult life are, in part shaped by learning, coping, and decision-making skills that are set in the earliest years. These skills determine whether children will be successful in school and, ultimately, in life.

In recognition of the scientific importance of these early years, the Children's Cabinet will encourage state agencies involved in providing health and education services to children and families to leverage new and current strategies to achieve the following goals:

#### **1. Promote healthy pregnancies and social supports to new mothers and families for the first few years of a child's life**

Healthy pregnancies are the foundation of a strong start for children. In 2014, one out of eleven babies was born pre-term in Virginia. The Commonwealth ranks 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation in terms of premature births. In order to provide a strong start for all children, we must ensure access to quality and affordable prenatal care, and education about maternal health and nutrition. The need for health care, education, and social supports does not end at birth. We must expand family support programs that teach safe sleep practices and parenting skills to promote healthy child development, implement policies that support women in breastfeeding, and strengthen economic supports to families.

#### **2. Ensure that early childhood education is affordable, accessible, and of high quality everywhere in the Commonwealth**

The path to success in school begins before a child enters the classroom. Families, communities, and schools play critical roles in helping children prepare for school. Because two out of three Virginia children live in families in which all parents work, we must work to build a durable, innovative, and effective early

childhood system in Virginia. The Children’s Cabinet will evaluate whether our current structure governing early childhood education and services promotes collaboration and efficiency, explore ways to make high quality early childhood education more accessible and affordable, and make recommendations for building a strong early childhood educator workforce.

## **B. Nutrition and Food Security**

Children who do not have sufficient food do not perform well in school and are more likely to suffer from physical and mental health issues. Food insecurity among children is associated with lower math and reading scores in kindergarten through third grade, a higher likelihood of repeating a grade, behavioral problems, higher hospitalization rates, and higher rates of chronic health conditions. Similarly, pregnant women who are food-insecure are at higher risk of miscarriages, birth defects, and premature birth. The Children’s Cabinet will explore whether state agencies governing agriculture and food nutrition programs can leverage new and current strategies to achieve the following goals:

### **1. Expand access to nutritious food and decrease food insecurity for pregnant women**

It is essential that women have access to nutritious food before, during, and after pregnancy. The Children’s Cabinet shall strategize ways to increase nutrition and food security for pregnant and post-partum women, especially low-income women. This includes, but is not limited to, increasing utilization of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) among eligible families.

### **2. Expand access to nutritious food and decrease food insecurity for children**

Childhood nutrition and food security is key to healthy childhood development. The Children’s Cabinet will support the work of state agencies to, among other strategies, expand access to school breakfast and meals after school, support innovation in summer meal programs, and streamline eligibility for free meals.

### **3. Promote community-based food systems to increase access to healthy, local foods**

It is critical for Virginians, especially children, to have access to nutritious, affordable, and locally-sourced foods to enable them to thrive, learn, and succeed. The Children’s Cabinet will encourage the development of innovative models to provide increased access to healthy foods focusing on areas classified as food deserts. These strategies include, but are not limited to, promoting urban agriculture initiatives, farmer’s markets, farm to school, and local food systems to encourage a diversifying Virginia agricultural economy.

## **C. Systems of Care and Safety for School-Aged Youth**

Virginia’s children are increasingly experiencing a complex set of environmental, health, and public safety related challenges that affect their ability to develop into thriving young adults. It is estimated that at least one in five of Virginia’s children exhibit symptoms of

mental health disorders and 19% of children in Virginia have experienced two or more adverse childhood experiences. Additionally, Virginia's annual school safety audit indicates that half of all threats reported to K-12 threat assessment teams involve threats of harm to self. Unfortunately, fewer than half of our youth receive the care they need. Because our youth spend a substantial amount of time in schools, we must equip the professionals who regularly interface with them to recognize and intervene as soon as concerning behaviors appear. Recognizing the need to support the health and safety of children, the Children's Cabinet will leverage strategies to achieve the following goals:

**1. Develop recommendations to enhance student safety**

Virginia is a national leader in school safety and has a consistent record of adopting innovative legislation, such as mandated threat assessments in K-12 schools and annual school safety audits, and implementing robust training programs for school personnel and school resource officers. We must continue to adapt and respond to new and emerging challenges affecting the safety of our communities, schools, and children. Our work must be grounded in the concept that trusting relationships between adults and youth are the foundation to ensuring the safety of our students. The Children's Cabinet will assemble school personnel, public safety officials, mental health professionals, and other community partners to make recommendations to the Governor by October 1, 2018. These recommendations will include enhancing information sharing and effectiveness of threat assessments teams; assessing the role, prevalence, and training of school resource and school security officers; evaluating existing ratios and staffing levels for school support staff; and identifying opportunities to expand training to a variety of personnel.

**2. Support a consistent, evidence-based, and culturally-competent statewide response to childhood trauma**

Adverse childhood experiences are serious childhood traumas that result in toxic stress and harm a child's brain and development. These traumas have a tremendous impact on future victimization, and lifelong health and opportunity. The Children's Cabinet will seek to coordinate efforts across state agencies, with external stakeholders and local communities to foster systems that provide a consistent trauma-informed response to children with adverse childhood experiences and build resiliency of individuals and communities.

**Composition of the Children's Cabinet**

The First Lady of the Commonwealth of Virginia will chair the Children's Cabinet. The remaining members of the Children's Cabinet will be appointed by the Governor, including the Lieutenant Governor and the Secretaries of Agriculture and Forestry, Education, Health and Human Resources, and Public Safety and Homeland Security. The Chair may invite other secretaries to participate as needed and appropriate.

**Staffing**

Staff support for the Children’s Cabinet will be provided by the secretariats and offices represented in the cabinet. The Children’s Cabinet will serve in an advisory role, in accordance with § 2.2-2100 of the *Code of Virginia*, and will meet upon the call of the Chair at least four times per year. The Children’s Cabinet will issue an annual report by no later than May 1, 2019, and any additional reports and recommendations as necessary or requested by the Governor.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

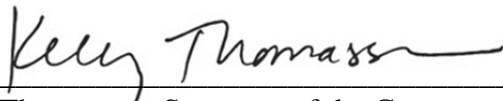
This Executive Order shall be effective for one year after its signing.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2018.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER TWELVE (2018)**

#### **PARENTAL LEAVE FOR COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

The Commonwealth of Virginia is the best place to work, live, and raise a family because of its commitment to providing opportunities for success in both the workplace and at home. The creation of this leave policy will not only provide benefits for children and parents, but also strengthen the Commonwealth's ability to recruit and retain a talented workforce.

Research shows paid time-off provides benefits for both children and parents. Access to parental leave has a positive impact on children's health and development and decreases infant mortality rates. For parents, paid time-off increases the likelihood they will return to the labor force and benefits health and well-being.

The Commonwealth's employees are dedicated public servants. They work hard to keep Virginia strong. The creation of this leave policy will provide them with the support they need in the workplace and at home. The paid parental leave policy is in addition to other leave benefits available to Commonwealth employees, such as Virginia Sickness and Disability Program leave (VSDP), sick leave, annual leave, and leave under the federal Family Medical Leave Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 2601-2654).

##### **Parental Leave for Employees of the Commonwealth**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby authorize the creation of Paid Parental Leave for employees of executive branch agencies (Agencies) in the Commonwealth under the following parameters:

1. A classified or at-will employee who has been employed by the Commonwealth for a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months is eligible for parental leave (Eligible Employee).

2. Following the birth, adoption, or foster placement of a child younger than 18 years of age:
  - An Eligible Employee will receive eight (8) weeks (320 hours) of parental leave; and
  - If both parents are Eligible Employees, each shall receive parental leave, which may be taken concurrently, consecutively, or at different times.
3. Parental leave shall be taken within six (6) months following the birth, adoption, or foster placement of the child.
4. Parental leave shall only be taken once in a 12-month period and only once per child.
5. Parental leave shall be provided at 100% of the Eligible Employee's regular salary.
6. Parental leave shall not be counted against an Eligible Employee's annual or sick leave.
7. Legal holidays listed in § 2.2-3300 of the *Code of Virginia* shall not be counted against parental leave.
8. Parental leave shall run concurrently with leave provided under the Family and Medical Leave Act, if the employee is eligible.
9. Parental leave may run concurrently or sequentially with VSDP, if the employee is eligible for VSDP.

The Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM or Department) shall establish policy and guidance documents to support implementation of this Executive Order.

### **Exceptions for Classified and At-Will Employees**

Requests for exceptions to this policy must be directed to the Eligible Employee's Human Resource Manager. If the Human Resource Manager at the Agency level approves the exception, then a request must be made to DHRM for final approval. DHRM will then notify the Human Resource Manager of its decision. The Human Resource Manager will subsequently inform the Eligible Employee of the final decision reached by DHRM and will process the leave request accordingly.

### **Agency Reporting**

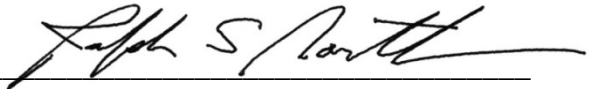
On July 1, 2019, and every July 1 thereafter, the Human Resource Manager for each Agency shall submit to DHRM a report regarding the usage of parental leave by Agency employees for the preceding fiscal year. The report shall be in a form and contain such data as prescribed by the Department.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

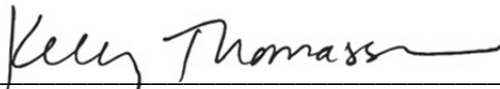
This Executive Order shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2018.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER THIRTEEN (2018)**

### **ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON QUALITY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I am committed to ensuring the prosperity of Virginia. The Commonwealth employs approximately 100,000 employees. Many of these employees play a critically-important role outside of their working hours – that of a parent. These employees work hard to secure a future that is bright and full of opportunity for their children. The Commonwealth should ensure a supportive work environment where employees can work toward the success of their families and the Commonwealth.

Currently, state employees across the Commonwealth struggle with the access to and affordability of quality early care and learning environments for their children. Childhood is a time of development and discovery for parent and child alike. Having a reliable, safe, and nurturing environment where young children can grow and explore individual potential is key to a parent's ability to be a productive member of the workforce. In order to compete to recruit and retain talented young employees, the Commonwealth must support state employees' ability to access and afford early care and learning for their children.

#### **Establishment and Composition of the Commission**

Thus, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and §§ 2.2-134, 2.2-135 and 2.2-2100 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish the Virginia Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care and Education (Commission). Focusing on an area that reflects the highest concentration of the state government's labor force, the Commission will explore the feasibility of providing an evidence-based early care and learning program for young children of state employees working on and around Capitol Square in Richmond.



The Commission's membership shall be appointed by the Governor and co-chaired by the Secretaries of Education and Health and Human Resources or their designees (Co-Chairs). Membership shall also consist of the following:

- A representative from the Office of the First Lady;
- The Secretary of Administration or her designee;
- Two members from the House of Delegates, as recommended by the Speaker of the House;
- One member from the Senate, as recommended by the President pro tempore of the Senate; and
- Experts in early childhood education and development, as appointed by the Governor.

The Governor may appoint other members deemed necessary to carry out the assigned functions of the Commission. The Commission will meet upon the call of the Co-Chairs and will issue a report regarding their findings and recommendations no later than November 1, 2019, and any additional reports and recommendations as necessary or as requested by the Governor.

Staff support for the Commission will be provided by the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Office of the Governor, and any other agencies or offices as may be designated by the Governor. An estimated 100 hours of staff time will be required to support the work of the Commission.

Our workforce is only as strong, resilient, and adaptive as we enable it to be. It is my hope that the Commission's findings and recommendations will be shared to promote best practices across the Commonwealth. More particularly, by seeking to nurture the growth of our children, while assisting their parents in managing a work-life balance, I hope the Commonwealth sets an example – an example other government and private sector employers will follow by exploring such opportunities for their employees.

**Effective Date**

This Executive Order shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect for a year from its signing, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### NUMBER FOURTEEN (2018) (AMENDED)

#### DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS

##### Importance of the Initiative

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to, §§ 2.2-4013 and 2.2-4017 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish policies and procedures for the review of all new regulations and changes to existing regulations proposed by state agencies, which shall include all agencies, boards, commissions, and other entities of the Commonwealth within the executive branch authorized to promulgate regulations. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to limit my authority under the *Code of Virginia*, including to require an additional 30-day public comment period, file a formal objection to a regulation, suspend the effective date of a regulation with the concurrence of the applicable body of the General Assembly, or to exercise any other rights and prerogatives existing under Virginia law.

##### Definitions

The following acronyms and definitions are set out for ease of use and represent only a summary of terms and acronyms related to the regulatory review process. More detailed descriptions and definitions appear in the Administrative Process Act (APA), § 2.2-4000, *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*.

“Agency Background Document” (ABD) refers to a form completed by agencies and uploaded on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website for each regulatory stage in order to describe and explain the regulatory action. The form for each stage is available on the Town Hall.

“Administrative Process Act” (APA) refers to § 2.2-4000, *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*, which contains provisions setting forth the process for promulgating regulations in Virginia.

“Day” means a calendar day.

“Virginia Department of Planning and Budget” (DPB) refers to the state entity that reviews regulatory proposals for economic and policy impact and manages the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website.

“Economic Impact Analysis” (EIA) refers to a report prepared by DPB that evaluates the estimated costs and benefits of a regulatory proposal.

“Emergency rulemaking process” refers to the process used (1) when there is an emergency situation as determined by the agency and affirmed by the Governor that an emergency regulation is necessary, or (2) when a Virginia statutory law, Acts of Assembly (such as the appropriation act), federal law, or federal regulation requires that a state regulation be effective in 280 days or fewer from its enactment.

“Executive Branch Review” refers to the review of a regulatory proposal at various stages by the executive branch before the regulatory proposal is published in the *Virginia Register of Regulations* and is available for public comment.

“Exempt rulemaking process” refers to the process by which agency actions exempt from the promulgation requirements of Article 2 of the APA can be adopted and filed directly with the Office of the Registrar of Regulations (Registrar) and are not subject to Executive Branch Review outlined in this executive order. Agencies should consult with their respective cabinet secretary prior to promulgating a regulation under the exempt process.

“Fast-track rulemaking process” refers to the process utilized for rules that are expected to be noncontroversial.

“Mandate” refers to a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part.

“Notice of Intended Regulatory Action” (NOIRA) refers to the first stage in the standard rulemaking process under Article 2 of the APA.

“Office of the Attorney General” (OAG) refers to the state agency headed by the Attorney General. The OAG reviews regulatory proposals at the emergency stage, the fast-track stage, and the proposed stage. In addition, the OAG must review a proposal at the final stage if changes with substantial impact, as determined by either the promulgating agency or DPB, have been made since the proposed stage.

“The *Virginia Register of Regulations*” (*Register*) refers to an official legal publication that provides information about proposed and final changes to Virginia’s regulations.

“Rulemaking or regulatory process” refers to the four types of rulemaking processes in Virginia: (1) emergency, (2) fast-track, (3) standard, and (4) exempt.

“Standard rulemaking process” refers to the default rulemaking process in Virginia. If a regulatory proposal does not meet the criteria for exempt, fast-track, or emergency rulemaking, it goes through the standard rulemaking process, generally consisting of three stages: NOIRA, proposed, and final.

“The Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website” (Town Hall) refers to the website managed by DPB and used by agencies to post regulatory proposals and to facilitate the regulatory review process.

“*Virginia Administrative Code*” (VAC) refers to Virginia’s official legal publication for regulations.

### **Policy and Principles**

The executive branch agencies of the Commonwealth must consider, review, and promulgate numerous regulations each year. This Executive Order sets out procedures and requirements to ensure the efficiency and quality of Virginia’s regulatory process. All state employees who draft, provide policy analysis for, or review regulations shall carefully consider and apply the principles outlined below during the regulatory development and review process.

#### **General**

- A. All regulatory activity should be undertaken with the least possible intrusion into the lives of the citizens of the Commonwealth and be necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Accordingly, agencies shall consider:
  - 1. The use of user fees or permits;
  - 2. The use of information disclosure requirements, rather than regulatory mandates, so that the public can make more informed choices;
  - 3. The use of performance standards in place of required techniques or behavior; and
  - 4. The consideration of reasonably available alternatives in lieu of regulation.
- B. Where applicable, and to the extent permitted by law, it shall be the policy of the Commonwealth that only regulations necessary to interpret the law or to protect the public health, safety, or welfare shall be promulgated. These principles shall be considered when an agency performs its periodic review of regulations pursuant to § 2.2-4017 and this Executive Order.
- C. Regulations shall be clearly written and easily understandable.
- D. Regulations shall be designed to achieve their intended objective in the most efficient, cost effective manner.

## **Regulatory Development**

- A. Regulatory development shall be based on the best reasonably available and reliable scientific, economic, and other information concerning the need for, and consequences of, the intended regulation. Agencies shall specifically cite the best reasonably available and reliable scientific, economic, or statistical data as well as any other information in support of regulatory proposals.
- B. Regulatory development shall be conducted in accordance with the statutory provisions related to impact on small businesses. DPB shall work with state agencies to address these requirements during the regulatory review process, including notifications, as appropriate, to the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules.
- C. During regulatory development, agencies shall consider the impact on existing and potential Virginia employers and their ability to maintain and increase the number of jobs in the Commonwealth, as well as the cost of compliance to the general public.

## **Public Participation**

- A. Agencies shall actively seek input for proposed regulations from interested parties, stakeholders, citizens, and members of the General Assembly.
- B. In addition to requirements established in Article 2 of the APA, agencies shall post all rulemaking actions on Town Hall to ensure that the public is adequately informed of rulemaking activities.
- C. All legal requirements and guidelines related to public participation shall be strictly followed to ensure that citizens have reasonable access and opportunity to present comments and concerns. Agencies shall inform interested persons of (1) Town Hall's email notification service that can send information regarding specific regulations, regulatory actions, and meetings about which citizens are interested, and (2) the process to submit comments in Town Hall public comment forums. Agencies shall establish procedures that provide for a timely written response to all comments and the inclusion of suggested changes that would improve the quality of the regulation.

## **Other**

- A. Agencies, as well as reviewing entities, shall perform their tasks in the regulatory process as expeditiously as possible and shall adhere to the timeframes set out in this Executive Order.
- B. Regulations are subject to periodic evaluation, review, and modification, as appropriate, in accordance with the APA, policy initiatives of the Governor, and legislation.

- C. Each agency head will be held accountable for ensuring that the policies and objectives specified in this Executive Order are followed. Agency heads shall ensure that information requested by DPB, a Cabinet Secretary, or the Office of the Governor, in connection with this Executive Order, is provided on a timely basis. Incomplete regulatory packages may be returned to the appropriate agency by DPB.

### **Applicability**

The review process in this Executive Order applies to rulemakings initiated by agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia in accordance with Article 2 of the APA.

With the exception of the requirements governing the periodic review of existing regulations, the posting of meeting agenda and minutes, and the posting of guidance documents, agencies and agency regulatory action exempt from Article 2 of the APA are not subject to the requirements of this Executive Order. Nonetheless, the Governor, a Cabinet Secretary, or the Chief of Staff to the Governor may request in writing that an agency comply with all or part of the requirements of this Executive Order for regulations exempt from Article 2 of the APA. Copies of such requests shall be forwarded to the Governor's Policy Office and DPB. In addition, a Cabinet Secretary may request in writing that certain Article 2 exempt regulations be further exempted from all or part of the requirements of this Executive Order.

These procedures shall apply in addition to those already specified in the APA, the agencies' public participation guidelines, and the agencies' basic authorizing statutes. As of July 16, 2018, these procedures shall apply to all regulatory actions and stages that have been submitted to DPB for any stage of Executive Branch Review.

Any failure to comply with the requirements set forth herein shall in no way affect the validity of a regulation, create any cause of action or provide standing for any person under Article 5 of the APA (§ 2.2-4025 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*), or otherwise challenge the actions of a government entity responsible for adopting or reviewing regulations.

### **Regulatory Review Process**

Regulations shall be subject to Executive Branch Review as specified herein. All agency regulatory packages shall be submitted via Town Hall. For each stage of the regulatory development process, agencies shall complete and post the applicable ABD on Town Hall to describe the regulatory action and inform the public about the substance and reasons for the rulemaking. Agencies shall ensure that the correct regulatory text is synchronized with the appropriate stage information page on Town Hall.

If a regulatory package is submitted to DPB, and DPB determines that the package is not substantially complete, then DPB shall notify the agency within 10 days. At that time, the agency must withdraw the package from Town Hall and resubmit the package after all missing elements identified by DPB have been added. Agencies shall submit regulatory packages to the Registrar for publication on Town Hall within 14 days of being authorized to do so.

In rulemakings where there are two or more stages, the filing of each stage shall be submitted on Town Hall as expeditiously as the subject matter allows and no later than 180 days after the conclusion of the public comment period for the prior stage.

## **A. Standard Rulemaking Process**

### **1. NOIRA Stage**

The NOIRA shall include the nature and scope of the regulatory changes being considered and the relevant sections of the VAC. This package shall include draft regulatory text if it is available.

DPB shall review the NOIRA to determine whether it complies with all requirements of this Executive Order and applicable statutes, and whether the contemplated regulatory action comports with the policy of the Commonwealth as set forth herein. Within 14 days of receiving a complete NOIRA review package from the agency, the Director of DPB or his designee shall advise the appropriate Cabinet Secretary and the Governor of DPB's determination.

If the Director of DPB or his designee advises the appropriate Cabinet Secretary and the Governor that the NOIRA presents issues requiring further review, the NOIRA shall be forwarded to the Cabinet Secretary. The Cabinet Secretary shall review the NOIRA within 14 days and forward a recommendation to the Governor. If DPB does not find issues requiring further review, the agency shall be authorized to submit the NOIRA to the *Register* for publication after the Governor approves the NOIRA.

The Chief of Staff to the Governor or his designee is hereby authorized to approve or disapprove NOIRAs on behalf of the Governor.

Public comments received following publication of the NOIRA should be encouraged and carefully considered in developing the proposed stage of a regulatory proposal.

### **2. Proposed Stage**

Following the initial public comment period required by § 2.2-4007.01 of the *Code of Virginia*, and taking into account the comments received, the agency shall prepare a regulatory review package.

At this stage, the proposed regulation and regulatory review package shall be in as close to final form as possible, including completed review by all appropriate regulatory advisory panels or negotiated rulemaking panels. New issues that were not disclosed to the public when the NOIRA was published shall not be addressed at the proposed stage.

The order of Executive Branch Review shall be as follows:



- a. OAG. The OAG will conduct a review of the proposed regulation and produce a memorandum assessing the agency's legal authority to promulgate the regulation and determining whether the content of the proposed regulation conflicts with existing law. The OAG may also provide any advice, recommendations, or other comments for consideration by the Governor with respect to the proposed regulation. After the OAG has completed its review, the package will be submitted to DPB.
- b. DPB. DPB shall review the proposed regulatory package to determine whether it complies with all requirements of this Executive Order, applicable statutes, and other policies of the Commonwealth. Consistent with § 2.2-4007.04 of the *Code of Virginia*, within 45 days of receiving a complete regulatory review package, the Director of DPB or his designee shall prepare a policy analysis and EIA, and advise the appropriate Cabinet Secretary and the Governor of the results of the review.
- c. Cabinet Secretary. The Cabinet Secretary shall review the proposed regulation package within 14 days and forward a recommendation to the Governor.
- d. Governor. The Chief of Staff to the Governor or his designee is hereby authorized to approve or disapprove proposed regulations on behalf of the Governor.

### 3. Revised Proposed Stage (Optional)

Following the public comment period of the proposed stage, required by § 2.2-4007.03 of the *Code of Virginia*, the agency may wish to make additional changes and/or receive additional public comment by publishing a revised proposed regulation (as allowed by § 2.2-4007.03 of the *Code of Virginia*). The order of Executive Branch Review for the revised proposed stage shall be the same as for the Proposed Stage, with the exception that DPB will perform its duties within 21 days.

### 4. Final Stage

Following the approval of the proposed regulation package or the revised proposed regulation package, and taking into account all comments received during the prior stage, the rulemaking entity shall revise the proposed regulation.

If any change with substantial impact—as determined by DPB—has been made to the regulatory text between the proposed and final stages, the agency shall obtain a letter from the OAG certifying that the agency has authority to make the additional changes.

The order of Executive Branch Review shall be as follows:

- a. DPB. DPB shall review the final stage package to determine whether it complies with all requirements of this Executive Order, applicable statutes, and other policies of the Commonwealth. In particular, DPB shall assess the effect of any substantive changes made since the publication of the proposed regulation and the responsiveness of the agency to public comment. Within 21 days of receiving a complete final regulation package from the agency, the Director of DPB or his designee shall prepare a policy analysis advising the appropriate Cabinet Secretary and the Governor of the results of the review.
- b. Cabinet Secretary. The Cabinet Secretary shall review the final stage regulation package within 14 days and forward a recommendation to the Governor.
- c. Governor. The Chief of Staff to the Governor or his designee is hereby authorized to approve or disapprove proposed final regulations on behalf of the Governor.

## **B. Fast-Track Rulemaking Process**

The fast-track rulemaking process is for rules that are expected to be noncontroversial.

DPB shall review the fast-track regulation to determine whether it complies with all other requirements of this Executive Order and applicable statutes, and whether the contemplated regulatory action comports with the policies of the Commonwealth as set forth herein. DPB shall request the Governor's Office to determine if the fast-track process is appropriate when there is any question as to whether a package should be allowed to proceed in this manner. The Governor or his designee retains sole discretion to disapprove use of the fast-track rulemaking process when the Governor or his designee determines it is not in the public interest.

After a fast-track regulation has been submitted on Town Hall, Executive Branch Review will proceed as follows:

1. OAG. The OAG will conduct a review of the proposed fast-track regulation and produce a memorandum assessing the agency's legal authority to promulgate the regulation and determining that the content of the proposed regulation does not conflict with existing law. The OAG may also provide any advice, recommendations, or other comments for consideration by the Governor with respect to the fast-track regulation. After the OAG has completed its review, the package will be submitted to DPB.
2. DPB. DPB shall determine within 10 days or less whether the regulatory package is appropriate for the fast-track rulemaking process and communicate

this decision to the agency. After a package has been determined to be appropriate for the fast-track process, the Director of DPB or his designee shall have 30 days to prepare a policy analysis and EIA, and advise the appropriate Cabinet Secretary and the Governor of the results of the review.

3. Cabinet Secretary. The Cabinet Secretary shall review the fast-track regulation package within 14 days and forward a recommendation to the Governor.
4. Governor. The Chief of Staff to the Governor or his designee is hereby authorized to approve or disapprove fast-track regulations on behalf of the Governor.

### **C. Emergency Rulemaking Process**

Emergency regulations may be promulgated by an agency if it determines there is an emergency situation, consults with the OAG, and obtains the approval of the Governor or his designee. Emergency regulations may also be promulgated where Virginia statutory law, an Act of Assembly such as the appropriation act, federal law, or federal regulation requires that a state regulation be effective in 280 days or fewer from its enactment and the regulation is not exempt from the APA.

If the agency plans to replace the emergency regulation with a permanent regulation, it should file an Emergency/NOIRA stage. The order of Executive Branch Review shall be as follows:

1. OAG. The OAG will conduct a review of the proposed emergency regulation and produce a memorandum assessing the agency's legal authority to promulgate the regulation and determining that the content of the proposed regulation does not conflict with existing law. The OAG may also provide any advice, recommendations, or other comments for consideration by the Governor with respect to the proposed emergency regulation. After the OAG has completed its review, the package will be submitted to DPB.
2. DPB. DPB shall review the proposed emergency regulatory package to determine whether it complies with all requirements of this Executive Order, applicable statutes, and other policies of the Commonwealth. Within 14 days of receiving a complete emergency regulation package from the agency, the Director of DPB or his designee shall prepare a policy analysis, and advise the appropriate Secretary and the Governor of the results of the review.
3. Cabinet Secretary. The Cabinet Secretary shall review the proposed emergency regulation package within 10 days and forward a recommendation to the Governor.
4. Governor. The Chief of Staff to the Governor or his designee is hereby authorized to approve or disapprove emergency regulations on behalf of the

Governor.

An emergency regulation shall be effective for up to 18 months and may be extended for up to an additional six months if, despite the rulemaking entity's best efforts, a permanent replacement regulation cannot become effective before the emergency regulation expires. If an agency wishes to extend an emergency regulation beyond its initial effective period, the agency shall submit an emergency extension request to the Governor's Office via Town Hall as soon as the need for the extension is known, but no later than 30 days before the emergency regulation is set to expire. The emergency extension request must be granted prior to the expiration date of the emergency regulation, pursuant to § 2.2-4011(D) of the *Code of Virginia*.

#### **D. Periodic Review of Existing Regulations**

Existing state regulations shall be reviewed every four years to determine whether they should be continued without change or be amended or repealed, consistent with the stated objectives of applicable law, to minimize the economic impact on small businesses in a manner consistent with the stated objectives of applicable law, as regarding § 2.2-4007.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The regulatory review shall include: (1) the continued need for the rule; (2) the nature and complaints or comments received concerning the regulation from the public; (3) the complexity of the regulation; (4) the extent to which the regulation overlaps, duplicates, or conflicts with federal or state law or regulation; and (5) the length of time since the regulation has been evaluated or the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed in the area affected by the regulation.

Prior to commencement of the periodic regulatory review, the agency shall publish a notice of the review in the *Register* and post the notice on Town Hall. The agency shall provide a minimum of 21 days for public comment after publication of the notice. No later than 120 days after close of the public comment period, the agency shall publish a report of the findings of the regulatory review in the *Register* and post the report on Town Hall.

The periodic review shall include (1) a review by the Attorney General or his designee to ensure statutory authority for regulations, and (2) a determination by the Governor or his designee, whether the regulations are (a) necessary for the protection of public health, safety and welfare and (b) clearly written and easily understandable.

The periodic review must be conducted on Town Hall and may be accomplished either during the course of a comprehensive regulatory action using the standard rulemaking process, or by using the periodic review feature as follows:

1. If during the course of a comprehensive rulemaking, using the standard regulatory process, the agency plans to undertake a standard regulatory action, then the agency can fulfill the periodic review requirement by including a notice of a periodic review in the NOIRA. When the proposed stage is submitted for Executive Branch Review, the ABD shall include the result of

the periodic review. When a regulation has undergone a comprehensive review as part of a regulatory action and when the agency has solicited public comment on the regulation, a periodic review shall not be required until four years after the effective date of the regulatory action.

2. Using the periodic review feature. If, at the time of the periodic review, the agency has no plans to begin a comprehensive rulemaking using the standard rulemaking process, then the agency shall use the periodic review feature to announce and report the result of a periodic review using the appropriate Town Hall form. If the result of the periodic review is to amend or repeal the regulation, the agency shall link the periodic review with the subsequent action to amend or repeal the regulation.

### **Electronic Availability of Petitions and Documents**

Agencies shall post petitions for rulemaking and decisions to grant or deny the petitions on Town Hall, in accordance with the timeframes established in § 2.2-4007 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Executive branch agencies shall post the notice of, and agenda for, a public regulatory meeting on Town Hall at least seven days prior to the date of the meeting, except if it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting in which case the agenda shall be posted as soon as possible.

In addition, agencies that promulgate regulations and keep minutes of regulatory meetings shall post such minutes of those meetings on Town Hall in accordance with the timeframes established in §§ 2.2-3707 and 2.2-3707.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Agencies shall post all guidance documents or a link to each agency guidance document, as defined by § 2.2-4101 of the *Code of Virginia* on Town Hall. Any changes to a guidance document or a guidance document link shall be reflected on Town Hall within 10 days of the change.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order amends Executive Order No. 14 (2018) issued by Governor Ralph S. Northam and rescinds Executive Order No. 58 (1999) issued by Governor James S. Gilmore, III. This Executive Order shall become effective on July 16, 2018, and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2022, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Ralph S. Northam in black ink.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson in black ink.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**NUMBER FOURTEEN (2018)**

### **DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS**

#### **Importance of the Initiative**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to, § 2.2-4013 and § 2.2-4017 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish policies and procedures for the review of all new regulations and changes to existing regulations proposed by state agencies, which shall include for purposes of this Executive Order all agencies, boards, commissions, and other entities of the Commonwealth within the executive branch that are authorized to promulgate regulations. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to limit my authority under the *Code of Virginia*, including to require an additional 30-day public comment period, file a formal objection to a regulation, suspend the effective date of a regulation with the concurrence of the applicable body of the General Assembly, or to exercise any other rights and prerogatives existing under Virginia law.

#### **Acronyms and Definitions**

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**APA** – Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000, *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*. Article 2 of the APA contains provisions on how regulations are to be promulgated in Virginia.

**Day** – All references to a day mean a calendar day.

**DPB** – Virginia Department of Planning and Budget. DPB houses the Economic and Regulatory Analysis Division (ERAD), which reviews regulatory proposals for economic and policy impact and manages the Town Hall website.

**EIA** – Economic Impact Analysis. An EIA is prepared by DPB and evaluates the estimated costs and benefits of a regulatory proposal.

**Emergency rulemaking process** – This process is invoked (1) when there is an emergency situation as determined by the agency and the Governor agrees that an emergency regulation is necessary, or (2) when a Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act or federal law or federal regulation requires that a state regulation be effective in 280 days or less from its enactment.

**Executive branch review** – The review of a regulatory proposal at various stages by the executive branch before it is published in the *Virginia Register of Regulations* and available for public comment. The scope of review depends on the stage type, e.g., a proposed stage is reviewed by: the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), DPB, the appropriate Cabinet Secretary, and the Governor.

**Exempt rulemaking process** – Agency actions that are exempt from the promulgation requirements of Article 2 of the APA can generally be adopted and filed directly with the Office of the Registrar of Regulations (Registrar) and are not subject to executive branch review.

**Fast-track rulemaking process** – This process may be utilized for rules that are expected to be noncontroversial.

**Legislative mandate** – When a law is passed by the General Assembly that requires a regulation to be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part.

**NOIRA** – Notice of Intended Regulatory Action. A NOIRA is the first stage in the standard rulemaking process in Virginia.

**OAG** – Office of the Attorney General. The OAG must review regulatory proposals at the emergency stage, the fast-track stage, and the proposed stage. In addition, the OAG must review a proposal at the final stage if there have been changes with substantial impact made since the proposed stage.

**Register** – The *Virginia Register of Regulations* is an official legal publication that provides information about proposed and final changes to Virginia's regulations. The Registrar is responsible for publication of the *Register*.

**RIS** – Regulation Information System. The RIS is a web-enabled application operated by the Registrar and is used by agencies to create text for regulatory proposals. This text is then synchronized on the Town Hall website for display to all Town Hall users.



**Rulemaking or regulatory process** – There are four types of rulemaking processes in Virginia: (1) emergency, (2) fast-track, (3) standard, and (4) exempt.

**Standard rulemaking process** – This is the default rulemaking process in Virginia. If a regulatory proposal does not meet the criteria for exempt, fast-track, or emergency rulemaking, it goes through the standard rulemaking process, generally consisting of three stages: NOIRA, proposed, and final.

**Town Hall** – The Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website. The Town Hall is managed by DPB and used by agencies to post regulatory proposals and to facilitate the regulatory review process. The site features public comment forums, meeting information, and an email notification service.

**VAC** – *Virginia Administrative Code*. The VAC is the official legal publication for regulations in Virginia.

### **General Policy**

The executive branch agencies of the Commonwealth must consider, review, and promulgate numerous regulations each year. This Executive Order sets out procedures and requirements to ensure the efficiency and quality of Virginia's regulatory process. All state employees who draft, provide policy analysis for, or review regulations shall carefully consider and apply the principles outlined below during the regulatory development and review process.

### **General Principles**

- A. All regulatory activity should be undertaken with the least possible intrusion into the lives of the citizens of the Commonwealth and be necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Accordingly, agencies shall consider:
  1. The use of economic incentives to encourage the desired outcomes (such as user fees or marketable permits);
  2. The use of information disclosure requirements, rather than regulatory mandates, so that the public can make more informed choices;
  3. The use of performance standards in place of mandating specific techniques or behavior; and
  4. The consideration of reasonably available alternatives in lieu of regulation.
- B. Where applicable, and to the extent permitted by law, it shall be the policy of the Commonwealth that only regulations necessary to interpret the law or to protect the public health, safety, or welfare shall be promulgated.
- C. Regulations shall be clearly written and easily understandable.

- D. Regulations shall be designed to achieve their intended objective in the most efficient, cost effective manner.

### **Regulatory Development**

- A. Regulatory development shall be based on the best reasonably available and reliable scientific, economic, and other information concerning the need for, and consequences of, the intended regulation. Agencies shall specifically cite the best reasonably available and reliable scientific, economic, and other information in support of regulatory proposals.
- B. Regulatory development shall be conducted in accordance with the statutory provisions related to impact on small businesses. DPB shall work with state agencies to address these requirements during the regulatory review process, including notifications as appropriate to the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules.
- C. During regulatory development, agencies shall consider the impact on existing and potential Virginia employers and their ability to maintain and increase the number of jobs in the Commonwealth, as well as the cost of compliance to the general public.

### **Public Participation**

- A. Agencies shall actively seek input for proposed regulations from interested parties, stakeholders, citizens, and members of the General Assembly.
- B. In addition to requirements established in Article 2 of the APA, agencies shall post all rulemaking actions on the Town Hall to ensure that the public is adequately informed of rulemaking activities.
- C. All legal requirements related to public participation and all public participation guidelines shall be strictly followed to ensure that citizens have reasonable access and opportunity to present their comments and concerns. Agencies shall inform interested persons of (1) the Town Hall's email notification service that can send information regarding the specific regulations, regulatory actions, and meetings about which they are interested, and (2) the process to submit comments in the Town Hall public comment forums. Agencies shall establish procedures that provide for a timely written response to all comments and the inclusion of suggested changes that would improve the quality of the regulation.

### **Other**

- A. Agencies, as well as reviewing entities, shall endeavor to perform their tasks in the regulatory process as expeditiously as the regulatory subject matter will allow and shall adhere to the timeframes set out in this Executive Order.

- B. Regulations will be subject to periodic evaluation, review, and modification, as appropriate, in accordance with the APA, policy initiatives of the Governor, and legislation.
- C. Each agency head will be held accountable for ensuring that the policies and objectives specified in this Executive Order are put into effect. Agency heads shall ensure that information requested by DPB, the appropriate Cabinet Secretary, or the Office of the Governor, in connection with this Executive Order, is provided on a timely basis. Incomplete regulatory packages may be returned to the appropriate agency by DPB.

### **Applicability**

The review process in this Executive Order applies to rulemakings initiated by agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia in accordance with Article 2 of the APA.

With the exception of the requirements governing the periodic review of existing regulations, the posting of meeting agenda and minutes, and the posting of guidance documents, agencies and agency regulatory action exempt from Article 2 of the APA are not subject to the requirements of this Executive Order. Nonetheless, the Governor, a Cabinet Secretary, or the Chief of Staff may request in writing that an agency comply with all or part of the requirements of this Executive Order for regulations exempt from Article 2 of the APA. Copies of such requests shall be forwarded to the Governor's Policy Office and DPB. In addition, a Cabinet Secretary may request in writing that certain Article 2 exempt regulations be further exempted from all or part of the requirements of this Executive Order.

These procedures shall apply in addition to those already specified in the APA, the agencies' public participation guidelines, and the agencies' basic authorizing statutes. As of June 30, 2018, these procedures shall apply to all regulatory actions and stages that have been submitted to DPB for any stage of executive branch review.

Any failure to comply with the requirements set forth herein shall in no way affect the validity of a regulation, create any cause of action or provide standing for any person under Article 5 of the APA (§ 2.2-4025 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*), or otherwise challenge the actions of a government entity responsible for adopting or reviewing regulations.

### **Regulatory Review Process**

Regulations shall be subject to executive branch review as specified herein. All agency regulatory packages shall be submitted via the Town Hall. For each stage of the regulatory development process, agencies shall complete and post the applicable ABD on the Town Hall to describe the regulatory action and inform the public about the substance and reasons for the rulemaking. Agencies shall ensure that the correct regulatory text is synchronized with the appropriate stage information page on the Town Hall.

If a regulatory package is submitted to DPB, and DPB determines that the package is not substantially complete, then DPB shall notify the agency within 10 days. At that

time, the agency must withdraw the package from the Town Hall and resubmit the package only after all missing elements identified by DPB have been added. Agencies shall submit regulatory packages to the Registrar for publication on the Town Hall within 14 days of being authorized to do so.

In rulemakings where there are two or more stages, the filing of each subsequent stage shall be submitted on the Town Hall as expeditiously as the subject matter allows and no later than 180 days after the conclusion of the public comment period for the prior stage. If this deadline is not met, it shall be reported to the appropriate Cabinet Secretary in an end of year report further described below.

## **A. Standard Rulemaking Process**

### **1. Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) Stage**

The NOIRA shall include the nature and scope of the regulatory changes being considered and the relevant sections of the *Virginia Administrative Code*. This package shall include draft regulatory text if it is available.

DPB shall review the NOIRA to determine whether it complies with all requirements of this Executive Order and applicable statutes and whether the contemplated regulatory action comports with the policy of the Commonwealth as set forth herein. Within 14 days of receiving a complete NOIRA review package from the agency, the Director of DPB shall advise the appropriate Secretary and the Governor of DPB's determination. If the Director of DPB advises the appropriate Secretary and the Governor that the NOIRA presents issues requiring further review, the NOIRA shall be forwarded to the Secretary. The Secretary shall review the NOIRA within 14 days and forward a recommendation to the Governor. If DPB does not find issues requiring further review, the agency shall be authorized to submit the NOIRA to the Registrar for publication when the Governor approves the NOIRA for publication.

The Chief of Staff to the Governor is hereby authorized to approve or disapprove NOIRAs on behalf of the Governor. Public comments received following publication of the NOIRA should be encouraged and carefully considered in developing the proposed stage of a regulatory proposal.

### **2. Proposed Stage**

Following the initial public comment period required by § 2.2-4007.01 of the *Code of Virginia*, and taking into account the comments received, the agency shall prepare a regulatory review package.

At this stage, the proposed regulation and regulatory review package shall be in as close to final form as possible, including completed review by all appropriate regulatory advisory panels or negotiated rulemaking panels. New issues that were not disclosed to the public when the NOIRA was published

shall not be addressed at the proposed stage.

The order of executive branch review shall be as follows:

- a. OAG. The OAG will conduct a review of the proposed regulation and produce a memorandum assessing the agency's legal authority to promulgate the regulation. The OAG may also provide any advice, recommendations, or other comments for consideration by the Governor with respect to the proposed regulation. After the OAG has completed its review, the package will be submitted to DPB.
- b. DPB. DPB shall review the proposed regulatory package to determine whether it complies with all requirements of this Executive Order, applicable statutes, and other policies of the Commonwealth. Per § 2.2-4007.04 of the *Code of Virginia*, within 45 days of receiving a complete regulatory review package, the Director of DPB shall prepare a policy analysis and EIA before advising the appropriate Secretary and the Governor of the results of the review.
- c. Cabinet Secretary. The Secretary shall review the proposed regulation package within 14 days and forward a recommendation to the Governor.
- d. Governor. The Chief of Staff to the Governor is hereby authorized to approve or disapprove proposed regulations on behalf of the Governor.

### **Revised Proposed Stage (Optional)**

Following the proposed stage public comment period, required by § 2.2-4007.03 of the *Code of Virginia*, the agency may wish to make additional changes and/or receive additional public comment by publishing a revised proposed regulation. The order of executive branch review for the revised proposed stage shall be as follows:

- A. OAG. The OAG will conduct a review of the revised proposed regulation and produce a memorandum assessing the agency's legal authority to promulgate the regulation. The OAG may also provide any advice, recommendations, or other comments for consideration by the Governor with respect to the revised proposed regulation. After the OAG has completed its review, the package will be submitted to DPB.
- B. DPB. DPB shall review the revised proposed regulatory package to determine whether it complies with all requirements of this Executive Order, applicable statutes, and other policies of the Commonwealth. Within 21 days of receiving a complete regulatory package, the Director

of DPB shall prepare a policy analysis and EIA before advising the appropriate Secretary and the Governor of the results of the review.

- C. Cabinet Secretary. The Secretary shall review the revised proposed regulation package within 14 days and forward a recommendation to the Governor.
- D. Governor. The Chief of Staff to the Governor is hereby authorized to approve or disapprove revised proposed regulations on behalf of the Governor.

### **3. Final Stage**

Following the public comment period required by § 2.2-4007.03 of the *Code of Virginia* and taking into account all comments received since the last stage was published, the rulemaking entity shall revise the proposed regulation.

If any change with substantial impact - as determined by DPB - has been made to the regulatory text between the proposed and final stages, the agency shall obtain a letter from the OAG certifying that the agency has authority to make the additional changes.

The order of executive branch review shall be as follows:

- a. DPB. DPB shall review the final stage package to determine whether it complies with all requirements of this Executive Order, applicable statutes, and other policies of the Commonwealth. In particular, DPB shall assess the effect of any substantive changes made since the publication of the proposed regulation and the responsiveness of the agency to public comment. Within 14 days of receiving a complete final regulation package from the agency, the Director of DPB shall prepare a policy analysis before advising the appropriate Secretary and the Governor of the results of the review.
- b. Cabinet Secretary. The Secretary shall review the final stage regulation package within 14 days and forward a recommendation to the Governor.
- c. Governor. The Chief of Staff to the Governor is hereby authorized to approve or disapprove proposed final regulations on behalf of the Governor.

### **B. Fast-Track Rulemaking Process**

The fast-track rulemaking process is for rules that are expected to be noncontroversial.

DPB shall review the fast-track regulation to determine whether the regulatory change

is appropriately within the intended scope of fast-track regulatory authority, whether it complies with all other requirements of this Executive Order and applicable statutes, and whether the contemplated regulatory action comports with the policy of the Commonwealth. DPB shall request the Governor's office to determine if the fast-track process is appropriate when there is any question as to whether a package should be allowed to proceed in this manner. The Governor shall retain discretion to disapprove use of the fast-track rulemaking process when the Governor determines use of this process is not in the public interest, the determination of which shall be at the sole discretion of the Governor.

After a fast-track regulation has been submitted on the Town Hall, executive branch review will proceed as follows:

1. OAG. The OAG will conduct a review of the proposed fast-track regulation and produce a memorandum assessing the agency's legal authority to promulgate the regulation. The OAG may also provide any advice, recommendations, or other comments for consideration by the Governor with respect to the fast-track regulation. After the OAG has completed its review, the package will be submitted to DPB.
2. DPB. DPB shall determine within 10 days or less whether the regulatory package is appropriate for the fast-track rulemaking process and communicate this decision to the agency. After a package has been determined to be appropriate for the fast-track process, the Director of DPB shall have 30 days to prepare a policy analysis and EIA before advising the appropriate Secretary and the Governor of the results of the review.
3. Cabinet Secretary. The Secretary shall review the fast-track regulation package within 14 days and forward a recommendation to the Governor.
4. Governor. The Chief of Staff to the Governor is hereby authorized to approve or disapprove fast-track regulations on behalf of the Governor.

### **C. Emergency Rulemaking Process**

Emergency regulations may be promulgated by an agency if it determines there is an emergency situation, consults with the OAG, and obtains the approval of the Governor. Emergency regulations may also be promulgated in situations in which Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act or federal law or federal regulation requires that a state regulation be effective in 280 days or less from its enactment and the regulation is not exempt from the APA.

If the agency plans to replace the emergency regulation with a permanent regulation, it should file an Emergency/NOIRA stage. The order of executive branch

review shall be as follows:

1. OAG. The OAG will conduct a review of the proposed emergency regulation and produce a memorandum assessing the agency's legal authority to promulgate the regulation. The OAG may also provide any advice, recommendations, or other comments for consideration by the Governor with respect to the proposed emergency regulation. After the OAG has completed its review, the package will be submitted to DPB.
2. DPB. DPB shall review the proposed emergency regulatory package to determine whether it complies with all requirements of this Executive Order, applicable statutes, and other policies of the Commonwealth. Within 10 days of receiving a complete emergency regulation package from the agency, the Director of DPB shall prepare a policy analysis before advising the appropriate Secretary and the Governor of the results of the review.
3. Cabinet Secretary. The Secretary shall review the proposed emergency regulation package within 10 days and forward a recommendation to the Governor.
4. Governor. The Chief of Staff to the Governor is hereby authorized to approve or disapprove emergency regulations on behalf of the Governor.

An emergency regulation shall be effective for up to 18 months and may be extended for up to an additional six months if, despite the rulemaking entity's best efforts, a permanent replacement regulation cannot become effective before it expires. If an agency wishes to extend an emergency regulation beyond its initial effective period, the agency shall submit an emergency extension request to the Governor's Office via the Town Hall as soon as the need for the extension is known and no later than 30 days before the emergency regulation is set to expire. The emergency extension request must be granted prior to the expiration date of the emergency regulation, pursuant to § 2.2-4011(D) of the *Code of Virginia*.

### **Periodic Review of Existing Regulations**

Every existing state regulation shall be reviewed at least once every four years by the promulgating agency, unless specifically exempted from periodic review by the Governor. A periodic review shall include notice to the public, a public comment period (minimum of 21 days), and a result to be announced no later than 60 days after the close of the public comment period.

The review shall ensure that each regulation complies with the principles set out in this Executive Order. In addition, each periodic review shall include an examination by the OAG to ensure statutory authority for the regulation and that the regulation does not exceed the agency's rulemaking authority. Agencies shall cooperate with reviews of regulations by the OAG, including, but not limited to, reasonable requests for data and other supporting information as may be necessary to conduct the review.



The periodic review must be conducted on the Town Hall and may be accomplished either during the course of a comprehensive regulatory action using the standard rulemaking process, or (2) by using the periodic review feature as follows:

- A. During the course of a comprehensive rulemaking using the standard regulatory process. If the agency already plans to undertake a standard regulatory action, the agency can fulfill the periodic review requirement by including a notice of a periodic review in the NOIRA. When the proposed stage is submitted for executive branch review, the ABD shall include the result of the periodic review. When a regulation has undergone a comprehensive review as part of a regulatory action and when the agency has solicited public comment on the regulation, a periodic review shall not be required until four years after the effective date of the regulatory action.
- B. Using the periodic review feature. If, at the time of the periodic review, the agency has no plans to begin a comprehensive rulemaking using the standard rulemaking process, then the agency shall use the periodic review feature to announce and report the result of a periodic review. If the result of the periodic review is to amend the regulation, the agency shall link the periodic review with the subsequent action to amend the regulation. If the result is to retain the regulation as is, the agency shall so indicate using the appropriate Town Hall form.

In addition to the procedures described above, the Governor may request a periodic review of a regulation at any time deemed appropriate. Such a request may outline specific areas to be addressed in the review. In the case of such a request, the agency shall follow the procedures for periodic review as established herein or such other procedures as may be stipulated by the Governor.

### **Petitions for Rulemaking**

Agencies shall post petitions for rulemaking and decisions to grant or deny the petitions on the Town Hall, in accordance with the timeframes established in § 2.2-4007 of the *Code of Virginia*.

### **Regulatory Timeframe Deadlines**

If an agency fails to meet any regulatory timeframe deadlines set forth below, it shall submit a report to its Cabinet Secretary and DPB no later than December 31 of the year in which the timeframe deadline is not met. This report shall include the Town Hall action and stage number, as well as an explanation of why the timeframe deadline was not met. The report must contain the following missed regulatory timeframe deadlines:

- A. For regulatory actions that have multiple stages, the period between the close of a public comment period and when the next stage is submitted on the Town Hall shall not exceed 180 days.

- B. Agencies have 14 days to submit a regulatory package to the Register once they have been authorized to do so.

### **Electronic Availability of Meeting Agenda and Minutes**

Executive branch agencies shall post the notice of, and agenda for, a public regulatory meeting on the Town Hall at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting, except if it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting in which case the agenda shall be posted as soon as possible.

In addition, agencies that promulgate regulations and keep minutes of regulatory meetings shall post such minutes of those meetings on the Town Hall in accordance with the timeframes established in § 2.2-3707 and § 2.2-3707.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

### **Legislative Mandates**

By July 1 of each year, agencies shall post on the Town Hall all legislative mandates for rulemaking activity required by the most recent session of the General Assembly. The agency shall then link each legislative mandate with the regulatory action that implements the mandate.

### **Electronic Availability of Guidance Documents**

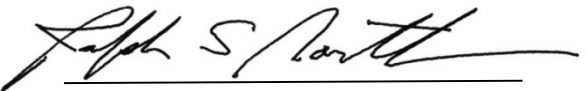
Agencies shall post all guidance documents or a link to each agency guidance document, as defined by § 2.2-4001 of the *Code of Virginia*, on the Town Hall. Any changes to a guidance document or a guidance document link shall be reflected on the Town Hall within 10 days of the change.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

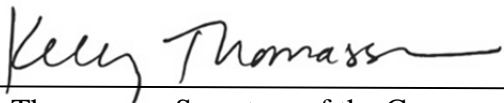
This Executive Order rescinds and replaces Executive Order Number 17 (2014) issued by Governor Terence R. McAuliffe. This Executive Order shall become effective on June 29, 2018, and shall remain in full force and effect until July 16, 2018, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia on this 29th day of June, 2018.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**NUMBER FIFTEEN (2018)**

### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN PREPARATION FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

The “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville on August 12, 2017, resulted in the tragic deaths of 32-year-old Heather Heyer, Virginia State Police Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen, III, and Virginia State Police Trooper-Pilot Berke M.M. Bates. Anniversary events, rallies, and protests are planned to be held in the City of Charlottesville and in Washington, D.C., on August 11-12, 2018. Accordingly, I declare a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in order to prepare and coordinate our response to ensure the protection of residents’ lives, property, and Constitutional rights.

State action is required to protect the health and general welfare of Virginia residents. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are, or are likely to be, imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-75.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the Commonwealth, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby proclaim a state of emergency exists. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for these events, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet this threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with my authority contained in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I order the following:

- A. Implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP), as amended, by state agencies along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments and emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.
- C. Activation of the Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force to state active duty to assist in providing such aid.
- D. Provision of assistance by the Virginia National Guard to the Virginia Department of State Police to ensure crowd control, direct traffic, prevent looting, and perform such other law enforcement functions as deemed necessary by the Superintendent of State Police (in consultation with the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, the Adjutant General, and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security). Pursuant to § 52-6 of the *Code of Virginia*, I authorize the Superintendent of State Police to appoint any and all such Virginia Army and Air National Guard personnel called to state active duty as additional police officers as deemed necessary. The members of the Virginia National Guard activated for this event shall be authorized under *Code of Virginia* § 44-75.1(A)(3), to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the above assistance. The Virginia National Guard shall have the power of arrest to enforce laws, including all violations of Section 18.2, Chapter 9, Articles 1 and 2 of the *Code of Virginia* (Crimes Against Peace and Order; Riot and Unlawful Assembly; Disorderly Conduct), and such other acts necessary to protect lives, preserve property, and in defense of self and others. Any bonds and/or insurance required by § 52-7 of the *Code of Virginia* shall be provided for them at the expense of the Commonwealth. In all instances, members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force shall remain subject to military command as prescribed by § 44-78.1 of the *Code of Virginia* and are not subject to the civilian authorities of county or municipal governments.
- E. Evacuation of areas threatened or stricken by effects of this event, as appropriate. Pursuant to § 44-146.17(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, I reserve the right to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace therein from such areas upon a determination by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management. I reserve the right to control the ingress and egress at an emergency area, including the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein based upon a determination made by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management. Violations of any order to evacuate shall constitute a violation of this Executive Order and are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- F. Activation, implementation, and coordination of appropriate mutual aid agreements and compacts, including the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and the authorization of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to enter into any other supplemental agreements, pursuant to §§ 44-146.17(5) and 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of*

*Virginia*. The State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby designated as Virginia's authorized representative within the meaning of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

- G. Provision of appropriate assistance, including temporary assignments of non-essential state employees to the Adjunct Emergency Workforce, be rendered by state agencies to respond to this situation.
- H. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies to act, when appropriate, on behalf of their regulatory boards to waive any state requirement or regulation where the federal government has waived the corresponding federal or state regulation based on the impact of events related to this situation.
- I. Activation of the statutory provisions in § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* related to price gouging.
- J. Authorization of a maximum of \$2,000,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management that are allowable as defined by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* This funding is also available for state response and recovery operations and incident documentation. Out of this state disaster sum sufficient, I authorize an amount estimated at \$250,000 for the Department of Military Affairs for the state's portion of the eligible disaster-related costs incurred for salaries, travel, and meals during mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.
- K. Implementation by public agencies under my supervision and control of their emergency assignments as directed in the COVEOP without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(b) of the *Code of Virginia*. Section 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.
- L. During this declared emergency, any person who holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any state or political subdivision thereof, evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, the person, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, may render aid involving that skill in the Commonwealth during this emergency. Such person shall not be liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to, any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person resulting from such service as set forth in *Code of Virginia* § 44-146.23(C). Additionally, members and personnel of volunteer, professional, auxiliary, and reserve groups identified and tasked by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management for specific disaster-related mission assignments, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, shall

not be liable for the death of, or any injury to, persons or damage to property as a result of such activities, as provided in § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.

- M. Designation of physicians, nurses, and other licensed and non-licensed health care providers and other individuals as well as hospitals, nursing facilities and other licensed and non-licensed health care organizations, political subdivisions and other private entities by state agencies, including the Departments of Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Social Services, Emergency Management, Transportation, State Police, Motor Vehicles, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities, at sites designated by the Commonwealth, within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, in the performance of their disaster-related mission assignments.
  
- N. As provided in § 44-146.23(F) of the *Code of Virginia*, no individual, corporation, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, fraternal organization, religious organization, charitable organization, or any other legal or commercial entity and any successor, officer, director, representative, or agent thereof, who, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, provides services, goods, real or personal property, or facilities at the request and direction of the State Department of Emergency Management or a county or city employee whose responsibilities include emergency management shall be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person where such death, injury, loss, or damage was proximately caused by the circumstances of the actual emergency or its subsequent conditions, or the circumstances of this emergency.

Upon my approval, the costs incurred by state agencies and other agents in performing mission assignments through the VEOC as defined herein and in § 44-146.28 of the *Code of Virginia*, other than costs defined in the paragraphs above pertaining to the Virginia National Guard and pertaining to the Virginia Defense Force, shall be paid from state funds.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective August 8, 2018, and shall remain in full force and in effect until September 12, 2018, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of the Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal-type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Ralph S. Northam in black ink.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson in black ink.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER SIXTEEN (2018)**

### **ESTABLISHING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION AND PAYROLL FRAUD**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

The misclassification of employees as “independent contractors” undermines businesses that follow the law, deprives the Commonwealth of millions of dollars in tax revenues, and prevents workers from receiving legal protections and benefits.

A 2012 report of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) found that one third of audited employers in certain industries misclassify their employees. By failing to purchase workers' compensation insurance, pay unemployment insurance and payroll taxes, or comply with minimum wage and overtime laws, employers lower their costs as much as 40%, placing other employers at a competitive disadvantage.

Based on state and national studies, JLARC estimated that worker misclassification lowers Virginia's state income tax collections as much as \$28 million a year. Agencies with relevant enforcement responsibilities, including the Virginia Employment Commission, the Department of Labor and Industry, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance, the Department of Taxation, and the Workers' Compensation Commission each address only one component of this practice and may not fully coordinate their efforts. In its study, JLARC recommended the establishment of a task force with representatives from the agencies listed above.

#### **Establishment of the Task Force**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, and the *Code of Virginia*, in order to examine the issue of worker misclassification and payroll fraud, I hereby create an Inter-Agency Taskforce on Worker Misclassification and Payroll Fraud (Taskforce).

## **Initiatives**

The purpose of the Taskforce is to develop and implement a comprehensive plan with measurable goals to reduce worker misclassification and payroll fraud in Virginia. The activities of the Taskforce should include, but not be limited to:

1. Reviewing statutes and regulations related to worker misclassification and payroll fraud;
2. Evaluating current enforcement practices of the agencies involved;
3. Developing procedures for more effective inter-agency cooperation and joint enforcement;
4. Developing educational materials and an outreach strategy for employers;
5. Advising on any technological or other improvements in worker misclassification and payroll fraud detection;
6. Recommending any appropriate changes to relevant legislation or administrative rules;
7. Identifying ways to involve external stakeholders in the Taskforce's work;
8. Identifying ways to hold companies working on state contracts who commit payroll fraud through misclassification of workers accountable; and
9. Identifying ways to deter such misconduct through incentives and enforcement mechanisms.

The Taskforce will be chaired by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and will include representatives from the Virginia Employment Commission, the Department of General Services, the Department of Labor and Industry, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance, the Department of Taxation, the Workers' Compensation Commission, and the Office of the Attorney General.

The Taskforce shall develop a work plan by November 1, 2018. The Taskforce shall report to the Governor on its progress by August 1, 2019.

## **Staffing**

Staff necessary for the Task Force will be provided by the respective agencies participating with the Task Force.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and, pursuant to §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, shall remain in full force and effect for a year from its signing or until superseded or rescinded.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Ralph S. Northam in cursive script.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson in cursive script.  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER SEVENTEEN (2018)**

***AMENDED***

### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DUE TO POTENTIAL IMPACTS FROM HURRICANE FLORENCE**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

On September 8, 2018, I declared that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia based on the need to prepare and coordinate our response for potential impacts from Hurricane Florence. National Weather Service forecasts indicate Hurricane Florence could produce damaging winds, periods of heavy rainfall, power outages, and flooding in the Commonwealth. These conditions have the potential to impact life safety and create significant transportation issues throughout Virginia.

State action is required to protect the health and general welfare of Virginia residents. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are, or are likely to be, imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-75.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the Commonwealth, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby proclaim a state of emergency exists. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for the impacts of Hurricane Florence, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet this threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with my authority contained in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I order the following:

- A. Implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP), as amended, by state agencies along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments and emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.
- C. Activation of the Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force to state active duty to assist in providing such aid. This shall include Virginia National Guard assistance to the Virginia Department of State Police to direct traffic, prevent looting, and perform such other law enforcement functions as the Superintendent of State Police (in consultation with the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, the Adjutant General, and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security) may find necessary. Pursuant to § 52-6 of the *Code of Virginia*, I authorize the Superintendent of the Department of State Police to appoint any and all such Virginia Army and Air National Guard personnel called to state active duty as additional police officers as deemed necessary. These police officers shall have the same powers and perform the same duties as the Virginia State Police officers appointed by the Superintendent. Any bonds and/or insurance required by § 52-7 of the *Code of Virginia* shall be provided for them at the expense of the Commonwealth. In all instances, members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force shall remain subject to military command as prescribed by § 44-78.1 of the *Code of Virginia* and are not subject to the civilian authorities of county or municipal governments.
- D. Evacuation of areas threatened or stricken by effects of this event, as appropriate. Pursuant to § 44-146.17(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, I reserve the right to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace therein from such areas upon a determination by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management. I reserve the right to control the ingress and egress at an emergency area, including the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein based upon a determination made by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management. Violations of any order to citizens to evacuate shall constitute a violation of this Executive Order and are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- E. Activation, implementation, and coordination of appropriate mutual aid agreements and compacts, including the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and the authorization of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to enter into any other supplemental agreements, pursuant to §§ 44-146.17(5) and 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby designated as Virginia's authorized representative within the meaning of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

- F. This Emergency Declaration implements limited relief from the provisions of 49 CFR §§ 390.23 and 395.3 for the purpose of providing direct relief or assistance as a result of this disaster.
- G. Authorization of the Virginia Departments of State Police, Transportation, and Motor Vehicles to grant temporary overweight, over width, registration, license, or hours of service exemptions to all carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies to, through and from any area of the Commonwealth. This authorization also applies to water, food, heating oil, motor fuels or propane, or agricultural products, agricultural supplies, livestock and poultry, livestock and poultry feed, forest products and salvaged wood, waste, and trees cut in preparation for the storm, or providing restoration of utilities (including but not limited to electricity, gas, phone, water, wastewater, and cable) or removal of waste to, through and from any area of the Commonwealth in order to support the disaster response and recovery, regardless of their point of origin or destination. Weight exemptions are not valid on posted structures for restricted weight. Weight exemptions are also not valid on interstate highways unless there is an associated Federal emergency declaration. The exemption shall not exceed the duration of the motor carrier's or driver's direct assistance in providing emergency relief, or 30 days from the initial declaration of emergency, whichever is less.
1. All over width loads, up to a maximum of 12 feet, and over height loads up to a maximum of 14 feet must follow Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles hauling permit and safety guidelines.
  2. In addition to described overweight/over width transportation privileges, carriers are also exempt from vehicle registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles. This includes vehicles en route and returning to their home base. The agencies cited in this provision shall communicate this information to all staff responsible for permit issuance and truck legalization enforcement.
- H. Implementation and discontinuance of the transportation-related provisions authorized above shall be disseminated by the publication of administrative notice to all affected and interested parties. I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, after consultation with other affected Cabinet Secretaries, the authority to implement and disseminate this Order as set forth in § 2.2-104 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- I. Authorization of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to grant a temporary waiver of the maximum vapor pressure prescribed in regulation 2 VAC 5-425 *et seq.*, and to prescribe a vapor pressure limit the Commissioner deems reasonable. The temporary waiver shall remain in effect until emergency relief is no longer necessary, as determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- J. Provision of appropriate assistance, including temporary assignments of non-essential state employees to the Adjunct Emergency Workforce, be rendered by state agencies to respond to this situation.

- K. Authorization of appropriate oversight boards, commissions, and agencies to ease building code restrictions, permitting requirements, and to allow for emergency demolition, hazardous waste disposal, debris removal, emergency landfill siting, and other operations and activities necessary to address immediate health and safety needs without regard to time-consuming procedures or formalities and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All appropriate executive branch agencies are to exercise discretion to the extent allowed by law to address any pending deadlines or expirations affected by or attributable to this emergency event.
- L. Authorization of the Marine Resources Commissioner to act on behalf of the Commission in issuing permits pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 28.2 of the *Code of Virginia* when, in the judgment of the Commissioner, it is necessary to address immediate health and safety needs and the Commissioner would be unable to convene a meeting of the full Commission in a timely manner. In an effort to address the impacts attributable to Hurricane Florence on the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Commonwealth, and in an attempt to expedite the return of impacted areas and structures to pre-event conditions insofar as possible, no permits for encroachments on state-owned submerged lands, tidal wetlands and coastal primary sand dunes or beaches shall be required to replace previously permitted structures in the same location and in identical or smaller dimensions as the previously permitted structure, and for beach nourishment activities along public beaches, provided any structure replacement or beach nourishment is initiated prior to the expiration of this Executive Order. No person may proceed with replacement of a previously permitted structure or beach nourishment activity under the provisions of this Executive Order without written approval from the Commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.
- M. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to act, when appropriate, on behalf of their regulatory boards to waive any state requirement or regulation where the federal government has waived the corresponding federal or state regulation based on the impact of events related to this situation.
- N. Authorization for the State Veterinarian to grant exemptions for specific requirements for the importation of agricultural and companion animals into the Commonwealth from affected areas.
- O. Activation of the statutory provisions in § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* related to price gouging.
- P. Authorization of a maximum of \$60,000,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management that are allowable as defined by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* This funding is also available for state response and recovery operations and incident documentation. Out of this state disaster sum sufficient, an amount estimated at \$1,500,000 is authorized for the Department of Military Affairs for the state's portion of the eligible disaster-related costs incurred for salaries, travel, and

meals during mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

- Q. Authorization of an amount estimated at \$1,000,000 for matching funds for the Individuals and Household Program, authorized by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* (when presidentially authorized), to be paid from state funds.
- R. Implementation by public agencies under my supervision and control of their emergency assignments as directed in the COVEOP without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(b) of the *Code of Virginia*. Section 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.
- S. During this declared emergency, any person who holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any state or political subdivision thereof, evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, the person, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, may render aid involving that skill in the Commonwealth during this emergency. Such person shall not be liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to, any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person resulting from such service as set forth in § 44-146.23(C) of the *Code of Virginia*. Additionally, members and personnel of volunteer, professional, auxiliary, and reserve groups identified and tasked by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management for specific disaster-related mission assignments, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, shall not be liable for the death of, or any injury to, persons or damage to property as a result of such activities, as provided in § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.
- T. Designation of physicians, nurses, and other licensed and non-licensed health care providers and other individuals as well as hospitals, nursing facilities, and other licensed and non-licensed health care organizations, political subdivisions and other private entities by state agencies, including the Departments of Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Social Services, Emergency Management, Transportation, State Police, Motor Vehicles, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities, at sites designated by the Commonwealth, within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, in the performance of their disaster-related mission assignments.
- U. A license issued to a health care practitioner by another state, and in good standing with such state, shall be deemed to be an active license issued by the Commonwealth to provide health care or professional services as a health care practitioner of the same type for which such license is issued in another state, provided such health care practitioner is engaged by a hospital, licensed nursing facility, or dialysis facility in the Commonwealth for the purpose of assisting that facility with public health and medical disaster response operations. Hospitals, licensed nursing facilities, and dialysis facilities must submit to



the applicable licensing authority each out-of-state health care practitioner's name, license type, state of license, and license identification number within a reasonable time of such healthcare practitioner arriving at the applicable health care facility in the Commonwealth.

- V. As provided in § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, no individual, corporation, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, fraternal organization, religious organization, charitable organization, or any other legal or commercial entity and any successor, officer, director, representative, or agent thereof, who, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, provides services, goods, real or personal property, or facilities at the request and direction of the State Department of Emergency Management or a county or city employee whose responsibilities include emergency management shall be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person where such death, injury, loss, or damage was proximately caused by the circumstances of the actual emergency or its subsequent conditions, or the circumstances this emergency.
  
- W. The Director of the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS), in coordination with Virginia Department of Emergency Management, is directed to activate the statewide sheltering plan and identify and make available such shelters as necessary. Pursuant to the authority in § 44.146.15 of the *Code of Virginia*, and in order to ensure public safety, all weapons listed in § 18.2-308 A of the *Code of Virginia*, including all firearms, are prohibited from such shelters. This prohibition applies to both open and concealed carry of firearms pursuant to a concealed carry permit. The firearm restriction shall not apply to members of the National Guard and Law Enforcement Officers in the performance of their official duties.

Upon my approval, the costs incurred by state agencies and other agents in performing mission assignments through the VEOC as defined herein and in § 44-146.28 of the *Code of Virginia*, other than costs defined in the paragraphs above pertaining to the Virginia National Guard and pertaining to the Virginia Defense Force, shall be paid from state funds.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective September 8, 2018, and shall remain in full force and in effect until December 31, 2018, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of the Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 12th day of September, 2018.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**NUMBER SEVENTEEN (2018)**

### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DUE TO POTENTIAL IMPACTS FROM HURRICANE FLORENCE**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

On September 8, 2018, I declared that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia based on the need to prepare and coordinate our response for potential impacts from Hurricane Florence. National Weather Service forecasts indicate Hurricane Florence could produce damaging winds, periods of heavy rainfall, power outages, and flooding in the Commonwealth. These conditions have the potential to impact life safety and create significant transportation issues throughout Virginia.

State action is required to protect the health and general welfare of Virginia residents. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are, or are likely to be, imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-75.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the Commonwealth, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby proclaim a state of emergency exists. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for the impacts of Hurricane Florence, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet this threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with my authority contained in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I order the following:

- A. Implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP), as amended, by state agencies along with other appropriate state plans.

- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments and emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.
- C. Activation of the Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force to state active duty to assist in providing such aid. This shall include Virginia National Guard assistance to the Virginia Department of State Police to direct traffic, prevent looting, and perform such other law enforcement functions as the Superintendent of State Police (in consultation with the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, the Adjutant General, and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security) may find necessary. Pursuant to § 52-6 of the *Code of Virginia*, I authorize the Superintendent of the Department of State Police to appoint any and all such Virginia Army and Air National Guard personnel called to state active duty as additional police officers as deemed necessary. These police officers shall have the same powers and perform the same duties as the Virginia State Police officers appointed by the Superintendent. Any bonds and/or insurance required by § 52-7 of the *Code of Virginia* shall be provided for them at the expense of the Commonwealth. In all instances, members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force shall remain subject to military command as prescribed by § 44-78.1 of the *Code of Virginia* and are not subject to the civilian authorities of county or municipal governments.
- D. Evacuation of areas threatened or stricken by effects of this event, as appropriate. Pursuant to § 44-146.17(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, I reserve the right to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace therein from such areas upon a determination by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management. I reserve the right to control the ingress and egress at an emergency area, including the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein based upon a determination made by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management. Violations of any order to citizens to evacuate shall constitute a violation of this Executive Order and are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- E. Activation, implementation, and coordination of appropriate mutual aid agreements and compacts, including the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and the authorization of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to enter into any other supplemental agreements, pursuant to §§ 44-146.17(5) and 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby designated as Virginia's authorized representative within the meaning of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- F. This Emergency Declaration implements limited relief from the provisions of 49 CFR §§ 390.23 and 395.3 for the purpose of providing direct relief or assistance as a result of this disaster. Authorization of the Virginia Departments of State Police, Transportation, and Motor Vehicles to grant temporary overweight, over width, registration, license, or hours of service exemptions to all carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies to, through, and from any area of the Commonwealth. This Emergency Declaration is also intended to satisfy the federal commercial motor vehicle requirements of 49 CFR §

390.23, which provide any motor carrier or driver operating a commercial motor vehicle emergency relief from Parts 390-399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (Title 49, CFR). The exemption shall not exceed the duration of the motor carrier's or driver's direct assistance in providing emergency relief, or 30 days from the initial declaration of emergency, whichever is less.

- G. Implementation and discontinuance of the transportation-related provisions authorized above shall be disseminated by the publication of administrative notice to all affected and interested parties. I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, after consultation with other affected Cabinet Secretaries, the authority to implement and disseminate this Order as set forth in § 2.2-104 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- H. Authorization of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to grant a temporary waiver of the maximum vapor pressure prescribed in regulation 2 VAC 5-425 *et seq.*, and to prescribe a vapor pressure limit the Commissioner deems reasonable. The temporary waiver shall remain in effect until emergency relief is no longer necessary, as determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- I. Provision of appropriate assistance, including temporary assignments of non-essential state employees to the Adjunct Emergency Workforce, be rendered by state agencies to respond to this situation.
- J. Authorization of appropriate oversight boards, commissions, and agencies to waive and/or ease building code restrictions, permitting requirements, and to allow for emergency demolition, hazardous waste disposal, debris removal, emergency landfill siting, and other operations and activities necessary to address immediate health and safety needs without regard to time-consuming procedures or formalities and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All appropriate executive branch agencies are to exercise discretion to the extent allowed by law to address any pending deadlines or expirations affected by or attributable to this emergency event.
- K. Authorization of the Marine Resources Commissioner to act on behalf of the Commission in issuing permits pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 28.2 of the *Code of Virginia* when, in the judgment of the Commissioner, it is necessary to address immediate health and safety needs and the Commissioner would be unable to convene a meeting of the full Commission in a timely manner. In an effort to address the impacts attributable to Hurricane Florence on the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Commonwealth, and in an attempt to expedite the return of impacted areas and structures to pre-event conditions insofar as possible, no permits for encroachments on state-owned submerged lands, tidal wetlands and coastal primary sand dunes or beaches shall be required to replace previously permitted structures in the same location and in identical or smaller dimensions as the previously permitted structure, and for beach nourishment activities along public beaches, provided any structure replacement or beach nourishment is initiated prior to the expiration of this Executive Order. No person may proceed with replacement of a previously permitted structure or beach nourishment activity under the provisions of this Executive Order without written approval from the Commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

- L. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies to act, when appropriate, on behalf of their regulatory boards to waive any state requirement or regulation where the federal government has waived the corresponding federal or state regulation based on the impact of events related to this situation.
- M. Authorization for the State Veterinarian to grant exemptions for specific requirements for the importation of agricultural and companion animals into the Commonwealth from affected areas.
- N. Activation of the statutory provisions in § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* related to price gouging.
- O. Authorization of a maximum of \$27, 221,140 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management that are allowable as defined by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* This funding is also available for state response and recovery operations and incident documentation. Out of this state disaster sum sufficient, an amount estimated at \$1,500,000 is authorized for the Department of Military Affairs for the state's portion of the eligible disaster-related costs incurred for salaries, travel, and meals during mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.
- P. Authorization of an amount estimated at \$1,000,000 for matching funds for the Individuals and Household Program, authorized by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* (when presidentially authorized), to be paid from state funds.
- Q. Implementation by public agencies under my supervision and control of their emergency assignments as directed in the COVEOP without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(b) of the *Code of Virginia*. Section 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.
- R. During this declared emergency, any person who holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any state or political subdivision thereof, evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, the person, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, may render aid involving that skill in the Commonwealth during this emergency. Such person shall not be liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to, any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person resulting from such service as set forth in § 44-146.23(C) of the *Code of Virginia*. Additionally, members and personnel of volunteer, professional, auxiliary, and reserve groups identified and tasked by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management for specific disaster-related mission assignments, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, shall not be liable for the death of, or any injury to, persons or damage to property as a result of such activities, as provided in § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.

- S. Designation of physicians, nurses, and other licensed and non-licensed health care providers and other individuals as well as hospitals, nursing facilities, and other licensed and non-licensed health care organizations, political subdivisions and other private entities by state agencies, including the Departments of Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Social Services, Emergency Management, Transportation, State Police, Motor Vehicles, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities, at sites designated by the Commonwealth, within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, in the performance of their disaster-related mission assignments.
  
- T. As provided in § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, no individual, corporation, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, fraternal organization, religious organization, charitable organization, or any other legal or commercial entity and any successor, officer, director, representative, or agent thereof, who, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, provides services, goods, real or personal property, or facilities at the request and direction of the State Department of Emergency Management or a county or city employee whose responsibilities include emergency management shall be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person where such death, injury, loss, or damage was proximately caused by the circumstances of the actual emergency or its subsequent conditions, or the circumstances this emergency.

Upon my approval, the costs incurred by state agencies and other agents in performing mission assignments through the VEOC as defined herein and in § 44-146.28 of the *Code of Virginia*, other than costs defined in the paragraphs above pertaining to the Virginia National Guard and pertaining to the Virginia Defense Force, shall be paid from state funds.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective September 8, 2018, and shall remain in full force and in effect until December 31, 2018, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of the Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 10th day of September, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Ralph S. Northam in black ink.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson in black ink.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER EIGHTEEN (2018)**

**DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR  
VEHICLES TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF EXPIRING DRIVER'S LICENSES AND  
IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

**Importance of the Issue**

On Saturday, September 8, 2018, I declared that a state of emergency existed in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the potential impacts of Hurricane Florence. In furtherance of state action to protect the health and general welfare of Virginia residents, some state government offices, including Department of Motor Vehicles customer service centers, in affected regions were closed, which greatly impacted the ability of many Virginians to renew their driver's licenses and identification cards. This widespread emergency closure placed residents at risk of incurring fines and other costs resulting from their inability to renew their credentials in a timely manner.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, and in accordance with my authority contained in §§ 46.2-330(A) and 46.2-345 of the *Code of Virginia*, in order to prevent any hardship to the residents of Virginia, I hereby direct the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to extend the validity period of Virginia driver's licenses, learner's permits, commercial driver's licenses, and identification cards issued by the Commonwealth that expire September 11, 2018, through September 16, 2018, until September 21, 2018, 11:59:59 PM EST.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective from September 11, 2018, and shall remain in full force and effect until September 21, 2018, 11:59:59 PM EST.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER NINETEEN (2018)**

### **CLOUD SERVICE UTILIZATION AND READINESS**

#### **Importance of the Initiative**

The Commonwealth of Virginia must ensure that we are continuously evaluating how information technology services are delivered to those who live and work in our state. Services provided by the Commonwealth must keep pace with the marketplace. A key part of achieving this goal is to ensure that the Commonwealth of Virginia aggressively incorporates the use of cloud technologies into Commonwealth information technology service delivery models. The Commonwealth's definition of cloud services can be found in the VITA Information Technology Resource Management (ITRM) Policies, Standards and Guidelines (<https://www.vita.virginia.gov/it-governance/itrm-policies-standards/>).

As with any technology, cloud services must be implemented in a manner that continues to ensure the availability, security, and privacy of Commonwealth and citizen data. This requires ongoing oversight and management to ensure compliance through Service Level Agreements and other means.

Leveraging cloud services models will allow the Commonwealth to:

- Speed up delivery of business solutions through faster paths to production;
- Provide flexible solutions capable of quickly adapting to new and changing business solutions;
- Reduce operations and maintenance requirements for basic needs such as power and space;
- Provide transparency so that customers are more aware of what they get for their money;
- Provide service elasticity to support increased citizen needs at peak times; and
- Provide a structure that allows for a more resilient environment in the case of a disaster or service outage.

Within 60 days of this Executive Order, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) shall adopt a model for evaluating and incorporating cloud services where appropriate to support information technology (IT) services.

VITA shall also develop governance documents in support of this cloud approach that address requirements for evaluating new and existing IT for cloud readiness. This process, which shall apply to Executive Branch agencies as defined in § 2.2-2006 of the *Code of Virginia*, will include details regarding the following areas:

### **Development of New IT Applications and Solutions**

- As of the effective date of this Executive Order, all new IT solutions proposed for development must either be cloud-enabled or have a documented exemption approved by the Commonwealth Chief Information Officer (CIO).
- Agencies shall minimize in-house development of custom IT solutions and applications and leverage cloud solutions if recommended by VITA's cloud governance process.

### **Existing Systems/Applications Cloud Enablement**

- Agencies shall evaluate the continued use of dedicated hardware supporting premise-based IT solutions.
- Agencies shall develop formal processes to enable application development and business services to evaluate cloud service options when deploying, updating, or investing in existing IT solutions.

All agency cloud solutions shall adhere to VITA security and infrastructure policies, standards, and guidelines that will be located in the ITRM Policies, Standards & Guidelines. All agency cloud solutions shall be obtained through VITA's services as outlined by the agency unless otherwise approved by the CIO.

### **Agency Reporting**

- VITA shall collect information from each agency indicating the percentage of physical and virtually deployed IT system components as well as cloud-ready workloads.
- By December 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, each agency shall identify each system's cloud-readiness status (cloud-ready or not cloud-ready) and report this information to VITA, unless granted a temporary or permanent exemption by the CIO.
- By January 15, 2019, agencies shall provide to VITA information regarding resource requirements necessary to make systems cloud-ready within their IT strategic plans, unless granted an exemption by the CIO.
  - This information shall be evaluated by VITA for cloud-readiness as part of the IT strategic planning process.
- By June 1, 2019, VITA shall report to the Secretary of Administration on the status of identifying cloud-ready systems within the Commonwealth.

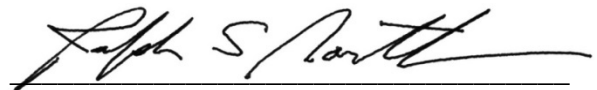
- Beginning September 1, 2019, VITA shall report annually to the Secretary of Administration on the progress of migrating systems identified as appropriate for cloud solutions.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

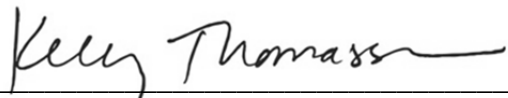
This Executive Order shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2021, unless amended or rescinded by further Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2018.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER TWENTY (2018)**

### **TRANSFER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS TO THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS**

#### **Importance of the Initiative**

The Commonwealth of Virginia is home to many of our nation's most important national defense assets. The Commonwealth takes pride in protecting our defense forces' ability to train for our nation's security while also providing the service members and their families with an unmatched quality of life. By working collaboratively with our military installations, the Commonwealth is able to sustain our current economic infrastructure, while also jointly identifying areas of future advancement. Growing the military mission in the Commonwealth also includes growing the Virginia National Guard. Our Virginia National Guard has seen increased demands on its members with more frequent deployments and longer training periods. Ensuring the Virginia National Guard continues to meet end strength goals and remain a competitive recruiter is more important than ever. In order to achieve these goals, operations and collaboration with the federal government must be as efficient as possible.

The Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs elevates issues and coordinates policy for veterans and transitioning service members in the Commonwealth and serves as the Governor's liaison to the federal defense establishment. As described in § 2.2-231 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Secretary is to "provide active outreach to the U.S. Department of Defense and the defense establishment in Virginia to support the military installations and activities in the Commonwealth..."

Duties of the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), as outlined in § 44-11.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, consist of administering the Virginia Militia and integrating Department of Defense capabilities into state operations. DMA has extensive involvement with federal defense entities, an area where the Office of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs is deeply engaged. Transferring DMA to the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs will streamline communications with federal defense entities on matters directly affecting the Virginia National Guard. More streamlined communications are critical as a significant part of the budget for the Virginia National Guard comes from federal sources.

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS), another agency under the Office of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, is charged with supporting and enhancing the benefits provided to members of the Guard and their families. When members of the Guard and other service members transition from active service, DVS is there to assist them and their families with their transitions to civilian life, particularly in the areas of employment, education, benefits, housing, and behavioral health and rehabilitative services. Moving DMA under the Office of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs will better align resources and missions for our Guardsmen and their families.

The Department of Military Affairs will continue performing all existing duties in accordance with Virginia law, including working with other agencies in disaster preparedness, maintaining order and public safety in coordination with law enforcement, and developing and executing contingency plans for homeland defense.

**Transfer of the Agency**

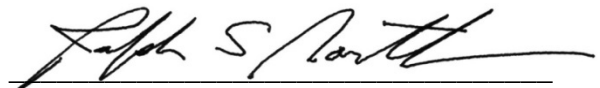
By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under § 2.2-230 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby authorize the transfer of administrative authority of the Department of Military Affairs from the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

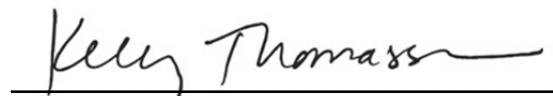
This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER TWENTY-ONE (2018)**

### **ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON OPIOIDS AND ADDICTION**

#### **Importance of the Initiative**

The disease of addiction is devastating our communities and taking the lives of too many Virginians. Since 2013, drug overdoses have been the leading cause of accidental death in the Commonwealth. Over 1,500 individuals in Virginia died as a result of drug overdoses just last year. Of those 1,500 fatalities, nearly 80 percent involved prescription opioid painkillers, heroin, or synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Opioid and heroin abuse continues to pose an immense public health and safety threat to Virginians and remains a public health emergency for the Commonwealth.

In addition to opioids and heroin, data shows that abuse of other potentially deadly drugs, particularly stimulants, is on the rise. In addition to maintaining a focus on opioids, Virginia's leaders must also focus on the biological, psychological, and social factors that foster addiction in an individual so that those factors can be addressed and mitigated. The disease of addiction is not exclusive to any substance and addiction will always find another drug.

Virginia cannot solve these problems through state intervention alone. The knowledge and experiences of providers, peers, local leadership, and other community partners is imperative as we work to reduce the impact of addiction and reduce the number of those who die from it. Under the authority established by Executive Directive Nine (2016), the Governor's Executive Leadership Team on Opioids and Addiction implements strategies, programs, and policies aimed at reducing overdose deaths. It is necessary to look to our partners to strengthen our understanding of the issue and share learned successes. Therefore, I direct relevant secretariats, agencies, health and behavioral health providers and organizations, education professionals, law enforcement, and other stakeholders to work together to identify and execute strategies to increase harm reduction opportunities, intensify prevention activities, enhance access to evidence-based treatment, and support individuals in recovery in Virginia.



## **Key Objectives**

This advisory commission shall provide comments to the co-chairs of the Governor's Executive Leadership Team on Opioids and Addiction regarding the development of policies, programs, and other initiatives designed to impact the ongoing drug overdose epidemic in Virginia.

The advisory commission shall meet upon the call of the co-chairs. The co-chairs shall call the advisory commission to meet no less than twice per year. At such meeting, the Executive Leadership Team on Opioids and Addiction shall provide updates and metrics regarding opioid and addiction initiatives. Therefore, supplemental meetings may be held to review specific topics, initiatives, and programs.

## **Establishment of the Opioid and Addiction Commission**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia under the laws of the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish the Governor's Advisory Commission on Opioids and Addiction (Opioid and Addiction Commission).

The Opioid and Addiction Commission will serve in a consultative role, in accordance with § 2.2-2100 of the *Code of Virginia*, and will be responsible for advising the Governor's Executive Leadership Team on Opioids and Addiction and providing guidance on the following initiatives related to addressing the opioid and addiction public health emergency in the Commonwealth:

- a. Building the capacity of Virginia's communities to address the addiction epidemic through community mobilization and coalition development;
- b. Limiting availability of prescription opioids for misuse;
- c. Establishing pathways to treatment and recovery supports in Virginia;
- d. Establishing operational comprehensive harm reduction programs in Virginia; and
- e. Developing model protocols for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for individuals being released from correctional settings that local/regional jails and community services boards can use.

## **Composition of the Opioid and Addiction Commission**

The Opioid and Addiction Commission's membership shall be appointed by the Governor. The Secretaries of Health and Human Resources and Public Safety and Homeland Security will co-chair the Opioid and Addiction Commission. Membership for the Opioid and Addiction Commission will be composed of representatives from the Office of the Attorney

General, the General Assembly, and the judiciary, as well as community leaders in prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery, including individuals with lived experiences. The Governor may appoint any other person(s) deemed necessary and proper to carry out the assigned functions.

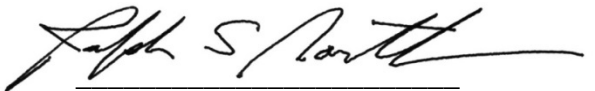
The Secretariat of Health and Human Resources shall provide a Staff Director to support the Opioid and Addiction Commission. The Secretariats of Public Safety and Homeland Security and Health and Human Resources shall provide other staff support as necessary. An estimated 100 hours of staff time will be required to support the work of the Opioid and Addiction Commission.

**Effective Date**

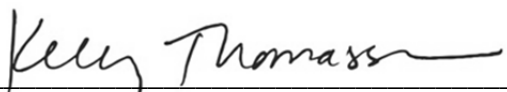
This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and, pursuant to §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, shall remain in full force and effect for a year from its signing, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER TWENTY-TWO (2018)**

**Establishment of the Governor's Conservation Cabinet:  
A United Effort to Protect and Conserve Virginia's Natural Resources**

**Importance of the Initiative**

Conservation of natural resources and protection of the environment are key components of my plan as Governor to ensure that Virginia becomes an even better place to live work, play, start a business, and raise a family. While many of our conservation responsibilities fall under the Secretary of Natural Resources, state agencies overseen by other secretariats play important roles, as well.

Coordination across state government is critical to ensuring that state sponsored or permitted activities do not harm the environment. Systemic coordination is also imperative to identifying and engaging in conservation-related economic development and community enhancement opportunities. Many service or functional areas, like agriculture and forestry, transportation and local infrastructure, energy use and development, and outdoor recreation and tourism, interact with our land, air, water, and related ecosystems. It is up to us to determine what impacts such interactions will have.

**Establishment of the Cabinet**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chief Executive by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish Virginia's Conservation Cabinet ("Conservation Cabinet").

The Conservation Cabinet shall be established within the Office of the Governor, to better protect Virginia's natural resources and to improve environmental quality across the Commonwealth. Through increased coordination of Virginia agencies, departments and programs the Conservation Cabinet will work to ensure a healthy environment and continued economic opportunity for all Virginians.

The Conservation Cabinet shall meet on a quarterly basis to discuss conservation issues related to the responsibilities of multiple secretariats, including but not limited to: clean air, clean water, energy, climate change, land conservation, tourism, and sustainable natural resource use. The Secretary of Natural Resources shall be the chair of the Conservation Cabinet, and, in consultation with other members of the Conservation Cabinet, shall develop and deliver to the Governor, no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2019, a report describing collaboration across state government on conservation issues. Such report shall be made available digitally to the public.

### **Composition of the Conservation Cabinet**

The members of the Conservation Cabinet shall be appointed by the Governor. The Conservation Cabinet shall be comprised of the Secretaries of Agriculture and Forestry, Commerce and Trade, Finance, Natural Resources, and Transportation. The Secretary of Natural Resources shall serve as the Chair of the Cabinet.

The members of the Conservation Cabinet, in addition to discussing topics detailed above, shall share updates on programs, projects and opportunities to protect and improve conservation of Virginia's natural resources, public health, and other relevant topics as they arise.

The Conservation Cabinet shall consult with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources on issues of the environment and public health, particularly with respect to environmental justice and the impacts of air pollution, drinking water contamination, and adverse effects of climate change.

The Conservation Cabinet shall consult with the Secretary of Education on issues related to environmental education and on conservation initiatives at public schools, colleges, and universities to teach environmental sciences and to ensure students have meaningful outdoor experiences.

The Conservation Cabinet will consult with experts and stakeholders within the scientific, economic, and other fields as necessary to carry out its mission.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph S. Northam", written over a horizontal line.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomasson", written over a horizontal line.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER TWENTY-THREE (2018)**

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DUE TO HURRICANE MICHAEL  
AND IN SUPPORT OF STATES AFFECTED BY THE STORM**

**Importance of the Issue**

On this date, October 11, 2018, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia based on the need to prepare and coordinate our response to potential impacts from Hurricane Michael, a Category 4 storm that will impact Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. This storm could produce heavy rainfall, power outages, and flooding in the Commonwealth and result in severe impacts to the southeastern portions of the United States, including loss of life and infrastructure damage. In order to save lives, restore infrastructure damage, assist other states impacted by this storm, and facilitate the rapid movement of private sector and public resources from and through Virginia, I hereby authorize state preparations under the full authorities of this Office.

State action is required to protect the health and general welfare of Virginia residents. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are, or are likely to be, imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-75.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the Commonwealth, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby proclaim a state of emergency exists. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for potential storm impacts, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet this threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with my authority contained in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I order the following:

- A. Implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP), as amended, by state agencies along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments and emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.
- C. Activation of the Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force to state active duty to assist in providing such aid. This shall include Virginia National Guard assistance to the Virginia Department of State Police to direct traffic, prevent looting, and perform such other law enforcement functions as the Superintendent of State Police (in consultation with the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, the Adjutant General, and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security) may find necessary. Pursuant to § 52-6 of the *Code of Virginia*, I authorize the Superintendent of the Department of State Police to appoint any and all such Virginia Army and Air National Guard personnel called to state active duty as additional police officers as deemed necessary. These police officers shall have the same powers and perform the same duties as the Virginia State Police officers appointed by the Superintendent. Any bonds and/or insurance required by § 52-7 of the *Code of Virginia* shall be provided for these additional police officers at the expense of the Commonwealth. In all instances, members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force shall remain subject to military command as prescribed by § 44-78.1 of the *Code of Virginia* and are not subject to the civilian authorities of county or municipal governments.
- D. Evacuation of areas threatened or stricken by effects of this event, as appropriate. Pursuant to § 44-146.17(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, I reserve the right to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace therein from such areas upon a determination by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management. I reserve the right to control the ingress and egress at an emergency area, including the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein based upon a determination made by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management. Violations of any order to citizens to evacuate shall constitute a violation of this Executive Order and are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- E. Activation, implementation, and coordination of appropriate mutual aid agreements and compacts, including the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and the authorization of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to enter into any other supplemental agreements, pursuant to §§ 44-146.17(5) and 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby designated as

Virginia's authorized representative within the meaning of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

- F. This Emergency Declaration implements limited relief from the provisions of 49 CFR §§ 390.23 and 395.3 for the purpose of providing direct relief or assistance as a result of this disaster.
  
- G. Authorization of the Virginia Departments of State Police, Transportation, and Motor Vehicles to grant temporary overweight, over width, registration, license, or hours of service exemptions to all carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies to, through and from any area of the Commonwealth. This authorization also applies to water, food, heating oil, motor fuels or propane, or agricultural products, agricultural supplies, livestock and poultry, livestock and poultry feed, forest products and salvaged wood, waste, and trees cut in preparation for the storm, or providing restoration of utilities (including but not limited to electricity, gas, phone, water, wastewater, and cable) or removal of waste to, through and from any area of the Commonwealth in order to support the disaster response and recovery, regardless of the point of origin or destination. Weight exemptions are not valid on posted structures for restricted weight. Weight exemptions are also not valid on interstate highways unless there is an associated Federal emergency declaration. The exemption shall not exceed the duration of the motor carrier's or driver's direct assistance in providing emergency relief, or 30 days from the initial declaration of emergency, whichever is less.
  - 1. All over-width loads, up to a maximum of 12 feet, and over-height loads up to a maximum of 14 feet must follow Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' hauling permit and safety guidelines.
  - 2. In addition to described overweight/over-width transportation privileges, carriers are also exempt from vehicle registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles. This includes vehicles en route or returning to their home base. The agencies cited in this provision shall communicate this information to all staff responsible for permit issuance and truck legalization enforcement.
  
- H. Implementation and discontinuance of the transportation-related provisions authorized above shall be disseminated by the publication of administrative notice to all affected and interested parties. I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, after consultation with other affected Cabinet Secretaries, the authority to implement and disseminate this Order as set forth in § 2.2-104 of the *Code of Virginia*.
  
- I. Authorization of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to grant a temporary waiver of the maximum vapor pressure prescribed in regulation 2 VAC 5-425 *et seq.*, and to prescribe a vapor pressure limit the Commissioner deems reasonable. The temporary waiver shall remain in effect until emergency relief is no longer necessary, as determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.



- J. Provision of appropriate assistance, including temporary assignments of non-essential state employees to the Adjunct Emergency Workforce, be rendered by state agencies to respond to this situation.
- K. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to act, when appropriate, on behalf of their regulatory boards to waive any state requirement or regulation when the federal government has waived the corresponding federal or state regulation based on the impact of events related to this situation.
- L. Authorization for the State Veterinarian to grant exemptions for specific requirements for the importation of agricultural and companion animals into the Commonwealth from affected areas.
- M. Activation of the statutory provisions in § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* related to price gouging.
- N. Authorization of a maximum of \$2,000,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management that are allowable as defined by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* and the EMAC. Such funding shall be based on the reimbursements anticipated under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMCA). This funding is also available for state response and recovery operations and incident documentation. Out of this state disaster sum sufficient, an amount estimated at \$250,000 is authorized for the Department of Military Affairs for the state's portion of the eligible disaster-related costs. Such costs include any amounts incurred for salaries, travel, and meals during mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.
- O. Authorization of up to \$100,000 in sum sufficient funds shall be made available for operation of the VEOC.
- P. Implementation by public agencies under my supervision and control of their emergency assignments as directed in the COVEOP without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(b) of the *Code of Virginia*. Section 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.
- Q. During this declared emergency, any person who holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any U.S. territory, state, or political subdivision thereof, evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, the person, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, may render aid involving that skill in the Commonwealth during this emergency and such person shall not be liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person resulting from such service as set forth

in § 44-146.23(C) of the *Code of Virginia*. Additionally, members and personnel of volunteer, professional, auxiliary, and reserve groups identified and tasked by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management for specific disaster-related mission assignments as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia* shall not be liable for the death of, or any injury to, persons or damage to property as a result of such activities, as provided in § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.

- R. Designation of physicians, nurses, and other licensed and non-licensed health care providers and other individuals as well as hospitals, nursing facilities and other licensed and non-licensed health care organizations, political subdivisions and other private entities by state agencies, including the Departments of Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Social Services, Emergency Management, Transportation, State Police, Motor Vehicles, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities, at sites designated by the Commonwealth, within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, in the performance of their disaster-related mission assignments.
  
- S. As provided in § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, no individual, corporation, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, fraternal organization, religious organization, charitable organization, or any other legal or commercial entity and any successor, officer, director, representative, or agent thereof, who, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, provides services, goods, real or personal property, or facilities at the request and direction of the State Department of Emergency Management or a county or city employee whose responsibilities include emergency management shall be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person where such death, injury, loss, or damage was proximately caused by the circumstances of the actual emergency or its subsequent conditions, or the circumstances this emergency.

Upon my approval, the costs incurred by state agencies and other agents in performing mission assignments through the VEOC as defined herein and in § 44-146.28 of the *Code of Virginia*, other than costs defined in the paragraphs above pertaining to the Virginia National Guard and pertaining to the Virginia Defense Force, shall be paid from state funds.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective October 11, 2018, and shall remain in full force and in effect until November 11, 2018, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of the Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 11th day of October, 2018.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR (2018)**

#### **INCREASING VIRGINIA'S RESILIENCE TO SEA LEVEL RISE AND NATURAL HAZARDS**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

Sea level rise, land subsidence, higher average temperatures, more frequent and intense weather events, severe drought, and increased development, have increased risk and will continue to increase and exacerbate risk from natural hazards across the Commonwealth of Virginia. The number of federally declared disasters has steadily increased nationally and in Virginia. The number has experienced a 250 percent increase in federally declared disasters over the past 20 years, including declarations for flooding, hurricanes, severe storms, and wildfire.

The best available science predicts that this trend will continue to worsen. A recent report from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change states that the world is likely to experience dramatic increases in coastal flooding and severe weather events. Additional studies show that water levels in the Hampton Roads region are now 18 inches higher than they were a century ago, and that they are expected to gain up to five more feet, while the land sinks as much as 7.5 inches, by 2100. That combined rise is faster than anywhere else on the East Coast. The most recent National Climate Assessment reported that the intensity, frequency, and duration of North Atlantic hurricanes, as well as the frequency of the strongest hurricanes, have all increased.

This increase in extreme weather events and natural disasters will continue to have a profound impact on Virginia. It threatens public health and safety, our environment and natural resources, and the economic wellbeing of the Commonwealth, including our ports, military installations, transportation infrastructure, tourism assets, farms, and forests. We must act now to protect lives and property from multiple threats and reduce taxpayer exposure through fiscally responsible planning.

## **Directive**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Chief Executive by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby order my administration to take the following actions to increase statewide resilience to natural hazards and extreme weather:

### **Section 1: Making Commonwealth Holdings More Resilient**

- A. Designation of the Chief Resilience Officer of the Commonwealth of Virginia: The Secretary of Natural Resources shall serve as the Chief Resilience Officer of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Chief Resilience Officer shall be responsible for planning and implementing pre-disaster mitigation strategies to reduce the near and long term impacts of natural hazards across the Commonwealth. The Chief Resilience Officer will serve as the primary point of contact on all issues relating to pre-disaster hazard mitigation and shall be responsible for coordination and planning of resilience initiatives across state government.
- B. Review of Vulnerability of Commonwealth Owned Buildings: It is imperative that the Commonwealth assess the vulnerability of state-owned buildings and takes steps to improve the resilience of state-owned buildings when appropriate. To properly assess the need for resilience upgrades and adaptation strategies for state-owned buildings, the Chief Resilience Officer will develop a facility assessment process and define a data set to be used to identify vulnerability of state-owned buildings. The Secretary of Administration shall collect the identified building data to be used by the Chief Resilience Officer in determining the vulnerability of state-owned buildings, identify steps to increase the resilience of those buildings that are most at risk, and where appropriate and feasible, seek alternative locations for state operations.
- C. Unified Sea Level Rise Projection for State-Owned Buildings: The Commonwealth of Virginia must have a standard approach for predicting sea level rise when scoping, designing, siting, and constructing state-owned buildings. The Chief Resilience Officer shall work collaboratively within state government and with assistance from regional, state, and national experts and stakeholders, to issue, within 180 days from issuance of this Order, a regional or statewide sea level rise projection. The standard shall apply to all projects beginning initial design for state-owned buildings, beginning on or after January 1, 2020. This standard shall apply to new construction and not renovations to existing state buildings and be applied barring extenuating circumstances as determined by the Chief Resilience Officer. In creating this standard, the Chief Resilience Officer shall consult with: the Secretary of Administration, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.
- D. Freeboard Standard for State-Owned Buildings: The Commonwealth of Virginia must ensure the resilience of state-owned buildings by setting a minimum freeboard standard for state-owned buildings. The Chief Resilience Officer shall collaboratively work within state government and with assistance from regional, state, and national experts, and stakeholders, to issue, within 180 days from issuance of this Order, a regional or statewide freeboard

standard. The standard shall apply to all projects beginning initial design for state-owned buildings beginning on or after January 1, 2020. This standard shall apply to new construction and not renovations to existing state buildings and be applied barring extenuating circumstances as determined by the Chief Resilience Officer. In creating this standard, the Chief Resilience Officer shall consult with: the Secretary of Administration, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

## **Section 2: Reviews, Reports, and Recommendations**

- A. Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan: The Commonwealth of Virginia has a responsibility to assist local governments in reducing flood risk through planning and implementing large scale flood protection and adaptation initiatives. The Chief Resilience Officer, with the assistance of the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, shall create and implement a Coastal Resilience Master Plan for coastal Virginia to reduce the impacts of tidal and storm surge flooding.

The plan shall:

1. Incorporate all ongoing planned and proposed federal, state, and local projects and infrastructure to reduce tidal and storm surge flooding and flood risk. Provide recommendations for additional hazard mitigation, flood control, and adaptation projects to fill in gaps and improve the preparedness and resilience of the entire coastal area of Virginia for flooding and sea level rise;
2. Be based upon the best available science and engineering;
3. Be updated and amended every five years;
4. Mitigate flood risks at the community level or greater whenever possible;
5. Employ natural and nature-based solutions to the maximum extent possible and provide guidance for land conservation efforts by identifying land providing resilience benefits along with other ecological services;
6. Consider potential areas and options for managed coastal retreat when appropriate;
7. Include detailed funding analysis with a needs assessment and recommendations for potential funding sources;
8. Conform to National Flood Insurance Program requirements and incorporate relevant sections of the floodplain protection plan required by 10.1-602 of the *Code of Virginia*.

In developing the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan, the Chief Resilience Officer, with the assistance of the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, shall consult with the following:

1. Local governments;
2. Relevant state agencies, boards, and advisory bodies;
3. Regional Planning District Commissions;
4. The Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel;
5. Federal partners, including but not limited to: the Department of Defense, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration; the Department of Transportation, the Department of Agriculture; the Department of the Interior; and the Department of Housing and Urban Development;
6. The Virginia Institute for Marine Science, the partner universities in the Virginia Sea Grant Program, the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency; and
7. Non-governmental stakeholders including civic organizations, the business community, and non-profit organizations.

B. Review of State Pre-disaster Mitigation Programs: The Chief Resilience Officer, with the assistance of the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, shall inventory all state-run programs to encourage and implement pre-disaster mitigation. The inventory shall include pre-disaster mitigation programs for all natural hazards including flooding, wildfire, and earthquake. Within 180 days from issuance of this Order, each Cabinet Secretary shall submit to the Chief Resilience Officer a report on any and all pre-disaster hazard mitigation programs administered by his or her Secretariat.

1. Reports to the Chief Resilience Officer shall include: the formal title of the program, the statutory authorization for the program, a summary of the program and its goals and successes, the name of the lead staff member assigned to the program, a summary of the annual available funding for the program, and a summary of unmet funding needs.
2. Within 90 days of receiving reports from Cabinet Secretaries, the Chief Resilience Officer, with the assistance of the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, shall compile and make available to the public a comprehensive report of the findings from all secretariats, and make recommendations for improvements or additions to pre-disaster mitigation programs.

- C. Review of Compliance with Flood Protection and Dam Safety Laws: The Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), in coordination with the Chief Resilience Officer, shall review DCR's implementation of the *Code of Virginia*, Title 10, Chapter 6, Flood Protection and Dam Safety.

This review shall include:

1. Review of existing requirements to ensure that state-owned development is appropriately protected from flooding. The review shall also ensure that state-owned development is designed so that human health, safety, and welfare, as well as the natural and beneficial uses of the floodplain, are not at an increased risk of flooding, as authorized under state and federal law. The Director of DCR shall report his findings to the Chief Resilience Officer within 90 days from issuance of this Order, identifying critical updates to regulations, previous executive actions or guidance necessary to meet the objectives of this Order. In addition, the Director shall assess the effectiveness of current dam safety regulations in accounting for changing precipitation patterns and conditions;
2. Review of existing requirements to ensure the Commonwealth, as a participating community of the National Flood Insurance Program, continues to comply with 44 CFR § 60.11-13 and 23 CFR § 650, as authorized under state and federal law, and identifying within 90 days from issuance of this Order critical updates to regulations or guidance necessary to meet the objectives of this Order;
3. Assessment of the enforceability of existing state requirements, and the use of penalties for violations, and determining if changes are needed;
4. Development of a protocol for engagement with the Office of the Attorney General on enforcement efforts;
5. Assessment of any gaps in DCR resources or authorities necessary to address challenges identified under this review: and
6. The Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation shall report to the Chief Resilience Officer within 180 days from issuance of this Order on the reviews required under this section.

- D. Sea Level Rise Projection Guidance for Local Governments: The Chief Resilience Officer, with the assistance of the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, shall provide guidance to assist local governments with respect to regional or statewide sea level rise projections and work collaboratively to ensure these projections are useful for local decision-making. In developing this guidance, the Chief Resilience Officer shall consult with the following: localities, planning district commissions, impacted state and



federal agencies, the Virginia Institute for Marine Science, and the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency.

- E. Freeboard Guidance for Local Governments: The Chief Resilience Officer, with the assistance of the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, shall provide guidance for local governments with respect to local options to ensure best practices in establishing freeboard standards based on regional or statewide data and assistance. In developing this recommendation, the Chief Resilience Officer shall consult with the following: localities with flood prone areas, planning district commissions, impacted state and federal agencies, and the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency.

### **Section 3: Coordination and Objectives**

- A. Risk Communication: The Chief Resilience Officer, the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, and all relevant state agencies shall work to increase the Commonwealth's risk communication with regard to helping Virginia residents and local governments better understand their current and future risk from natural hazards.
- B. Increased Coordination of Hazard Mitigation Programs and Initiatives: The Chief Resilience Officer, or his designee, shall convene regular cross-agency, cross-secretariat meetings to ensure all programs identified in the report mandated by Section 2, subtitle B, paragraph 2, of this Order are working in concert with one another, removing barriers to success and leveraging one another for maximum benefit.
- C. Enhanced State and Military Collaborative Resilience: The Chief Resilience Officer, with the assistance of the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection and the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, shall work with military installations, local governments, Department of Defense leaders, and other impacted stakeholders to identify and develop collaborative adaptation and mitigation opportunities in support of military and community readiness.
- D. Increased Scale and Scope of Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation: To the maximum extent possible, state agencies, in coordination with the Chief Resilience Officer, or his designee, should use their planning, grant-making, and legal authorities to ensure natural hazard mitigation projects are conducted on a community-wide, rather than individual property scale. This approach will ensure greater protection for all Virginia residents, public and private property, and natural features and ecosystems that provide valuable barriers to flooding and other services.
- E. Empower Localities to Reduce Risk: To the maximum extent possible, state agencies, in coordination with the Chief Resilience Officer, or his designee, should use their planning, grant-making, and legal authorities to empower local governments to plan and create more resilient communities. This may include: technical assistance and planning grants, sample zoning ordinances, assistance engaging federal programs like the National Flood

Insurance Program and the Community Rating System, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation grants, and others.

The Department of Housing and Community Development shall consult with relevant stakeholders and subject matter experts for the purpose of identifying and suggesting resilience-specific improvements to the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) for inclusion in the 2018 code update.

- F. Position the Commonwealth of Virginia to be a Leader in Resilience Technology: The Chief Resilience Officer, with the assistance of the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, shall work with the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to ensure state, local, and regional efforts to test and implement resilience technologies are coupled with a coordinated effort to commercialize research and start and grow these businesses in the Commonwealth.
  
- G. Empower Individuals to Reduce their Risk: To the maximum extent possible, state agencies should use their planning, grant-making, and legal authorities to empower Virginian residents to take individual actions to increase resilience of private property to natural hazards. This includes creating tools and places where property owners can review data related to their risk, teaching Virginians best management practices to reduce risk to existing structures and planning tools to limit risk to new structures and encouraging the purchase of flood insurance policies both inside and outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area. State agencies and departments shall help Virginian property owners identify and apply for state and federal pre-disaster mitigation grants.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2018.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE (2018)**

### **ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRIORITIES TO ADDRESS VIRGINIA'S UNMET HOUSING NEEDS**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

The sustained welfare of Virginians and the communities in which they reside depends upon the quality, availability, and affordability of housing. In recent decades, Virginia has made substantial progress in improving the quality of housing and the living environment of Virginians. However, both our urban and rural communities face a shortage of affordable housing. The high cost burden of housing, especially for lower wage earners or those with special needs, is contributing to housing instability and homelessness.

In addition to these existing needs, communities across the Commonwealth must also produce substantial new affordable housing units in order to accommodate anticipated economic and workforce growth. As the Commonwealth continues to diversify and strengthen its economy, ensuring the availability of quality, affordable housing that is proximate to employment and educational opportunities will continue to be a critical measure of community vitality and readiness for new economic investment.

To address these needs, the Commonwealth's housing initiatives should focus on enhancing Virginia's economic growth and promoting education, health, and job opportunities for all Virginians. The Commonwealth must continue to work with public and private partners to address housing instability and homelessness, provide permanent supportive housing for vulnerable populations with special needs, and expand the supply of quality, affordable housing required to meet the needs of a growing and diverse workforce. The Commonwealth must also commit to fostering inclusive communities through the deconcentration of poverty and efforts to ensure fair housing is a priority.

#### **Establishment of the Commonwealth's Housing Initiatives**

Accordingly, by virtue of the power vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, and subject to my continuing

and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby direct the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, with the assistance of the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Executive Director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority, to identify and implement actions to enable the development of quality, affordable housing with the goal of strengthening communities and fostering economic growth. I also direct the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and its agencies to partner in this effort and to identify personnel and resources to assist in the implementation of this Executive Order. The Secretary of Commerce and Trade and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall work with the Commonwealth's economic development and workforce development agencies on this effort.

The housing policies and actions developed pursuant to this Executive Order shall include the following:

1. Increase the supply of permanent supportive housing. This evidence-based housing model is critically important to address the most urgent areas of housing need, including programs to reduce homelessness and housing instability for vulnerable populations. The effort should bolster the ongoing inter-agency structures aimed at providing permanent supportive housing for individuals with developmental disabilities, serious mental illness, or substance use disorders, including pregnant and parenting women. The effort should also focus on individuals experiencing homelessness and individuals with other support service needs.
2. Address the shortage of quality affordable housing. The effort shall prioritize identifying and promoting policy solutions that reduce the cost of housing and provide additional affordable housing units, especially in proximity to existing and developing employment centers. The effort shall include engagement with local governments, the business community, nonprofit organizations, and other interested stakeholders. The effort should focus on coordinating economic development projects with housing production, supporting housing production technology, and supporting regional and local pilot projects that increase the supply of affordable housing units.
3. Reduce the rate of evictions across the Commonwealth. The effort shall include diversion and prevention programs that bolster housing stability for individuals and families, evaluating potential pilot programs that provide eviction relief, and counseling and education services. The Commonwealth should collaborate with stakeholders and researchers to ensure strong data collection and metrics are readily available to address this challenge, especially in communities with high eviction rates. The effort shall also prioritize policy solutions to address the underlying challenges of poverty that contribute to housing instability.

### **Staffing and Funding**

Staffing shall be furnished by the Offices of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and Secretary of Health and Human Resources, their agencies, and other agencies and offices as

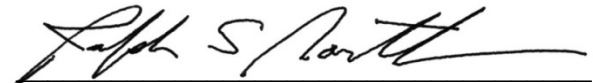
needed. Stakeholders consulted in the review and development of housing policy shall do so without compensation.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

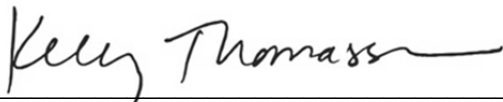
This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**NUMBER TWENTY-SIX (2018)**

### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DUE TO WINTER WEATHER**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, December, 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia based on the need to prepare and coordinate our response to winter weather forecast to begin affecting the Commonwealth on December 9, 2018. This storm may result in snow and ice accumulations, transportation issues, and power outages.

State action is required to protect the health and general welfare of Virginia residents. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are, or are likely to be, imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-75.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the Commonwealth, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby proclaim a state of emergency exists. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet this threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with my authority contained in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I order the following:

- A. Implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP), as amended, by state agencies along with other appropriate state plans.

- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments and emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.
- C. Activation of the Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force to state active duty to assist in providing such aid. This shall include Virginia National Guard assistance to the Virginia Department of State Police to direct traffic, prevent looting, and perform such other law enforcement functions as the Superintendent of State Police (in consultation with the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, the Adjutant General, and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security) may find necessary. Pursuant to § 52-6 of the *Code of Virginia*, I authorize the Superintendent of the Department of State Police to appoint any and all such Virginia Army and Air National Guard personnel called to state active duty as additional police officers as deemed necessary. These police officers shall have the same powers and perform the same duties as the Virginia State Police officers appointed by the Superintendent. Any bonds and/or insurance required by § 52-7 of the *Code of Virginia* shall be provided for them at the expense of the Commonwealth. In all instances, members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force shall remain subject to military command as prescribed by § 44-78.1 of the *Code of Virginia* and are not subject to the civilian authorities of county or municipal governments.
- D. Activation, implementation, and coordination of appropriate mutual aid agreements and compacts, including the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and the authorization of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to enter into any other supplemental agreements, pursuant to §§ 44-146.17(5) and 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby designated as Virginia's authorized representative within the meaning of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- E. This Emergency Declaration implements limited relief from the provisions of 49 CFR, §§ 390.23 and 395.3 for the purpose of providing direct relief or assistance as a result of this disaster.
- F. Authorization of the Virginia Departments of State Police, Transportation, and Motor Vehicles to grant temporary overweight, over width, registration, license, or hours of service exemptions to all carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies to, through and from any area of the Commonwealth. This authorization also applies to water, food, heating oil, motor fuels or propane, or agricultural products, agricultural supplies, livestock and poultry, livestock and poultry feed, forest products and salvaged wood, waste, and trees cut in preparation for the storm, or providing restoration of utilities (including but not limited to electricity, gas, phone, water, wastewater, and cable) or removal of waste to, through and from any area of the Commonwealth in order to support the disaster response and recovery, regardless of their point of origin or destination. Weight exemptions are not valid on posted structures for restricted weight.



Weight exemptions are also not valid on interstate highways unless there is an associated federal emergency declaration. The exemption shall not exceed the duration of the motor carrier's or drivers direct assistance in providing emergency relief, or 30 days from the initial declaration of emergency, whichever is less.

1. All over width loads, up to a maximum of 12 feet, and over height loads up to a maximum of 14 feet must follow Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles hauling permit and safety guidelines.
  2. In addition to described overweight/over width transportation privileges, carriers are also exempt from vehicle registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles. This includes vehicles en route and returning to their home base. The agencies cited in this provision shall communicate this information to all staff responsible for permit issuance and truck legalization enforcement.
- G. Implementation and discontinuance of the transportation-related provisions authorized above shall be disseminated by the publication of administrative notice to all affected and interested parties. I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, after consultation with other affected Cabinet Secretaries, the authority to implement and disseminate this Order as set forth in § 2.2-104 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- H. Authorization of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to grant a temporary waiver of the maximum vapor pressure prescribed in regulation 2 VAC 5-425 *et seq.*, and to prescribe a vapor pressure limit the Commissioner deems reasonable. The temporary waiver shall remain in effect until emergency relief is no longer necessary, as determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- I. Provision of appropriate assistance, including temporary assignments of non-essential state employees to the Adjunct Emergency Workforce, be rendered by state agencies to respond to this situation.
- J. Authorization of appropriate oversight boards, commissions, and agencies to ease building code restrictions, permitting requirements, and to allow for emergency demolition, hazardous waste disposal, debris removal, emergency landfill siting, and other operations and activities necessary to address immediate health and safety needs without regard to time-consuming procedures or formalities and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All appropriate executive branch agencies are to exercise discretion to the extent allowed by law to address any pending deadlines or expirations affected by or attributable to this emergency event.
- K. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to act, when appropriate, on behalf of their regulatory boards to waive any state requirement or regulation where the federal government has waived the corresponding federal or state regulation based on the impact of events related to this situation.

- L. Activation of the statutory provisions in § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* related to price gouging.
- M. Authorization of a maximum of \$500,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management that are allowable as defined by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* This funding is also available for state response and recovery operations and incident documentation. Out of this state disaster sum sufficient, an amount estimated at \$ 270,000 is authorized for the Department of Military Affairs for the state's portion of the eligible disaster-related costs incurred for salaries, travel, and meals during mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.
- N. Authorization of an amount estimated at \$500,000 for matching funds for the Individuals and Household Program, authorized by The Stafford Act 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* (when presidentially authorized), to be paid from state funds.
- O. Implementation by public agencies under my supervision and control of their emergency assignments as directed in the COVEOP without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(b) of the *Code of Virginia*. Section 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.
- P. During this declared emergency, any person who holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any state or political subdivision thereof, evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, the person, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, may render aid involving that skill in the Commonwealth during this emergency. Such person shall not be liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to, any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person resulting from such service as set forth in *Code of Virginia* § 44-146.23(C). Additionally, members and personnel of volunteer, professional, auxiliary, and reserve groups identified and tasked by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management for specific disaster-related mission assignments, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, shall not be liable for the death of, or any injury to, persons or damage to property as a result of such activities, as provided in § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.
- Q. Designation of physicians, nurses, and other licensed and non-licensed health care providers and other individuals, as well as hospitals, nursing facilities and other licensed and non-licensed health care organizations, political subdivisions and other private entities by state agencies, including the Departments of Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Social Services, Emergency Management, Transportation, State Police, and Motor Vehicles, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities, at sites designated by the Commonwealth, within the

meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, in the performance of their disaster-related mission assignments.

- R. As provided in § 44-146.23(F) of the *Code of Virginia*, no individual, corporation, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, fraternal organization, religious organization, charitable organization, or any other legal or commercial entity and any successor, officer, director, representative, or agent thereof, who, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, provides services, goods, real or personal property, or facilities at the request and direction of the State Department of Emergency Management or a county or city employee whose responsibilities include emergency management shall be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person where such death, injury, loss, or damage was proximately caused by the circumstances of the actual emergency or its subsequent conditions, or the circumstances of this emergency.

Upon my approval, the costs incurred by state agencies and other agents in performing mission assignments through the VEOC as defined herein and in § 44-146.28 of the *Code of Virginia*, other than costs defined in the paragraphs above pertaining to the Virginia National Guard and pertaining to the Virginia Defense Force, shall be paid from state funds.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective December 7, 2018, and shall remain in full force and in effect until January 6, 2019, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of the Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.



Attest:

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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson in black ink.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER TWENTY-SEVEN (2018)**

#### **ESTABLISHING THE VIRGINIA COMPLETE COUNT COMMISSION**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The U.S. Constitution mandates a decennial count of all people living in the United States and its territories. This monumental task is one that affects the distribution of approximately \$675 billion dollars from the federal government to state, local, and tribal governments. It also affects the redistricting of legislative districts and reapportionment of seats that each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. The 2020 Census is quickly approaching and all stakeholders should collectively support the efforts of the U.S. Census Bureau. The Virginia Complete Count Commission will maximize such efforts.

Historically, the U.S. Census Bureau has experienced low survey response rates from many communities across the Commonwealth. The Virginia Complete Count Commission is created to improve the participation and representation of all Virginians. It will consist of key community members and will represent the many geographic regions and diverse communities in the Commonwealth. The Commission will operate as a central conduit of information and facilitate the sharing of ideas and community resources regarding the 2020 Census. These efforts will improve collaboration between the Commonwealth and the U.S. Census Bureau and encourage all stakeholders to actively prepare for the 2020 Census.

##### **Establishing the Commission**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish the Virginia Complete Count Commission (Commission).

The Commission is comprised of up to 40 members appointed by the Governor, including representatives from stakeholder organizations, leaders from various underrepresented and

traditionally hard-to-count communities, and such other members as may be appointed by the Governor. All Commission members shall serve without compensation.

The Commission, using the local knowledge, expertise, and influence of its commission members, will develop and coordinate a census outreach program to increase awareness about the census and motivate residents to respond.

The census outreach strategy shall include, but not be limited to, state agency initiatives to encourage participation in the 2020 Census, the establishment of partnerships with non-profit community-based organizations, and a multi-faceted campaign designed to ensure an accurate and complete count of Virginia's population.

In carrying out its duties, the Commission may appoint working groups as it deems appropriate, and shall solicit participation from relevant experts and practitioners involved in census issues.

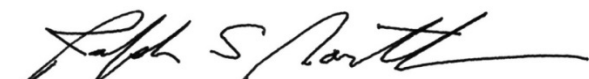
Staff support for the Commission shall be furnished by the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and other agencies and offices as needed.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**


This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until December 18, 2019, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT (2019)**

### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DUE TO WINTER WEATHER**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, January 12, 2019, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia based on the need to prepare and coordinate our response to winter weather forecasted to impact the Commonwealth on January 12<sup>th</sup>. This storm could result in significant snow and ice accumulation, create transportation issues, and result in significant power outages.

State action is required to protect the health and general welfare of Virginia residents. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are, or are likely to be, imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-75.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the Commonwealth, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby proclaim a state of emergency exists. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet this threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with my authority contained in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I order the following:

- A. Implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP), as amended, by state agencies along with other appropriate state plans.

- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments and emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.
- C. Activation of the Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force to state active duty to assist in providing such aid. This shall include Virginia National Guard assistance to the Virginia Department of State Police to direct traffic, prevent looting, and perform such other law enforcement functions as the Superintendent of State Police (in consultation with the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, the Adjutant General, and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security) may find necessary. Pursuant to § 52-6 of the *Code of Virginia*, I authorize the Superintendent of the Department of State Police to appoint any and all such Virginia Army and Air National Guard personnel called to state active duty as additional police officers as deemed necessary. These police officers shall have the same powers and perform the same duties as the Virginia State Police officers appointed by the Superintendent. Any bonds and/or insurance required by § 52-7 of the *Code of Virginia* shall be provided for them at the expense of the Commonwealth. In all instances, members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force shall remain subject to military command as prescribed by § 44-78.1 of the *Code of Virginia* and are not subject to the civilian authorities of county or municipal governments.
- D. Activation, implementation, and coordination of appropriate mutual aid agreements and compacts, including the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and the authorization of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to enter into any other supplemental agreements, pursuant to §§ 44-146.17(5) and 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby designated as Virginia's authorized representative within the meaning of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- E. This Emergency Declaration implements limited relief from the provisions of 49 CFR §§ 390.23 and 395.3 for the purpose of providing direct relief or assistance as a result of this disaster.
- F. Authorization of the Virginia Departments of State Police, Transportation, and Motor Vehicles to grant temporary overweight, over width, registration, license, or hours of service exemptions to all carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies to, through, and from any area of the Commonwealth. This authorization also applies to water, food, heating oil, motor fuels, or propane, agricultural products, agricultural supplies, livestock and poultry, livestock and poultry feed, forest products and salvaged wood, waste, and trees cut in preparation for the storm, and providing restoration of utilities (including but not limited to electricity, gas, phone, water, wastewater, and cable) or removal of waste to, through and from any area of the Commonwealth in order to support the disaster response and recovery, regardless of their point of origin or destination. Weight exemptions are not valid on posted structures for restricted weight. Weight exemptions are also not valid on interstate highways unless there is an associated

federal emergency declaration. The exemption shall not exceed the duration of the motor carrier's or drivers direct assistance in providing emergency relief, or 30 days from the initial declaration of emergency, whichever is less.

1. All overwidth loads, up to a maximum of 12 feet, and overheight loads up to a maximum of 14 feet, must follow Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' hauling permit and safety guidelines.
  2. In addition to described overweight/overwidth transportation privileges, carriers are also exempt from vehicle registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles. This includes vehicles en route and returning to their home base. The agencies cited in this provision shall communicate this information to all staff responsible for permit issuance and truck legalization enforcement.
- G. Implementation and discontinuance of the transportation-related provisions authorized above shall be disseminated by the publication of administrative notice to all affected and interested parties. I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, after consultation with other affected Cabinet Secretaries, the authority to implement and disseminate this Order as set forth in § 2.2-104 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- H. Authorization of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to grant a temporary waiver of the maximum vapor pressure prescribed in regulation 2 VAC 5-425 *et seq.*, and to prescribe a vapor pressure limit the Commissioner deems reasonable. The temporary waiver shall remain in effect until emergency relief is no longer necessary, as determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- I. Provision of appropriate assistance, including temporary assignments of non-essential state employees to the Adjunct Emergency Workforce, be rendered by state agencies to respond to this situation.
- J. Authorization of appropriate oversight boards, commissions, and agencies to ease building code restrictions, permitting requirements, and to allow for emergency demolition, hazardous waste disposal, debris removal, emergency landfill siting, and other operations and activities necessary to address immediate health and safety needs without regard to time-consuming procedures or formalities and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All appropriate executive branch agencies are to exercise discretion to the extent allowed by law to address any pending deadlines or expirations affected by or attributable to this emergency event.
- K. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to act, when appropriate, on behalf of their regulatory boards to waive any state requirement or regulation where the federal government has waived the corresponding federal or state regulation based on the impact of events related to this situation.



- L. Activation of the statutory provisions in § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* related to price gouging.
- M. Authorization of a maximum of \$100,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management that are allowable as defined by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* This funding is also available for state response and recovery operations and incident documentation. Out of this state disaster sum sufficient, an amount estimated at \$50,000 is authorized for the Department of Military Affairs for the state's portion of the eligible disaster-related costs incurred for salaries, travel, and meals during mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.
- N. Implementation by public agencies under my supervision and control of their emergency assignments as directed in the COVEOP without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(b) of the *Code of Virginia*. Section 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.
- O. During this declared emergency, any person who holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any state or political subdivision thereof, evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, the person, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, may render aid involving that skill in the Commonwealth during this emergency. Such person shall not be liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to, any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person resulting from such service as set forth in *Code of Virginia* § 44-146.23(C). Additionally, members and personnel of volunteer, professional, auxiliary, and reserve groups identified and tasked by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management for specific disaster-related mission assignments, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, shall not be liable for the death of, or any injury to, persons or damage to property as a result of such activities, as provided in § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.
- P. Designation of physicians, nurses, and other licensed and non-licensed health care providers and other individuals, as well as hospitals, nursing facilities and other licensed and non-licensed health care organizations, political subdivisions and other private entities by state agencies, including the Departments of Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Social Services, Emergency Management, Transportation, State Police, and Motor Vehicles, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities, at sites designated by the Commonwealth, within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, in the performance of their disaster-related mission assignments.

Q. As provided in § 44-146.23(F) of the *Code of Virginia*, no individual, corporation, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, fraternal organization, religious organization, charitable organization, or any other legal or commercial entity and any successor, officer, director, representative, or agent thereof, who, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, provides services, goods, real or personal property, or facilities at the request and direction of the State Department of Emergency Management or a county or municipal employee whose responsibilities include emergency management shall be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person where such death, injury, loss, or damage was proximately caused by the circumstances of the actual emergency or its subsequent conditions, or the circumstances of this emergency.

Upon my approval, the costs incurred by state agencies and other agents in performing mission assignments through the VEOC as defined herein and in § 44-146.28 of the *Code of Virginia*, other than costs defined in the paragraphs above pertaining to the Virginia National Guard and pertaining to the Virginia Defense Force, shall be paid from state funds.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective January 12, 2019, and shall remain in full force and in effect until February 12, 2019, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of the Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal-type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph S. Northam", positioned above a horizontal line.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly Thomasson", positioned above a horizontal line.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER TWENTY-NINE (2019)**

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

##### **Importance of Environmental Justice**

The Constitution of Virginia states that it is the Commonwealth's policy to "protect its atmosphere, lands, and waters from pollution, impairment, or destruction, for the benefit, enjoyment, and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth." The protection of our natural resources applies equally to all individuals. All deserve to live in a healthy environment. The Commonwealth has a duty to protect our air, water, and land, and to ensure that no community in Virginia is disproportionately impacted by the negative effects of climate change.

Environmental justice is defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, faith, national origin, or income, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

No population, especially minority, low-income, or historically-underserved communities, should face higher levels or greater impacts of pollution than other populations. Some of these communities face more severe environmental degradation, which disproportionally affects public health and quality of life.

Recommendations to ensure that environmental justice concerns are understood, and that a framework is in place to address these concerns, are extremely valuable to the Commonwealth. While some state agencies incorporate environmental justice into their review process, there is currently no consistency in how these issues are evaluated. The Virginia Council on Environmental Justice (Council) will help generate proposals for consistent approaches to evaluate environmental justice.

##### **Establishment of the Virginia Council on Environmental Justice**

The Commonwealth requires a consistent, action-oriented approach to incorporating environmental justice into decision-making. The Council will provide recommendations to

establish a foundation of environmental justice principles intended to protect vulnerable communities from disproportionate impacts of pollution. Accordingly, I hereby formally convene this Council to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Executive Branch.

### **Composition and Support of the Council**

The Governor will appoint members to carry out the assigned functions of the Council, and the members shall serve at the Governor's pleasure. The Governor may make appointments to the Council at any time. The Secretary of Natural Resources (Secretary) will designate from the appointed Council members a chair and a vice chair. Subject to the approval of the Secretary, the Council chair may appoint Council members to subcommittees to address specific topics between meetings of the full Council. The Council shall consult with the Secretary or the Secretary's designee to gain an understanding of emerging issues where their advice would be helpful to the Council. The Council may consult with issue area experts and members of the public to help develop recommendations and advice for the Commonwealth.

The Secretary will provide staff support for the Council. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade may provide additional support and expertise as needed. The Council will serve in an advisory role without compensation, in accordance with § 2.2-2100 of the *Code of Virginia*, and will meet quarterly, at a minimum.

### **Duties of the Council**

The Council shall issue a report to the Governor. This report shall provide advice and recommendations, demonstrating the Council's progress, and be submitted no later than January 22, 2020. The Council shall provide any additional reports and recommendations as requested by the Secretary or state agencies seeking specific advice.

The Council shall prioritize providing guidance for the development of policies and procedures to address environmental justice in its report. Proposing a long-term framework for the state, focusing on equality and equity, to ensure environmental justice issues are heard is essential. This framework shall also include recommendations on the integration of environmental justice considerations into existing state policies, permits, programs, and procedures. The Council shall provide options, across state agencies, for the Governor to consider.

The guidance shall focus on the following issues:

- A. Communications and partnerships: A focus on the experience of minority, low-income, and underserved communities in formulating environmental justice policies and procedures is an important part of having a meaningful impact. Executive Order Six (EO-6) supports the critical role of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in protecting Virginia's air, water, and public health. EO-6 strives to enhance communications providing more opportunities for proactive education, especially among

underserved communities. The communication goals outlined in EO-6 should guide the Council as it looks at other agencies and their communication with stakeholders.

As Virginia evolves and new environmental justice issues emerge, communication and partnerships with stakeholders will be extremely important. In its report, the Council shall suggest a framework that includes best practices, tools, and different approaches to enhance communications and build partnerships in vulnerable communities regarding state decisions. Such advice should help to ensure engagement in decision-making, capacity-building in disproportionately-burdened communities, and collaborative problem solving. The Council shall also provide recommendations on strengthening partnerships among governmental agencies, including federal, state, tribal, and local governments.

- B. Public health: Protecting public health is a priority for the Commonwealth. In its report, the Council shall suggest a framework to use in identifying potential risks or disproportionate public health impacts related to environmental pollution.
- C. Local governments: Many decisions affecting efforts to ensure environmental justice are made at the local level. The Council shall suggest an environmental justice framework, for local governments to reference as guidance.
- D. The report shall include solutions such as proposed legislation, regulations, policies, and research initiatives. The Council's report shall also consider the following items and include specific recommendations regarding:
  - 1. Climate change and resilience: Climate change is one of the biggest threats of our time, and its impacts can disproportionately affect minority, low-income and historically-underserved communities. Executive Order Twenty-Four (EO-24) was issued to increase Virginia's resilience to recurrent flooding, sea level rise, and other natural hazards. The Council shall consider EO-24 as it provides advice on this issue and include suggestions for resilience investments that would help reduce impacts on vulnerable communities. The Council may also recommend ways to increase equitable renewable energy development, clean energy technology, and energy efficiency programs to help ensure these climate solutions are available to all.
  - 2. Transportation systems: Low-income and minority communities can be more vulnerable to health impacts from transportation pollution and may lack access to cleaner public transportation and walking or biking routes. The Council shall examine transportation systems and include recommendations regarding areas that could be improved to reduce air pollution and other transportation-related environmental concerns and to provide equitable access to clean and efficient transportation choices.
  - 3. Clean Energy Transition: Many communities impacted by reduced demand for thermal coal are in rural areas. A just transition is crucial, and sustainable

economic development is increasingly important. The Council shall research Virginia's regions that are transitioning away from coal and provide recommendations to support those communities.

4. Outdoor Access: Public spaces should serve everyone. Equal and equitable access to these spaces and natural areas is critical to fostering healthy communities. The Council shall provide recommendations for best practices and tools to ensure that all communities have public access to outdoor areas.

The Council shall solicit public comments and recommendations addressing these issues. The Council shall consider different perspectives and provide balanced advice and recommendations to the Governor.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect for a year from its signing, pursuant to § 2.2-134 and § 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2019.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson in black ink.  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth



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*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER THIRTY (2019)**

**APPOINTING THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**AS THE COMMONWEALTH'S NATURAL RESOURCES TRUSTEE**

**Directive**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and § 2.2-104 of the Code of Virginia, I hereby appoint the Secretary of Natural Resources as the trustee of the Commonwealth's natural resources pursuant to Section 107(f)(2)(B) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA")(42 U.S.C. § 9607(f)(2)(B)); Section 311(f)(5) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act ("Clean Water Act")(33 U.S.C. § 1321(f)(5)); and Section 1006(b)(3) of the Oil Pollution Act ("OPA")(33 U.S.C. § 2706(b)(3)). The Secretary of Natural Resources shall faithfully execute the duties and responsibilities set forth in 40 C.F.R. §§ 300.605 and 300.615, subject to Virginia law.



**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 21st day of March, 2019.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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## Executive Order

### **THIRTY-ONE (2019)**

#### **TRANSFER OF THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY TO THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth of Virginia is home to some of the finest state-owned museums in the nation. These museums are vital educational resources for citizens and visitors of the Commonwealth. Through these institutions, the public can study and enjoy history, science and the arts.

The Secretary of Education is responsible for coordinating among and supporting public education institutions throughout the Commonwealth. The secretariat provides guidance to the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Community College System and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, and Virginia's 16 public colleges and universities, 23 community colleges and five higher education and research centers, seven state-funded arts and cultural institutions, and the Library of Virginia.

Pursuant to the *Code of Virginia*, the Virginia Museum of Natural History investigates, preserves, and exhibits the various elements of natural history found in Virginia and other parts of the United States and the world. It encourages and promotes research in the varied natural heritage of Virginia and other parts of the world. It encourages individuals and scholars to study our natural history and to apply this understanding of the past to the challenges of the future. The museum coordinates an efficient network in Virginia where researchers and the public can readily access the museum's materials and its branches.

The mission and purpose of the Virginia Museum of Natural History can be achieved best if it is integrated into the network of Virginia's other museums, colleges, and universities. This requires transferring management and oversight responsibilities from the Secretary of Natural Resources to the Secretary of Education.

The Museum of Natural History will continue performing all existing functions and duties in accordance with Virginia law.

**Transfer of the Museum**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under § 2.2-208 and 2.2-215 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby authorize the transfer of administrative authority of the Virginia Museum of Natural History from the Secretary of Natural Resources to the Secretary of Education.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth



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## Executive Order

### NUMBER THIRTY-TWO

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE RACIAL INEQUITY IN VIRGINIA LAW

##### Importance of the Initiative

The Commonwealth of Virginia has a long and complex history, which includes a history of racial inequities and racially-discriminatory laws. The purpose of this Commission is to review the *Virginia Acts of Assembly*, *Code of Virginia*, and administrative regulations with the goal of identifying and making recommendations to address laws that were intended to or could have the effect of promoting or enabling racial discrimination or inequity. Such laws have no place in Virginia or its law books.

In the case of the *Acts of Assembly*, discriminatory laws have been enacted, and in some cases obviated by court rulings. Nonetheless, the words still remain in the *Acts* as all-but-hidden reminders of the initial malicious intent and the painful history that spawned the laws.

This Commission will work to identify the vestiges of inequity and inequality in Virginia's laws, laying the groundwork for the redefining of the Commonwealth in the 21st century as a state committed to the success and equitable treatment of every citizen.

##### Establishment of the Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in Virginia Law

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish the Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in Virginia Law (Commission). The Commission will identify laws in Virginia that have the effect or could have the effect of enabling or promoting racial inequity or inequality.

## **Composition and Support of the Commission**

The Commission's members and chair(s) will be appointed by the Governor. The Governor will select experts, scholars, and community leaders with knowledge of and/or experience in civil rights, race and equity, and the law. The Governor may appoint other members at any time to carry out the assigned functions of the Commission. The Commission will have an advisory role and the members will serve without compensation, in accordance with § 2.2- 2100 of the *Code of Virginia*. In carrying out its duties, the Commission may appoint working groups as it deems appropriate, and may solicit participation from relevant subject matter experts, practitioners and historical analysts.

Staff support for the Commission will be provided by the Office of the Governor and any other agencies or offices as may be designated by the Governor. An estimated 250 hours of staff time will be required to support the work of the Commission.

## **Duties of the Commission**

The Commission will meet upon the call of the chair(s) and will issue an interim report with its findings and recommendations no later than November 15, 2019, and any additional reports and recommendations as necessary or as requested by the Governor. This report may also include a proposed framework for the continuation of the Commission's work. The Commission's findings and recommendations will be distributed to promote best practices across the Commonwealth.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect for a year from its signing, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this fourth day of June, 2019.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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## Executive Order

### AMENDED NUMBER THIRTY-TWO

#### CONTINUING THE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE RACIAL INEQUITY IN VIRGINIA LAW

##### Importance of the Initiative

The Commonwealth of Virginia has a long and complex history, which includes a lengthy and pervasive history of racial inequities and racially-discriminatory laws. The purpose of this Commission is to review the Virginia *Acts of Assembly*, *Code of Virginia*, and administrative regulations with the goal of identifying and making recommendations to address laws that were intended to or could have the effect of promoting or enabling racial discrimination or inequity. Such laws have no place in Virginia or its law books. The Commission is also, where appropriate, to propose new laws, regulations, or other policy changes that would help to address such inequities.

The first year of the Commission's work further demonstrated the needs for its continuing efforts. Throughout the summer and fall of 2019, the Commission, along with considerable research assistance from law students from the University of Richmond School of Law, law students from the University of Virginia School of Law, students from Virginia Commonwealth University. My staff reviewed *Acts of Assembly* from 1900 to 1960. In conducting the review, staff and student volunteers specifically highlighted sections of the *Acts of Assembly*, which contained explicit racist or discriminatory language or had clear discriminatory intent.

On December 5, 2019, the Commission issued its first [interim report](#), which identified dozens of instances of overtly discriminatory language still on our books, including laws prohibiting black and white children from attending the same school, prohibiting interracial marriage and prohibiting those of different races from traveling in the same railcars. These laws and others demonstrated the pervasive and extensive racism and segregation in Virginia, racism and segregation that were intentional, deliberate, and cut across all areas of life. And while many of these laws were obviated by court rulings, or federal or state legislative action, they remained in the *Acts* as an all-but-hidden reminder of our Commonwealth's painful and damaging history.

During the 2020 General Assembly Session, seven bills were introduced to repeal these *Acts of Assembly*. Every bill passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate. When the Governor signed the bills, a total of 91 *Acts of Assembly* were repealed.

The work of this Commission remains unsettlingly necessary. As recent police brutality and targeted community attacks have led to the deaths of people of color across the nation, including George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. Concurrently, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which has swept across the world and across this Commonwealth has further exposed racial disparities in access to health care, employee protections, workplace safety, housing and education. The work of this Commission is more important now than ever. The Commission is charged with identifying laws and policies to be amended, repealed or added with the goal of addressing the underlying inequalities that are the tragic legacy of Virginia's racist past and give rise to the problems we are seeing today.

This Commission will continue to work to identify the vestiges of inequity and inequality in Virginia's laws, laying the groundwork for the redefining of the Commonwealth in the 21st century as a state committed to the success and equitable treatment of every citizen.

### **Establishment of the Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in Virginia Law**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby continue the Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in Virginia Law (Commission). The Commission will identify laws in Virginia that have the effect or could have the effect of enabling or promoting racial inequity or inequality. Furthermore, the Commission will explore the collected data and research regarding the impact these laws have had on minority communities across the Commonwealth and will make policy or legislative recommendations to the Governor to ameliorate the discriminatory effects of these practices or laws.

### **Composition and Support of the Commission**

The Commission's members and chair(s) will be appointed by the Governor. The Governor will select experts, scholars, and community leaders with knowledge of and/or experience in civil rights, race and equity, and the law. The Governor may appoint other members at any time to carry out the assigned functions of the Commission. The Commission will have an advisory role and the members will serve without compensation, in accordance with § 2.2- 2100 of the *Code of Virginia*. In carrying out its duties, the Commission may appoint working groups as it deems appropriate, and may solicit participation from relevant subject matter experts, practitioners and historical analysts.

Staff support for the Commission will be provided by the Office of the Governor and any other agencies or offices as may be designated by the Governor. An estimated 250 hours of staff time will be required to support the work of the Commission.



**Duties of the Commission**

The Commission will meet upon the call of the chair(s) and will issue an interim report with its findings and recommendations no later than November 15, 2020, and any additional reports and recommendations as necessary or as requested by the Governor. This report may also include a proposed framework for the continuation of the Commission’s work. The Commission’s findings and recommendations will be distributed to promote best practices across the Commonwealth.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect for a year from its signing order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



*Ralph S. Northam*  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

*Kelly Thomasson*  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER THIRTY-THREE (2019)**

### **CONTINUING THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON QUALITY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I am committed to ensuring the prosperity of Virginia. The Commonwealth employs approximately 100,000 employees. Many of these employees play a critically-important role outside of their working hours – that of a parent. These employees work hard to secure a future that is bright and full of opportunity for their children. The Commonwealth should ensure a supportive work environment where employees can work toward the success of their families and the Commonwealth.

Currently, state employees across the Commonwealth struggle with the access to and affordability of quality early care and learning environments for their children. Childhood is a time of development and discovery for parent and child alike. Having a reliable, safe, and nurturing environment where young children can grow and explore individual potential is key to a parent's ability to be a productive member of the workforce. In order to compete to recruit and retain talented young employees, the Commonwealth must support state employees' ability to access and afford early care and learning for their children.

#### **Establishment and Composition of the Commission**

Thus, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and §§ 2.2-134, 2.2-135 and 2.2-2100 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby continue the Virginia Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care and Education (Commission). Focusing on an area that reflects the highest concentration of the state government's labor force, the Commission will explore the feasibility of providing an evidence-based early care and learning program for young children of state employees working on and around Capitol Square in Richmond.

The Commission's membership shall be appointed by the Governor and co-chaired by the Secretaries of Education and Health and Human Resources or their designees (Co-Chairs). Membership shall also consist of the following:

- A representative from the Office of the First Lady;
- The Secretary of Administration or her designee;
- Two members from the House of Delegates, as recommended by the Speaker of the House;
- One member from the Senate, as recommended by the President pro tempore of the Senate; and
- Experts in early childhood education and development, as appointed by the Governor.

The Governor may appoint other members deemed necessary to carry out the assigned functions of the Commission. The Commission will meet upon the call of the Co-Chairs and will issue a report regarding their findings and recommendations no later than November 1, 2019, and any additional reports and recommendations as necessary or as requested by the Governor.

Staff support for the Commission will be provided by the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Office of the Governor, and any other agencies or offices as may be designated by the Governor. An estimated 100 hours of staff time will be required to support the work of the Commission.

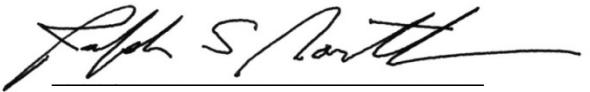
Our workforce is only as strong, resilient, and adaptive as we enable it to be. It is my hope that the Commission's findings and recommendations will be shared to promote best practices across the Commonwealth. More particularly, by seeking to nurture the growth of our children, while assisting their parents in managing a work-life balance, I want the Commonwealth to set an example – an example other government and private sector employers will follow.

**Effective Date**

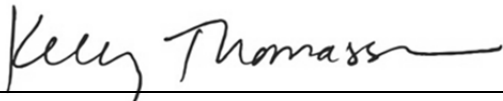
This Executive Order shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect for a year from its signing, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **NUMBER THIRTY-FOUR (2019)**

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DUE TO HIGHWAY DAMAGES FROM FLOODING**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, June 11, 2019, I am declaring a state of emergency to exist for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to flooding that affected roadways in the southwest portions of the Commonwealth during February 24, 2019 – March 3, 2019.

The health and general welfare of the citizens require that state action be taken to help alleviate the conditions caused by this situation. The effects of this incident constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-75.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the Commonwealth, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I declare that a state of emergency exists, and I am directing that appropriate assistance be rendered by agencies of both state and local governments to respond to the impacts of this severe weather event, alleviate any conditions resulting from the incident, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions in so far as possible.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet this threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with my authority contained in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby order the following protective and restoration measures:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP) along with other appropriate state agency plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments and emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.
- C. Implementation by public agencies of their emergency assignments under my supervision and control as directed in the COVEOP without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(b) *Code of Virginia*. Section 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.
- D. Upon my approval, the costs incurred by state agencies and other agents in performing mission assignments through the VEOC of the Commonwealth as defined herein and in § 44 146.28 of the *Code of Virginia*, other than costs defined in the paragraphs above pertaining to the Virginia National Guard and pertaining to the Virginia Defense Force, in performing these missions shall be paid from state funds.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective February 24, 2019, and shall remain in full force and effect until July 11, 2019, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of the Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal-type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER THIRTY-FIVE (2019)**

### **ADVANCING EQUITY FOR SMALL-, WOMEN-, MINORITY-, AND SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN STATE CONTRACTING**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

State contracting provides the catalyst for economic opportunity and expands access for many businesses. As part of this process, it is imperative for Virginia to maximize the participation of small businesses, including those owned by women, minorities, and service disabled veterans, in state contractual work. For Virginia to remain competitive and continue to advance its small business goals, significant work must be done for a more transparent, equitable, and inclusive process.

Furthermore, Virginia must work to maximize participation of a diverse group of vendors in state contractual work. Virginia has a long history of racial inequality and disenfranchisement of minority communities. We have made some progress in the last six decades since the civil rights movement began, but not enough. Additionally, in June we celebrate the centennial anniversary of Congress passing the women's right to vote. One hundred years later, however, women are more likely to live in poverty, economic gender inequality continues, and women are underrepresented in elected office, business, and the workforce.

The Commonwealth conducted procurement disparity studies in 2002 and 2009. The 2002 study resulted in a 2004 report, which found that from 1998 to 2002, only 1.27 percent of total state contracts were awarded to women-owned and minority-owned businesses. The 2009 study which was published in a 2011 report found that for 2007, 2.82 percent of total state contracts were awarded to women-owned and minority-owned businesses. While this showed movement, the update found continued disparity between the availability and utilization of women-owned and minority-owned businesses in all business categories of prime contractors including (i) construction, (ii) architecture and engineering, (iii) professional services, (iv) nonprofessional services, and (v) goods and supplies. As part of the effort under this Executive Order, a new disparity study must be conducted.

## **Directive**

To provide for a more equitable and inclusive process, I am directing the following executive branch agencies and institutions of higher education that have statutory authority over procurement, in conjunction with the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD), as provided in § 2.2-1605(A)(6) of the *Code of Virginia*, to implement the requirements herein within their respective areas of procurement authority: Department of General Services (DGS), Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), those institutions of higher education that have autonomy in procurement granted under the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act (Code of Virginia § 23.1-1000, *et seq.*), and all other executive branch agencies that have statutory authority for procurement.

For purposes of this Executive Order: 1) “Executive Branch Agency” shall mean all entities in the executive branch, including agencies, authorities, commissions, departments, and all institutions of higher education; 2) “small businesses” shall include, but not be limited to, small, any subcategory of small, small women-owned, small minority-owned, or small service disabled veteran-owned businesses (SWaM).

## **Initiatives**

With a continuing rational basis for small business enhancement, and pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 2.2-4310(C) of the *Code of Virginia*, and applicable Memoranda of Understanding and Management Agreements entered into pursuant to Code of Virginia § 23.1-1000, *et seq.*, I hereby direct my Cabinet Secretaries and all Executive Branch Agencies as follows:

1. That the Commonwealth exceed a target goal of 42 percent of discretionary spending for Executive Branch Agencies with small businesses certified by DSBSD, which would be the highest percentage of expenditures since FY 2004. This percentage applies to discretionary spending in categories from which the Commonwealth derives procurement orders, prime contracts, and subcontracts. DSBSD, in consultation with Executive Branch Agencies with procurement responsibilities, shall advance this procurement goal. Further, for all new capital outlay construction solicitations issued, Executive Branch Agencies shall include a requirement for a target goal of 50 percent subcontracting to small businesses.

Each Executive Branch Agency shall submit annual agency SWaM plans to DSBSD on September 1, to include promotion and utilization of: small, any subcategory of small, small women-owned, small minority-owned, small service disabled veteran-owned, and employment service organizations. Executive Branch Agencies shall review and update their goals, policies, and procedures to conform with this Executive Order and the implementing regulations adopted pursuant to § 2.2-1605(A)(6) of the *Code of Virginia* and thereby ensure that a greater percentage of purchases is made from certified small businesses in goods, services, and construction categories from which the Commonwealth makes its purchases.



2. Continue the subcategory of small businesses eligible for micro business designation, which includes those certified small businesses that have no more than 25 employees and no more than \$3 million in average annual revenue over the three-year period prior to certification.
3. Conduct an updated disparity study on women- and minority-owned business participation in the Commonwealth's procurement transactions. The 2004 and 2011 disparity study reports provided an analysis that documented a statistically significant disparity between the availability and utilization of women-owned and minority-owned businesses, indicating a need for a narrowly-tailored race and gender conscious program. However, these studies need to be updated to ensure that any policy derived there from will withstand legal scrutiny. As required in § 2.2-4310 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby direct the DSBSD to contract with a qualified, independent third party to conduct a disparity assessment on the status of women-owned and minority-owned business participation in the Commonwealth's procurement transactions. This study shall: (i) determine if disparity exists and (ii) if so, determine why the disparity exists and what solutions or remedies could be implemented, specifically evaluating narrowly-tailored race and gender conscious programs. I further direct all Executive Branch Agencies to support and provide requested data to DSBSD to facilitate this comprehensive study.
4. Executive Branch Agencies shall formulate policies and procedures for a set-aside program, which shall, at a minimum, require that purchases up to \$100,000 for goods, nonprofessional services, and construction, and up to \$80,000 for professional services, be set aside for award to DSBSD-certified small businesses when the price quoted is fair and reasonable and does not exceed 5 percent of the lowest responsive and responsible noncertified bidder. Purchases up to \$10,000 shall be set aside for award to micro businesses when the price quoted is fair and reasonable and does not exceed 5 percent of the lowest responsive and responsible noncertified bidder.
5. Executive branch agencies shall formulate policies and procedures to require a small business subcontracting plan in all procurements over \$100,000. Each bidder/offeree shall be required to submit their bid/proposal and their small business sub-contracting plan using DGS's central electronic procurement system, except for VDOT contracts for highway construction and design projects. Such plans shall identify all planned utilization of (i) small businesses, (ii) subcategory of small businesses, (iii) small women-owned businesses, (iv) small minority-owned businesses, and (v) small service disabled veteran-owned businesses.
6. Each prime contractor shall be required to report compliance with its small sub-contracting plans using DGS's central electronic procurement system, except for VDOT contracts for highway construction and design projects. Before final payment is made, the purchasing agency shall confirm that the prime contractor certified compliance with the contract's small business subcontracting plan. If there are any variances between the prime contractor's required small business subcontracting plan and the actual participation, the prime contractor shall provide a written explanation to the purchasing

agency. The written explanation shall be kept with the contract file and made available upon request.

Contracts and renewals shall include a provision allowing final payment to be withheld until the prime contractor complies with its small business subcontracting plan. Prior to entering into a new contract or renewing a contract with a prime contractor, a purchasing agency shall review a contractor's record of compliance with small business subcontracting plan requirements. A prime contractor's failure to meet satisfactorily designated small business subcontracting procurement plan requirements shall be considered in the prospective award or renewal of any future contracts with the prime contractor.

7. To ensure that all SWaM businesses have one central site to provide transparency to all Virginia opportunities and contracts, Executive Branch Agencies shall utilize DGS's central electronic procurement system to post current and future procurement and subcontracting opportunities. Executive Branch Agencies shall use DGS's central electronic procurement system beginning at the point of requisitioning for all procurement actions, including but not limited to technology, transportation, professional services, and construction. This data will also be instrumental in the facilitation of the disparity study.
8. Notwithstanding paragraphs 5, 6, and 7, institutions of higher education with statutory authority for procurement shall provide such data or plans as required using DGS's central electronic procurement system or by integration or interface with the DGS system.
9. Institutions of higher education shall work with the Secretary of Administration, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, and the Secretary of Education to define best practices and assist the Commonwealth in its work to advance equity for small-, women-, minority-, and service disabled veteran-owned businesses in state contracting.

### **Collaborative Agency Efforts**

The above initiatives will spur creativity, promote economic development, and encourage procurement participation by small businesses, including those owned by women, minorities, and service disabled veterans. In support of the initiatives set out above, I further direct the following actions to be taken by Cabinet Secretaries and Executive Branch Agencies:

1. DSBSD, in conjunction with DGS, VITA, VDOT, and institutions of higher education with procurement autonomy, shall implement initiatives to enhance the development of small businesses in Virginia. Such initiatives shall include, but not be limited to:
  - Information on access to capital, including contract financing, bonding support, and other opportunities for economic development as well as management and technical assistance programs;

- Partnerships and outreach with local business groups, chambers of commerce, and other organizations to develop a diverse vendor base; and
  - Statewide mentor protégé programs.
2. DSBSD, in collaboration with DGS and institutions of higher education with procurement autonomy, shall conduct a vendor outreach training program throughout the Commonwealth. Such training shall include instructions on how to obtain certification from DSBSD as well as registration with and research through the DGS's central electronic procurement system. The training should encourage SWaM participation and help businesses overcome identified barriers.
  3. Executive Branch Agencies shall review the efficacy of implementing other small business enhancement tools and processes, such as:
    - Unbundling contracts;
    - Relaxing the requirement for mandatory attendance at pre-bid meetings;
    - Expanding time to respond to small purchase solicitations; and
    - Streamlining the paperwork required of small businesses.
  4. All Executive Branch Agencies shall include updated SWaM regulations and/or guidelines to reflect the requirements of this Executive Order in purchasing manuals, regulations, and guidelines.
  5. Executive Branch Agencies shall actively recruit small businesses to seek certification from DSBSD, to register on DGS's central procurement system, and to compete for state procurement opportunities.
  6. VDOT, for road and bridge construction, and DGS, for construction, shall develop guidelines to be used by Executive Branch Agencies in making construction mobilization payments to businesses when reasonable and necessary to facilitate contract initiation.
  7. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) shall send DSBSD its regular report to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade on new economic development announcements of business activity in the Commonwealth, including those announcements in which VEDP provided an administered economic incentive. Such report will enable DSBSD to ascertain in a timely manner what opportunities the activity may bring for Virginia's SWaM businesses.
  8. Each Executive Branch Agencies shall designate a SWaM equity champion to ensure equity in the solicitation of procurement proposals/bids and awarding of contracts.
  9. DSBSD, in collaboration from DGS, VITA, and institutions of higher education with procurement autonomy, shall develop equity in procurement trainings for agency heads,

presidents of institutions of higher education, and senior managers with procurement oversight. Such training shall be completed annually.

10. DSBSD and DGS may coordinate with the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Municipal League, and the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing to identify opportunities for state and local government entities to collaborate in order to maximize procurement equity for small businesses.

### **Reporting Requirements**

1. Cabinet Secretaries shall monitor their agencies' and higher education institutions' spending with all certified small businesses and meet with the Governor, or his designee, quarterly to discuss the agencies' performance. DSBSD shall develop a standard reporting format for such purposes. The report shall include information on purchases made from all certified small businesses. In addition, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade will assess overall state performance and report quarterly to the Governor.

Each Cabinet Secretary shall evaluate the performance of their agencies and institutions of higher education in implementing these directives. DSBSD, in cooperation with each Cabinet Secretary, shall provide quarterly reports to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade regarding the Commonwealth's progress in enhancing opportunities for SWaM businesses. The reports shall delineate the Commonwealth's spending in detail by SWaM category and agency.

2. Executive Branch Agencies with procurement responsibilities shall review practices, procedures, and proposal evaluation criteria to identify and remove barriers or limitations to SWaM participation. A section on "barriers or limitations" shall be included in annual Executive Branch Agency SWaM plans. SWaM plans shall be developed and submitted to DSBSD by September 1. DSBSD shall submit the annual SWaM Plan Compliance Report to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade on October 1 of each fiscal year.

**Effective Date of this Order**

This Executive Order rescinds and replaces Executive Order 20 (2014), issued by Governor Terence R. McAuliffe and shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2019.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph S. Northam", written over a horizontal line.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomasson", written over a horizontal line.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **NUMBER THIRTY-SIX (2019)**

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VIRGINIA STEM EDUCATION COMMISSION**

##### **Importance of STEM Education and Employment**

Virginia has a distinguished record as one of the best states for education, employment, and growth in the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). This is the result of our strong education pipeline and business friendly climate, which have fostered an economy that employs hundreds of thousands of Virginians in STEM fields. Additionally, Virginia is expected to add nearly 150,000 new STEM jobs in the next five years, with opportunities expected to grow for years to come. Employers know that they need employees with varying levels of STEM expertise; but the STEM education pipeline has not evolved as quickly as economic demand. Educational inequities too often limit access to advanced courses in STEM disciplines, credentials, and work-based learning for many of our most vulnerable and underrepresented students.

In order to close those achievement opportunity gaps, meet the growing economic demands for STEM-prepared employees, and maintain its recognition as one of the best states for STEM education and employment, the Commonwealth must be strategic about how it prepares young people and adapts to the rapidly evolving needs of employers. To accomplish this, Virginia must begin by creating a unified vision and adopting a set of dynamic shared goals to strategically inform how we prepare students for STEM jobs of the future.

##### **Establishment of the Commission**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish the Virginia STEM Education Commission (Commission).

## **Duties of the Commission**

The Commission will assist in aligning efforts around the state, measuring our programming and workforce landscape, identifying areas that can be better supported, and seeking methods in which we can more effectively prepare Virginians for employment. These goals will support the modernization of our education systems and local economies by preparing a capable and ready workforce to lead Virginia into a STEM-focused future.

The Virginia STEM Education Commission shall work to develop a State STEM Plan to include a set of definitions, goals, strategies, and measurable impacts and outcomes related to the following key areas:

1. Inspire and empower our students to develop the knowledge, skills, and mindsets necessary to thrive in a rapidly changing, technologically-advanced, global society.
2. Ensure equitable opportunities and access for every Virginian to become a vital part of a robust STEM ecosystem.
3. Continuously improve the awareness, effectiveness, support, and quality of partnerships among educational entities, employers, and nonprofits.
4. Create sustainable and supportive conditions to align Virginia's educational, economic, and community goals.

The Commission shall encourage state agencies to collaborate among government and non-governmental entities on collective goals and support efforts to share data to track outcome metrics, redesign future curriculum and course design, and inform state and local policy. In addition, it shall evaluate and recommend ways to optimize and align public-private partnerships and local, state, and federal resources to enhance current and prospective programs and services for Virginia's children and their families, particularly those at higher risk. It shall also identify best practices and areas for improvement.

The State STEM Plan will require collaboration from a wide range of state and local stakeholders, with early childhood, K-12, post-secondary, out-of-school programs, informal education, workforce development, environmental education, and business and industry partners from every region of the state.

## **Composition of and Support of the Commission**

The First Lady of Virginia will chair the Commission. The remaining members of the Commission will be appointed by the Governor and will include experts from education, industry, and workforce perspectives from around the Commonwealth.

Staff support for the Commission will be provided by the Office of the Secretary of Education, the Virginia Department of Education, and the Science Museum of Virginia. An

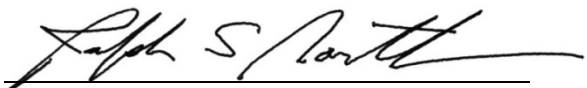
estimated 150 hours of staff time will be required to support the work of the Commission. The Commission will serve in an advisory role, in accordance with § 2.2-2100 of the *Code of Virginia*. Members will serve without compensation. The Commission will meet upon the call of the chair at least quarterly. The Commission will issue a written report no later than July 1, 2020, and any additional reports and recommendations as necessary or requested by the Governor.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

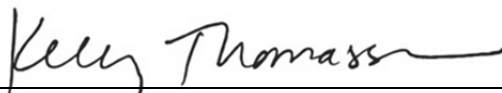
This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect for a year from its signing, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 17th day of July 2019.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





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## Executive Order

### **THIRTY-SEVEN (2019)**

#### **TRANSFER OF THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY TO THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE**

##### **Importance of the Initiative/Issue**

The Virginia Board of Accountancy's (VBOA) mission is to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth through a regulatory program of examination, licensure for individuals and firms, consumer protection, professional education audits and peer review oversight. This mission provides assurance to the citizens of the Commonwealth that the individuals and firms we entrust to practice in public accounting meet certain professional standards.

The Secretary of Finance safeguards the Commonwealth's fiscal assets and oversees the allocation of its financial resources. Accordingly, the Secretary has a fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of the Commonwealth to protect the public.

The Virginia Board of Accountancy carries out its mission through a program of regulation development, oversight, and investigations. Transfer of the VBOA to the Secretary of Finance will more closely align the responsibilities of the VBOA and Secretary of Finance.

##### **Directive**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under § 2.2-211 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby authorize the transfer of administrative authority of the Virginia Board of Accountancy from the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to the Secretary of Finance.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2019.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER THIRY-EIGHT (2019)**

#### **REAUTHORIZING AN INTER-AGENCY TASKFORCE ON WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION AND PAYROLL FRAUD**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The misclassification of actual employees as “independent contractors” creates a competitive disadvantage for Virginia businesses that follow the law, deprives the Commonwealth of millions of dollars in tax revenues necessary to supply services to Virginia’s citizens, and prevents workers from receiving protections and benefits to which they legally are entitled.

A 2012 report of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) found that one third of audited employers in certain industries misclassify employees. By failing to purchase workers' compensation insurance, pay unemployment insurance and payroll taxes, or comply with minimum wage and overtime laws, employers reduce their labor overhead as much as 40%, placing employers who properly classify employees at a competitive disadvantage.

Based on state and national studies, JLARC estimated that worker misclassification lowers Virginia’s state income tax collections as much as \$28 million per year. Agencies with relevant enforcement responsibilities, including the Virginia Employment Commission, the Department of Labor and Industry, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the State Corporation Commission’s Bureau of Insurance, the Department of Taxation, and the Workers’ Compensation Commission, each address only one component of this practice and may not fully coordinate their efforts. In its study, JLARC recommended the establishment of a task force with representatives from the agencies listed above.

##### **Reauthorization of the Taskforce**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, and the *Code of Virginia*, in order to continue to examine the issue of worker misclassification and payroll fraud, I hereby re-authorize the Inter-Agency Taskforce on Worker

Misclassification and Payroll Fraud (Taskforce) first established in Executive Order Sixteen (2018).

### **Initiatives**

The purpose of the Taskforce going forward should include, but not be limited to:

1. Reporting on statutes and regulations related to worker misclassification and payroll fraud and, if appropriate, recommending changes or additions to relevant legislation or administrative rules including an assessment of whether existing definitions of “employer” and “employee” are satisfactory or should be updated in light of current employment practices;
2. Reporting on current enforcement practices of the agencies involved and recommending procedures for more effective interagency cooperation and joint enforcement;
3. Reporting on the findings of efforts in other states and providing examples of effective methods for education and outreach;
4. Identifying effective ways to hold accountable companies working on state contracts that commit payroll fraud through misclassification of workers; and
5. Identifying ways to deter such misconduct through incentives and enforcement mechanisms.

The Taskforce, co-chaired by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and the Governor’s Chief Workforce Development Advisor, will include representatives from the Virginia Employment Commission, the Department of General Services, the Department of Labor and Industry, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the Department of Taxation, the Workers’ Compensation Commission, and the Office of the Attorney General.

The Taskforce shall meet with and receive input from stakeholder groups, to include business community representatives and labor organizations, impacted by misclassification statutes and regulations and shall report to the Governor its preliminary findings and recommendations no later than November 1, 2019.

### **Staffing**

Staff necessary for the Taskforce will be provided by the respective participating agencies and from the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and the Chief Workforce Development Advisor.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order No. 16 (2018) and shall be effective upon its signing and, pursuant to §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia* shall remain in full force and effect for a year from its signing or until superseded or rescinded.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth



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Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **NUMBER THIRTY-NINE (2019)**

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY EDUCATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The history of African Americans in Virginia, and our nation, is difficult, complex, and often untold. A robust understanding of this important history and its continuous influence on our communities today should be an essential component of the knowledge gained by every Virginia student. The Commonwealth has long been known for its rigorous academic standards, including its history and social science standards of learning, first established in 1995. Since that time, the standards have been routinely updated based on feedback from practitioners, historians, and stakeholders. Virginia's standards must be inclusive of African American history and provide opportunities for students to engage deeply, drawing connections to its relevance in our contemporary communities. A review of this content, instructional practices, and resources currently used to teach African American history in the Commonwealth will help ensure all Virginia students develop a comprehensive understanding of the African American voices that contribute to Virginia's story.

##### **Establishment of the Commission**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish the Commission on African American History Education in the Commonwealth (Commission). The Commission will examine the current ways that African American history is described in the standards of learning and curriculum framework, and how that content is taught in classrooms.

##### **Composition and Support of the Commission**

The Commission's chair(s) and members will be appointed by the Governor. The Governor will select historians, teachers, school administrators, experts and community leaders with experience and expertise in African American history, policy, and civil rights. The

Governor may appoint other members as necessary to carry out the functions of the Commission.

Staff support for the Commission will be provided by the Office of the Secretary of Education, the Virginia Department of Education, and external partners as requested. An estimated 200 hours of staff time will be required to support the work of the Commission. The Commission will serve in an advisory role and the members will serve without compensation, in accordance with § 2.2-2100 of the *Code of Virginia*. The Commission will meet upon the call of the chair(s) at least quarterly over the coming year, and the meetings should be held in different regions of the state, providing robust opportunity for public feedback and input.

### **Duties of the Commission**

The Commission will issue a report with its findings and recommendations no later than July 1, 2020, and issue any additional reports and recommendations as necessary or as requested by the Governor.

The Commission will make recommendations for improving the student experience, including but not limited to:


1. Technical edits to and recommendations for enriched standards related to African American history;
2. Broader considerations for the full history and social studies standards review process; and
3. Necessary professional development and instructional supports for teachers to ensure culturally competent instruction.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect for a year from its signing.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth





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## Executive Order

### NUMBER FORTY (2019)

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO HURRICANE DORIAN**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On September 2, 2019, I declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia to prepare and coordinate our response to Hurricane Dorian. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim a state of emergency. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their cabinet secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.

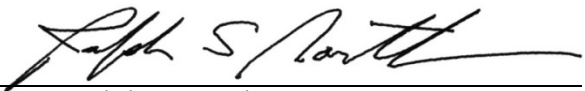
- D. Activation of § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code* related to price gouging.
- E. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
- F. Authorization of a maximum of \$2.75 million in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$750,000 for the Department of Military Affairs.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective as of September 2, 2019, and shall remain in full force and in effect until October 2, 2019 unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of this Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:



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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**NUMBER FORTY-ONE (2019)**

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATE AGENCIES AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

Sections 44-146.13 to 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia* authorize the development and maintenance of the Commonwealth of Virginia's emergency management program and organization and defines the emergency powers, authorities, and responsibilities of the governor. Emergency preparedness is a core responsibility of all executive branch agencies and public institutions of higher education (State Agencies). Therefore, I direct that all State Agencies implement the emergency management initiatives prescribed in this Order to enhance emergency preparedness in our Commonwealth, focusing on continuity of government, continuity of operations, and the operational capability to fulfill their roles in the event of a disaster.

This Order describes the overarching strategic preparedness initiatives for State Agencies. Specific operational responsibilities of State Agencies to respond to emergencies in the Commonwealth are outlined in the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP), adopted and implemented by Executive Order 42 (2019). The COVEOP also delegates to certain State Agencies and members of the governor's cabinet special powers and authorities, including the authority to grant waivers to regulations and routine processes. Executive Order No. 2 (2018) sets forth the procedural authorities for declaring a state of emergency.

#### **Preparedness is a Core Responsibility of Every State Agency**

With protecting the citizens of the Commonwealth as a primary duty, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article 5, §§ 1 and 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as governor and Director of Emergency Management, I direct each State Agency to include emergency preparedness planning, training, and exercises as basic responsibilities. Additionally, each State Agency shall include emergency preparedness in its strategic planning and performance management process. All State Agencies shall support cabinet-level continuity of government efforts, develop and maintain a continuity of operations

plan, use all resources and capabilities to support statewide response and recovery efforts and provide emergency public information resources. Furthermore, I encourage legislative, judicial, and independent State Agencies to develop and maintain a continuity of operations plan in order to ensure the continued provision of essential state governmental services to citizens during an emergency.

### **Ensure State-Level Readiness**

Catastrophic disaster response and recovery requires the whole of state government. As such, all cabinet-level offices and State Agencies, including those not designated in the COVEOP, shall be prepared to support disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts upon direction of the governor or his designee.

In order to be prepared for potential emergency situations, I order the following:

#### **A. Cabinet Responsibilities**

Each member of the governor's cabinet shall be responsible for conducting an annual review of the disaster preparedness, response, and recovery roles assigned to his or her office and State Agencies to ensure that they have adequate plans, federally-compliant emergency procurement contracts, staff, and resources to fulfill their responsibilities as assigned in the COVEOP.

#### **B. Agency-Designated Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) Liaison Officer**

The VEST is the interagency coordinating group that operates the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) to carry out emergency response and recovery activities. In order to fulfill the mission of the Commonwealth's emergency management program, it is essential that all State Agencies have adequate representation on the VEST. Therefore, each executive branch agency shall appoint a VEST Liaison Officer and at least one alternate to serve as the primary point of contact for all disaster preparedness, response and recovery matters. VEST Liaison Officers shall have subject matter expertise to staff relevant Emergency Support Functions, the authority to dedicate resources, and the ability to fulfill other assignments upon activation of the VEST. VEST Liaison Officers shall also participate in monthly exercises in the VEOC and follow a training program as determined by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). The primary and alternate VEST Liaison Officers shall have direct access to the head of his or her agency.

The VEST Liaison Officers shall be responsible for the following duties:

1. Familiarity with the COVEOP available on the VDEM website;
2. Preparation and maintenance of the portions of the COVEOP for which they are responsible. Lead agencies are responsible for coordinating revisions to their respective portions of the COVEOP and complying with the content and submission requirements established by VDEM;

3. Pursuant to § 2.2-222.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, preparation and maintenance of a written internal agency plan to fulfill the responsibilities designated in the COVEOP. Plans shall be compliant with VDEM's template and submitted to VDEM annually by May 1;
4. Maintenance of a current roster of personnel with appropriate skill-sets designated to staff Emergency Support Functions or other VEST assignments during disaster operations;
5. The staffing and/or coordination of personnel to support 13-hour shifts in the VEOC, Disaster Recovery Center, and/or Joint Field Office during disasters or other emergencies as directed by VDEM;
6. Coordination of disaster-related information through standard VEST processes;
7. To serve as the agency point-of-contact for disaster-related waivers or exemptions for registration, licensing, or permitting requirements;
8. Oversight of the agency's collection of disaster-related costs and its submission of cost reports to the Finance and Administration Section of the VEST;
9. Identification and coordination of appropriate agency personnel to participate in VEST exercises and training events as authorized by the agency head in order to increase awareness of the role of personnel during disasters or emergencies;
10. The State Agency's compliance with the National Incident Management System; and
11. Completion of emergency management course requirements as determined by VDEM and participation in monthly VEST training and exercises.

C. State Agency Emergency Management Coordinator

Each State Agency shall appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) and at least one alternate. Under the guidance of the EMC, each State Agency shall develop and maintain plans that outline the actions to be undertaken by building occupants during emergency situations, severe weather scenarios, and all related preparedness drills. The State Agency primary and alternate EMCs shall have direct access to the head of the facility, the head of the agency, or president of the public institutions of higher education during declared states of emergency.

EMCs shall be responsible for the following duties:

1. Development, adoption, and maintenance of a current written Occupant Emergency Action Plan with respect to executive branch agencies, consisting

of building evacuation, shelter-in-place, active threat, and other hazards or emergencies as deemed appropriate;

2. Coordination of the Occupant Emergency Action Plan with the appropriate local emergency management agency; and
3. Development, adoption, and maintenance of a written Crisis and Emergency Management Plan with respect to public institutions of higher education, and compliance with all related requirements in § 23.1-804 of the *Code of Virginia*.

EMCs shall also be responsible for the following duties related to continuity of operations planning:

1. The annual creation and update of the State Agency's continuity of operations plan to conform to the most recent template produced by VDEM;
2. The conduct of continuity awareness briefings (or other means of orientation) for all newly-hired personnel (including host or contract personnel) on the State Agency's continuity of operations plan within 90 days of hire or appointment;
3. The conduct of an annual continuity awareness briefing for agency leadership. The continuity awareness briefing must include, at a minimum, individual continuity plan duties, mission essential functions, and orders of succession;
4. The maintenance of a current roster of State Agency personnel required to implement the continuity of operations plan;
5. The conduct of an annual test or exercise of the continuity of operations plan that includes alert, notification, and activation procedures for key personnel;
6. The completion of an After Action Report within three months of a continuity of operations plan test, exercise, or actual event, and monitor the correction of identified deficiencies. These deficiencies shall also be corrected in a reasonable time frame as resources allow; and
7. The annual submission of a list of continuity of operations plan alternate facilities to the Department of General Services by July 1.

D. State Agency Participation in the Joint Information Center during Emergencies  
Providing a consistent message to citizens and the public during a disaster is of critical importance. Therefore, I direct that all members of the governor's cabinet and State Agencies coordinate emergency public information with VDEM during states of emergency. I also direct that executive branch agencies appoint a public information officer to staff the VEST Joint Information Center at the request of VDEM. All State

Agency public information officers shall complete a training course in emergency public communications as directed by VDEM.

**E. State Workforce Preparedness and Disaster Support**

In order to promote a culture of preparedness within the Commonwealth, I direct that all personnel and faculty of State Agencies shall successfully complete Emergency Management for State Employees training annually. This course will be offered online through the Commonwealth of Virginia Learning Center website and will be available after January 1, 2020.

Members of my cabinet, executive branch agency heads, and other key personnel, including any state employee, are subject to having leave cancelled during preparedness activities for a declaration of state of emergency.

The state employee workforce is essential to the Commonwealth's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters. Therefore, all State Agencies shall include the standard emergency preparedness and assistance statement found on the Department of Human Resource Management web site in state Employee Work Profiles. This statement shall serve as notice to employees that they may be required to perform other emergency management duties, including supporting and staffing the VEST during a disaster. Department of Human Resource Management in coordination with VDEM, shall identify a method to leverage effectively the state employee workforce in anticipation of disaster response and recovery operations.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order rescinds and replaces Executive Order No. 41 (2011) issued by Governor Robert F. McDonnell.

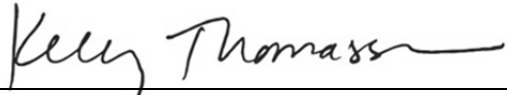
This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
**EMERGENCY  
OPERATIONS PLAN**

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## Executive Order

**NUMBER FORTY-TWO (2019)**

**PROMULGATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* as governor and as Director of Emergency Management, I hereby promulgate and issue the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (Plan) updated in July 2019 by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. The Plan provides for state government's response to emergencies and disasters wherein assistance is needed by affected state, tribal, and local governments in order to save lives, protect public health, safety, and property, restore essential services, and enable and assist with economic recovery.

The plan is consistent with the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law (§ 44-3.2 of the *Code of Virginia*), the National Incident Management System as implemented in the National Response Framework (Third Edition) adopted in 2016, and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.*, as amended) with its implementing regulations.

The State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby authorized to activate the Plan in order to coordinate state government emergency operations on my behalf. Furthermore, the State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby authorized, in coordination with the governor's office, to amend the Plan as necessary in order to achieve the preparedness goals and initiatives of the Nation and the Commonwealth in accordance with the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law (§ 44-3.2 of the *Code of Virginia*).

Successful implementation of the Plan and response and recovery capabilities will require the whole of state government. Therefore, during a declared state of emergency, I delegate the authority to issue waivers or exemptions for registration, licensing, or permitting requirements to the authorizing executive branch agency head in coordination with their respective cabinet

secretary. Upon action, the agency head shall provide my office and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management a copy of all waivers and exemptions.

When this Plan is activated, the following measures apply, as appropriate, in order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet the threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with my authority contained in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*:

- Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments, and emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.
- When called to active duty in a declaration of a state of emergency, provision of assistance by the Virginia National Guard to the Virginia Department of State Police to ensure crowd control, direct traffic, prevent looting, and perform such other law enforcement functions as deemed necessary by the Superintendent of State Police (in consultation with the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, the Adjutant General, the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, and the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs). Pursuant to § 52-6 of the *Code of Virginia*, I authorize the Superintendent of State Police to appoint any and all such Virginia Army and Air National Guard personnel called to state active duty as additional police officers as deemed necessary. The members of the Virginia National Guard activated for this event shall be authorized under § 44-75.1(A)(3) of the *Code of Virginia*, to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the above assistance. The Virginia National Guard shall have the power of arrest to enforce laws, including all violations of § 18.2, Ch. 9, Art. 1 and 2 of the *Code of Virginia* (Crimes Against Peace and Order; Riot and Unlawful Assembly; Disorderly Conduct), and such other acts necessary to protect lives, preserve property, and in defense of self and others. Any bonds and/or insurance required by § 52-7 of the *Code of Virginia* shall be provided for them at the expense of the Commonwealth. In all instances, members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force shall remain subject to military command as prescribed by § 44-78.1 of the *Code of Virginia* and are not subject to the civilian authorities of county or municipal governments.
- When so ordered by me, evacuation of areas threatened or stricken by effects of this event, as appropriate. Pursuant to § 44-146.17(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, I reserve the right to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace therein from such areas based on the advice of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management. I reserve the right to control the ingress and egress at an emergency area, including the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein based upon the advice of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management. Violations of any order to citizens to evacuate shall constitute a violation of this Executive Order and are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.

- As determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, activation, implementation, and coordination of appropriate mutual aid agreements and compacts, including the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and the authorization of the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to enter into any other supplemental agreements, pursuant to §§ 44-146.17(5) and 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Coordinator of Emergency Management is hereby designated as Virginia's authorized representative within the meaning of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- This Emergency Declaration implements limited relief from the provisions of 49 CFR, §§ 390.23 and 395.3 for the purpose of providing direct relief or assistance as a result of this disaster.
- Authorization of the Virginia Departments of State Police, Transportation, and Motor Vehicles to grant temporary overweight, overwidth, registration, license, or hours of service exemptions to any carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies to, through and from any area of the Commonwealth. This authorization also applies to water, food, heating oil, motor fuels or propane, agricultural products, agricultural supplies, livestock and poultry, livestock and poultry feed, forest products and salvaged wood, waste, and trees cut in preparation for the storm, or providing restoration of utilities (including but not limited to electricity, gas, phone, water, wastewater, and cable) or removal of waste to, through, and from any area of the Commonwealth in order to support the disaster response and recovery, regardless of their point of origin or destination. When and where overweight restrictions are granted, posted structures for restricted weight and restrictions on interstate highways are not valid. The exemption shall not exceed the duration of the motor carriers' or drivers' direct assistance in providing emergency relief.
  1. All overwidth loads, up to a maximum of 12 feet, and overheight loads up to a maximum of 14 feet must follow Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles hauling permit and safety guidelines.
  2. If overweight/overwidth transportation privileges are granted, the carriers are also exempt from vehicle registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles. This includes vehicles en route and returning to their home base. The agencies cited in this provision shall communicate this information to all staff responsible for permit issuance and truck legalization enforcement.
- Implementation and discontinuance of the transportation-related provisions authorized above shall be disseminated by the publication of administrative notice to all affected and interested parties. I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, after consultation with other affected Cabinet Secretaries, the authority to implement and disseminate this Order as set forth in § 2.2-104 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- Authorization of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services to grant a temporary waiver of the maximum vapor pressure prescribed in regulation 2 VAC 5-

425 *et seq.*, and to prescribe a vapor pressure limit the Commissioner deems reasonable. The temporary waiver shall remain in effect until emergency relief is no longer necessary, as determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

- Provision of appropriate assistance, including temporary assignments of non-essential state employees to the Adjunct Emergency Workforce, shall be rendered by state agencies to respond to this situation, as necessitated by each agency or as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management.
- Authorization of appropriate oversight boards, commissions, and agencies to ease building code restrictions, permitting requirements, and to allow for emergency demolition, hazardous waste disposal, debris removal, emergency landfill siting, and other operations and activities necessary to address immediate health and safety needs without regard to time-consuming procedures or formalities and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All appropriate executive branch agencies are to exercise discretion to the extent allowed by law to address any pending deadlines or expirations affected by or attributable to this emergency event.
- Authorization for the Marine Resources Commissioner to act on behalf of the Commission in issuing permits pursuant to § 28.2-1200 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* when, in the judgment of the Commissioner, it is necessary to address immediate health and safety needs and the Commission would be unable to convene in a timely manner. In an effort to address the impacts attributable to the disaster on the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Commonwealth, and in an attempt to expedite the return of impacted areas and structures to pre-event conditions insofar as possible, no permits for encroachments on state-owned submerged lands, tidal wetlands and coastal primary sand dunes or beaches shall be required to replace previously permitted structures in the same location and in identical or smaller dimensions as the previously permitted structure, and for beach nourishment activities along public beaches, provided any structure replacement or beach nourishment is initiated prior to the expiration of this Executive Order. No person may proceed with replacement of a previously permitted structure or beach nourishment activity under the provisions of this Executive Order without written approval from the Commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.
- Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to act, when appropriate, on behalf of their regulatory boards to waive any state requirement or regulation where the federal government has waived the corresponding federal or state regulation based on the impact of events related to this situation.
- Authorization for the State Veterinarian to grant exemptions for specific requirements for the importation of agricultural and companion animals into the Commonwealth from affected areas.

- Activation of the statutory provisions in § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia* related to price gouging.
- In the event, Virginia residents require a variety of emergency medical services and procedures to support the proper management, care, and support of persons affected by the disaster, activation of sections §§ 32.1-42.1, 32.1-48.05, and 44-146.17 (1) *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*.
- In the event of a mass fatality incident, as so determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in consultation with the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, authorization for the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers to ease enforcement of regulatory and statutory requirements relating to the management of human remains if necessary to address immediate health and safety needs and limit the spread of disease or contamination.
- Authorization for the Director of the Department of Health Professions to issue temporary licenses, registrations, and certifications to practice in the Commonwealth, for a period not to exceed one year, to health care practitioners who otherwise qualify by Virginia standards, who are displaced residents of affected U.S. jurisdictions, hold like unrestricted licenses, registrations, or certifications in their resident jurisdiction, and who are unable to furnish or have furnished on their behalf complete documentation of their credentials and license status as otherwise required by Virginia law. The Director shall also have the authority to defer the payment of licensing fees. The Director may revoke for cause, without hearing, any such license, regulation, or certification.
- As provided in the declaration of a state of emergency, authorization of state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. This funding is also available for state response and recovery operations, state share of federal disaster aid, state public assistance, and incident documentation. Out of this state disaster sum sufficient, I authorize funding for the Department of Military Affairs for the state's portion of the eligible disaster-related costs incurred for salaries, travel, and meals during mission assignments authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.
- If eligible, authorization of matching funds for the Individuals and Household Program, authorized by The Stafford Act 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* (when presidentially authorized), to be paid from state funds.
- Implementation by public agencies under my supervision and control of their emergency assignments as directed in the COVEOP without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(B) of the *Code of Virginia*. § 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.

- Any person who holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any state or political subdivision thereof, evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, the person, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, may render aid involving that skill in the Commonwealth during this emergency. Such person shall not be liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to, any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person resulting from such service as set forth in § 44-146.23(C) of the *Code of Virginia*. Additionally, members and personnel of volunteer, professional, auxiliary, and reserve groups identified and tasked by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management for specific disaster-related mission assignments, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, shall not be liable for the death of, or any injury to, persons or damage to property as a result of such activities, as provided in § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.
- Designation of physicians, nurses, and other licensed and non-licensed health care providers and other individuals as well as hospitals, nursing facilities and other licensed and non-licensed health care organizations, political subdivisions and other private entities by state agencies, including the Departments of Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Social Services, Emergency Management, Transportation, State Police, Motor Vehicles, as representatives of the Commonwealth engaged in emergency services activities, at sites designated by the Commonwealth, within the meaning of the immunity provisions of § 44-146.23(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, in the performance of their disaster-related mission assignments.
- A license issued to a health care practitioner by another state, and in good standing with such state, shall be deemed to be an active license issued by the Commonwealth to provide health care or professional services as a health care practitioner of the same type for which such license is issued in another state, provided such health care practitioner is engaged by a hospital, licensed nursing facility, or dialysis facility in the Commonwealth for the purpose of assisting that facility with public health and medical disaster response operations. Hospitals, licensed nursing facilities, and dialysis facilities must submit to the applicable licensing authority each out-of-state health care practitioner's name, license type, state of license, and license identification number within a reasonable time of such healthcare practitioner arriving at the applicable health care facility in the Commonwealth.
- As provided in § 44-146.23(F) of the *Code of Virginia*, no individual, corporation, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, fraternal organization, religious organization, charitable organization, or any other legal or commercial entity and any successor, officer, director, representative, or agent thereof, who, without compensation other than reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, provides services, goods, real or personal property, or facilities at the request and direction of the State Department of Emergency Management or a county or city employee whose responsibilities include emergency management shall be liable for the



death of or injury to any person or for the loss of, or damage to, the property of any person where such death, injury, loss, or damage was proximately caused by the circumstances of the actual emergency or its subsequent conditions, or the circumstances of this emergency.

- Authorization for the State Coordinator of Emergency Management to determine as necessary that the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) will activate the SCR Shelter Plan and identify and make available such shelters as necessary. Pursuant to the authority in § 44.146.15 of the *Code of Virginia*, and in order to ensure public safety, all weapons listed in § 18.2-308 A of the *Code of Virginia*, including all firearms, are prohibited from such shelters. This prohibition applies to both open and concealed carry of firearms pursuant to a concealed carry permit. The firearm restriction shall not apply to members of the National Guard and law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.
- Upon my approval, the costs incurred by state agencies and other agents in performing mission assignments through the VEOC as defined herein and in § 44-146.28 of the *Code of Virginia*, other than costs defined in the paragraphs above pertaining to the Virginia National Guard and pertaining to the Virginia Defense Force, shall be paid from state funds.

#### Effective Date of the Executive Order

This Executive Order rescinds and replaces the promulgation previously issued in Executive Order Number Fifty (50) issued on August 20, 2012, by Governor Robert F. McDonnell.

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.



Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson in cursive script.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth

Handwritten signature of Ralph S. Northam in cursive script.  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

## FOREWORD

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) maintains the *Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan* (COVEOP) and presents the plan to the Governor for adoption. The Governor issued Executive Order 42 (2019) to adopt the current published full version of the COVEOP.

The COVEOP, developed by VDEM, provides a framework for the coordinating structures, processes, and mechanisms necessary to coordinate state response activities and support to affected local governments, individuals, other state agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and private sector partners. The COVEOP incorporates lessons learned from exercises, training, incidents, and events and aligns with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) *National Response Framework* (NRF), and the *National Disaster Recovery Framework* (NDRF).

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## PART 1: STATE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

### 1. COMPONENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

The **Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP)** employs an all-hazards approach to incident management. It describes the concepts and structures of response operations, and identifies agencies and coordinating non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and private sector partners that have lead and support functions in the COVEOP. The COVEOP also includes the governor's executive order promulgating the Plan and the record of changes section to document updates made between promulgation years and approved by the governor or State Coordinator of Emergency Management (State Coordinator), as appropriate.

The **Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) Organization** provides the structure for coordinating state emergency operations and support of affected local governments and businesses. Each Emergency Support Function (ESF) section identifies the lead and supporting agencies, NGOs and private sector partners for that ESF and explains in general terms how the Commonwealth will organize and implement the ESF's functions. Agencies, NGOs, or private sector partners are assigned to lead or support roles in ESFs based upon applicable authorities and the organization's or agency's resources and capabilities.

The **Hazard Specific Annexes** address contingency or hazard situations requiring specialized response and recovery procedures. They describe policies, situations, concepts of operations, and responsibilities pertinent to incidents detailed in the Hazard Identification Risk Assessment in the Commonwealth of Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan. These annexes are separate documents and are not contained within this Plan.

### 2. PURPOSE

The COVEOP provides the foundation for the state's emergency response and recovery operations. It identifies the role of state government and coordinating NGOs and private sector partners before, during, and after a disaster, large-scale emergency, or event affecting the Commonwealth of Virginia. It establishes the concepts and policies under which all elements of state government and coordinating NGOs and private sector partners will operate during emergencies and provides the framework within which more detailed emergency plans or procedures can be developed and maintained. This plan is compatible with federal plans and statutes in order to provide prompt, effective, and seamless assistance to local jurisdictions when federal assistance is requested.

To ensure the Commonwealth's ability to implement this Plan, each state agency that is tasked with a responsibility in the COVEOP or supporting plans and annexes shall develop, maintain, and ensure their ability to implement response plans in support of the COVEOP, as required by Code of Virginia §§ 2.2-222.1(E) and (F) of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, executive branch agencies and institutions of higher education (IHEs) are required to develop, maintain, and ensure their ability to implement an all-hazards continuity plan as required by Executive Order 41 (2019). These continuity plans must include alternate operating capabilities and identify the functions, applications, and processes of the agency or IHE that are critical, time-sensitive, and

essential to restore and continue in an emergency or disaster. Agency functions critical to state emergency response and recovery operations shall have restoration priority.

Top priorities for incident management are to:

1. Save lives and protect the health and safety of the public, responders, and recovery workers;
2. Protect property and mitigate damages and impacts to individuals, communities, and the environment;
3. Protect and restore critical infrastructure and key resources; and
4. Facilitate recovery of individuals, businesses, communities, governments, and the environment.

### **3. SCOPE**

Preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation strategies are largely based on analyses of natural and technological hazards with a history of or potential for impacts in Virginia. The COVEOP is designed to address all hazards identified in the hazard identification and risk assessment (HIRA). The HIRA is contained in the Commonwealth of Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The COVEOP covers the full range of complex and constantly changing requirements in anticipation of, or response to, threats or acts of terrorism, major disasters, other emergencies, and events within or affecting the Commonwealth.

The COVEOP establishes interagency, multi-jurisdictional, and public/private mechanisms for state agency involvement in domestic incident management operations. These mechanisms include coordinating structures and processes for incidents requiring:

- Local-to-local support through Statewide Mutual Aid (SMA);
- State support to cities, counties, and towns;
- State-to-state support through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) or other appropriate instruments; and
- Public and private sector incident management integration.

This Plan is applicable to all agencies of the Commonwealth and coordinating NGOs and private sector partners that may be requested to provide assistance or conduct operations in response to an incident or event. This Plan also provides the foundation for the organization and coordination of short-term recovery.

### **4. PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS**

This Plan was developed with the following assumptions:

1. Virginia is vulnerable to a variety of hazards.
2. A planned and coordinated response on the part of state and local officials can save lives, protect property, and more quickly restore essential services.

3. Incidents are typically managed at the lowest possible geographic, organizational, and jurisdictional level. As such, direction of emergency operations will be exercised by the level of affected local government closest to the incident.
4. If the cause of an incident is determined to have been a terrorist act, appropriate federal agencies will likely assume direction and control of the investigation, in coordination with state and local authorities, and localities will be continue to be responsible for all non-investigatory response and recovery functions.
5. In Virginia, all counties, independent cities, and towns have the primary responsibility for emergency operations and will commit all available resources to save lives, minimize property damage, and protect the environment. Should local emergency response capabilities be exceeded, outside assistance is available through mutual aid agreements, or through members of the Commonwealth's Statewide Mutual Aid Program.
6. State agencies assigned responsibilities in the COVEOP have developed and will maintain the necessary plans, standard operating procedures, mutual aid agreements, and model contracts to successfully accomplish their tasks.
7. State agencies are prepared to fulfill responsibilities assigned to them in the COVEOP, supporting plans, and joint operational or regional plans.
8. State agencies' abilities to execute their response and recovery tasks are enhanced through the development, maintenance, and exercising of agency continuity plans.
9. Coordinating NGOs and private sector partners have internal plans and procedures specific to their assigned roles and responsibilities in the COVEOP.
10. Incidents, including large-scale emergencies or events, require full coordination of operations and resources, and may:
  - Occur at any time with little or no warning;
  - Require significant information sharing across multiple jurisdictions and between the public and private sectors;
  - Involve single or multiple jurisdictions and/or geographic areas;
  - Have significant statewide and/or national impact requiring significant intergovernmental coordination;
  - Involve multiple, highly varied hazards or threats on a local, regional, statewide or national scale;
  - Result in mass casualties, displaced persons, property loss, environmental damage, and/or disruption of the economy and normal life support systems, essential public services, and basic infrastructure;
  - These effects may be minimized by the proactive notification and deployment of state resources in anticipation of or in response to major incidents in coordination and collaboration with local, private, and federal entities;
  - Require resources to assist individuals with access and functional needs;
  - Impact critical infrastructures across sectors;
  - Exceed the capabilities of state agencies, local governments, NGOs, and private

- sector partners;
- Attract a sizeable influx of public, private, and voluntary resources, including independent and spontaneous volunteers;
  - Require short-notice state asset coordination and response; and/or
  - Require prolonged, sustained incident management operations and support activities for long-term community recovery and mitigation.

## **5. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES**

### **5.1 Authorities**

#### **5.1.1. Code of Virginia Chapter 3.2**

Ch. 3.2 of the *Code of Virginia* establishes the state's Department of Emergency Management and provides the legal authority for development and maintenance of the Commonwealth's emergency management program. Additionally, it defines the emergency powers, authorities, and responsibilities of the governor and State Coordinator and requires that state and local governments be prepared for a variety of natural and human-caused hazards by developing, maintaining, and ensuring their ability to implement an emergency operations plan (EOPs).

#### **5.1.2 Code of Virginia Title 44**

Title 44 of the *Code of Virginia* provides general and specific statutory authority for the development, maintenance, and implementation of the COVEOP including, but not limited to:

##### **5.1.2.1**

Ch. 3.2. Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 2000 defines the powers and duties of the governor and political subdivisions; establishes the Department of Emergency Management; defines emergency declarations; establishes the duties of emergency management agencies; and joins the Commonwealth in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

##### **5.1.2.2**

Ch. 3.3 Transportation of Hazardous Radioactive Materials authorizes VDEM to monitor the transportation of hazardous radioactive materials within the Commonwealth.

##### **5.1.2.3**

Ch. 3.4 Funding for State and Local Government Radiological Emergency Preparedness requires payment of one-time and annual fees to the Commonwealth by the owner of each nuclear power station in Virginia and establishes the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Fund.

##### **5.1.2.4**

Ch. 3.5 Virginia Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Program establishes the VDEM regional hazardous materials incident response program.



### 5.1.3 Additional authorities

#### 5.1.3.1 Federal Non-discrimination Statutes and Executive Orders

The following statutes and presidential executive orders require all state and local governments that receive federal funds or other federal financial assistance to ensure that emergency programs and services are equally accessible to individuals with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency.

- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- A.D.A. Amendments Act of 2008
- Rehabilitation Act of 1974, as amended, § 504
- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Presidential Executive Order 13166 - Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (Federal Register Vol. 69, No. 159 (August 16, 2000))
- Executive Order 13347 (July 2004): Individuals with Disabilities in Emergency Preparedness (Federal Register Vol. 69, No. 142 (July 26, 2004))

#### 5.1.3.2

Section 2.2-205.1 of the *Code of Virginia* establishes the Economic Crisis Strike Force for the purpose of serving as a working group to respond as needed to economic disasters in Virginia.

#### 5.1.3.3

Section 10.1-602 of the *Code of Virginia* requires the Department of Conservation and Recreation to develop a flood protection plan for the Commonwealth and serve as the coordinator of all flood protection programs and activities, including the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the federal flood protection programs of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and United States Geological Survey (USGS).

#### 5.1.3.4

Executive orders will be issued as necessary by the governor when the Commonwealth is threatened or impacted by an emergency or disaster. The orders are required to activate the COVEOP and supporting plans and to authorize specific emergency actions. Executive orders by the governor supplement the laws and establish specific planning initiatives and requirements.

## 5.2 References

### 5.2.1

The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.*) establishes the programs and processes for the federal government to provide disaster and emergency assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, individuals, and qualified private non-profit organizations at the request of the governor.

**5.2.2**

The Homeland Security Act of 2002 establishes the primary missions of the Department of Homeland Security as (1) preventing terrorist attacks, (2) reducing vulnerability to terrorism, (3) minimizing the damage from such events, (4) assisting in the recovery from terrorist attacks, and (5) acting as the primary federal agency responsible for crisis and emergency planning.

**5.2.3**

The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 implements improvements in the United States' ability to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

**5.2.4**

The National Emergencies Act establishes procedures for the Presidential declaration and termination of national emergencies.

**5.2.5**

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act) establish broad federal authority to respond to discharges of oil and the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants that may present an imminent and substantial danger to public health or welfare.

**5.2.6**

The Public Health Service Act authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to declare a public health emergency under certain circumstances.

**5.2.7**

The Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies authorizes an emergency fund for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to prepare for emergency response to natural disasters.

**5.2.8**

The Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 PKEMRA significantly reorganized FEMA, provided it substantial new authority to remedy gaps in response, and included a more robust preparedness mission for FEMA. Additionally, this act established a Disability Coordinator position in FEMA; developed guidelines to accommodate individuals with disabilities; established the National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System to reunify separated family members; coordinates and supports precautionary evacuations and recovery efforts; provides transportation assistance for relocating and returning individuals displaced from their residences in a major disaster; and provides case management assistance to identify and address unmet needs of survivors of major disasters.

**5.2.9**

The Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 acknowledges the shared responsibility of disaster response and recovery, aims to reduce the complexity of FEMA, and builds the nation's capacity for disaster response.

## 6. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

The Commonwealth employs various emergency management coordinating structures, processes, and protocols to execute the COVEOP and support plans. The Commonwealth's concept of operations integrates the efforts of federal, state, tribal, local, NGOs and private sector partners into a comprehensive, statewide approach to incident management. Coordination of emergency response will be accomplished using the National Incident Management System, allowing for the incorporation of local, state, and federal agencies, and other responsible parties.

The governor may issue an executive order declaring that a state of emergency exists in all or part of the Commonwealth in accordance with § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*. All Executive Branch agencies, including state institutions of higher education, are resources of the governor and may be activated to support the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) during response or recovery activities. All cabinet members, state elected officials, and department heads are authorized to transfer the directions, job assignments, personnel, and functions of their departments for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency response and recovery, as necessary.

The Commonwealth's emergency management program and response operations are carried out by various stakeholders. Collectively, this group is the emergency management organization. § 44-146.18 of the *Code of Virginia* provides that emergency management organizations and operations will be structured around the existing constitutional government. Accordingly, the governor is the Director of Emergency Management for the Commonwealth. The governor appoints a Coordinator of Emergency Management (State Coordinator). The State Coordinator appoints the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) Director, who manages the VEST and coordinates the Commonwealth's response activities. During a Presidentially-declared disaster, the State Coordinator is usually designated the State Coordinating Officer by the governor.

## 7. FUNCTIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each political subdivision within the Commonwealth has specific roles and responsibilities in a disaster or emergency. Within the Commonwealth's state government, every agency and secretariat has been assigned roles and responsibilities in the COVEOP and many have additional roles assigned in support plans and hazard-specific annexes. In order to ensure the Commonwealth's preparedness, Ch. 32 of the *Code of Virginia* requires that localities and state agencies that are assigned roles and responsibilities in the COVEOP ensure they are able to meet those requirements.

An organizational chart showing the information outlined below can be found in Appendix B. A complete ESF matrix can be found in Appendix C.

## 7.1 State Roles and Responsibilities

### 7.1.1 Governor

As the chief executive officer of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the governor is responsible for the public safety and welfare of its residents and visitors. The emergency management powers and duties of the governor are summarized below. Complete language can be found at Code of Virginia § 44-146.17.

Successful implementation of the Plan and response and recovery capabilities will require the whole of state government. Therefore, during a declared state of emergency, the governor delegates the authority to issue waivers or exemptions for registration, licensing, or permitting requirements to the authorizing executive branch agency head in coordination with their respective cabinet secretary. A copy of all waivers and exemptions issued shall be provided to the governor and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

The governor:

- Implements the COVEOP and coordinating state resources to respond to and recover from incidents including, but not limited to, terrorism, natural disasters, and large-scale accidents.
- If appropriate, makes a verbal declaration of a state of emergency, to include an authorization to grant or seek temporary overweight, over width, registration, license, or hours-worked exemptions to carriers transporting emergency relief supplies or providing utility restoration services. These verbal orders will be followed by a written authorization and an executive order.
- If appropriate, amends and rescinds evacuation orders and directs and compels evacuation of all or part of the populace from any threatened or affected area.
- Ensures the provision of essential services, including emergency and disaster response and recovery activities by executive branch agencies and institutions of higher education.
- Provides leadership and plays a key role in communicating to the public.
- Provides support for people, businesses, and organizations recovering from a declared emergency within the Commonwealth.
- Encourages participation in mutual aid agreements and support of mutual aid requests.
- Implements authorities for the state to enter into mutual aid agreements with other states to facilitate resource sharing.
- May request federal assistance when the capabilities of the Commonwealth will be insufficient or have been exceeded or exhausted.
- May expend “sum sufficient” monies.
- May, without an emergency declaration, authorize the deployment of up to 300 members of the Virginia National Guard or Virginia Defense Force and materials to assist in times of emergency pursuant to §§ 44-75.1 and 44-146.28 of the *Code of Virginia*. Deployments under this code section may not to exceed five days unless a state of emergency is declared.

- May control the ingress and egress to an emergency area, including the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein, based upon a determination made by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management.
- Provides financial assistance to localities.
- Serves as the commander-in-chief of the Commonwealth military forces pursuant to § 44-8 of the *Code of Virginia*.

### **7.1.2 State Coordinator**

The State Coordinator of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management serves as the State Emergency Planning Director and has the following powers and duties as summarized below. Complete language can be found at §§ 44-146.18 and 44-146.18.2 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The State Coordinator:

- Implements appropriate portions of the COVEOP to provide timely assistance to localities for non-declared incidents or events.
- Coordinates and provides guidance and assistance to affected political subdivisions to ensure orderly and timely response to and recovery from disasters.
- Coordinates the disaster response actions of federal, state, and volunteer relief agencies.
- Establishes and maintains a liaison with affected political subdivisions.
- May enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to prevent or alleviate damage, loss, hardship, or suffering caused by such emergency and to protect the health and safety of persons or property during an emergency that has not received a governor's declaration after consultation with and approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security.
- Determines the requirements for disaster relief and recovery assistance.
- Ensures that state response and recovery actions comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws and regulations to protect the health and safety of individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs and ensure equal access to programs and services.
- May enter into any other supplemental agreements to ensure orderly and timely response to and recovery from disaster effects.
- Is designated as the Commonwealth of Virginia's authorized representative within the meaning of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

### **7.1.3 Duties of Secretariats**

Each Secretariat is responsible for ensuring their agencies and offices are (i) meeting their statutory obligations for emergency preparedness, (ii) prepared and able to implement their agency continuity plans, and (iii) prepared and able to execute the duties assigned to them in the COVEOP and all hazards annexes. The specific COVEOP duties for each Secretariat's agencies are outlined in § 7.1.4.

#### **7.1.4 Commonwealth of Virginia Agencies and Offices**

It is the responsibility of state government to provide for the safety and well-being of Commonwealth citizens and ensure the continuity of state government operations, including the delivery of essential state government services during a disaster, the COVEOP assigns specific tasks to Commonwealth agencies and offices to ensure the Commonwealth is able to meet this responsibility. State agencies and institutions of higher education (IHEs) must be prepared not only to implement their own agency's plans, but also execute their duties as assigned in the COVEOP, hazard specific annexes, and support plans.

##### **7.1.4.1 Duties of all secretariats, state agencies, and IHEs**

All state agencies and IHEs are responsible for:

- Having plans or procedures to implement their assigned responsibilities in the COVEOP;
- Having plans or procedures to implement their assigned responsibilities in supplemental plans and hazard-specific annexes;
- Having documented emergency action and continuity plans for their response to and recovery from a natural or human-caused disaster;
- Directing agency area supervisors from applicable division, district, or local offices to participate in local emergency planning and become a part of the local emergency management organization, as appropriate;
- Providing assistance directly to political subdivisions during small, localized events, when possible;
- Providing personnel to the VEST, as requested, to support ESF operations and provide situational and incident-specific information to the VEST;
- Identifying staff liaisons or points of contact to provide technical and subject matter expertise, information, and staff support for operations within the purview of each agency;
  - Promoting participation in the Adjunct Emergency Workforce program; and
  - Encouraging and permitting employee participation in training and exercises related to their assigned emergency roles.

#### **7.1.4.2 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION**

##### **7.1.4.2.1 Department of General Services (DGS)**

The Department of General Services is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 1 Transportation**
  - Provide passenger vehicle resources as requested (when available) from the Commonwealth's centralized fleet.
- **ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering**
  - Provide technical assistance in the identification, evaluation, stabilization, rehabilitation, and/or demolition of state-owned buildings and facilities.

- Assist, as resources are available, other building code officials in their jurisdiction as requested.
  - Assess and develop strategies to protect, stabilize, and restore buildings and facilities of historic significance.
  - Ensure that all construction and redevelopment on state-owned property complies with the appropriate building codes, zoning and land use regulations, as well as local and regional comprehensive plans.
  - Assist in the management and coordination of emergency contracting services.
  - Assist with the review of contract administration terms and conditions in contracts issued for services related to the recovery effort.
  - Assist localities, if requested and as resources are available, to process the large number of building permits that may be required.
  - Assist with contracting for the removal of debris from state-owned property.
  - Develop and keep current a list of contractors who provide debris removal, collection, reduction, and disposal services.
  - Develop model contracts and generic scopes of work to assist state agencies and local jurisdictions in the development and implementation of debris removal contracts.
  - Assist state agencies and local governments in developing cooperative agreements for debris removal.
  - Provide laboratory services to detect and identify any chemical or biological contaminants in water.
  - Assist with contracts for essential water needs (potable water).
  - Implement appropriate measures regarding the efficient utilization and distribution of limited water resources (conservation measures).
  - Assist responsible entities with the restoration and operation of water and sewage treatment facilities.
  - Assist, as necessary, with the enforcement of regulatory standards for the treatment and disposal of waste.
- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
    - Provide support as outlined in the Commonwealth family assistance plan.
    - Through the Division of Engineering and Buildings (Division), function as the building official for all state-owned buildings or structures and for all buildings and structures built on state-owned property used for sheltering except for the IHEs with building code officials and authority over their building codes.
    - The Division shall review and provide building permits, certificates of occupancy, as appropriate, at state-owned buildings being used for emergency shelters.
- **ESF 7 Logistics**
    - Manage contracts for goods and services.
    - Provide contract subject matter expertise staffing for the Logistics Section.
    - Provide resource support for warehouse operations.

- **ESF 8 Public Health and Medical**
  - Provide public health and diagnostic laboratory services at the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) laboratory to support public health investigations.
- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Coordinate and provide expertise regarding state-owned historic resources.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.2.2 Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM)**

The Department of Human Resources Management is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Maintain the Adjunct Emergency Workforce (AEW) database.
  - Provide the current list of AEW staff in a timely manner, upon request from ESF 6 or Virginia Department of Social Services.
  - Activate the AEW to support staffing for shelters.
  - Maintain a current list of individuals qualified with specialized skill sets that may be used for ESF 6 operations.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.2.3 Virginia Information Technology Agency (VITA)**

VITA is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 2 Communication**
  - Coordinate the information flow regarding the status of communications and infrastructure between the VEOC and information technology programs and/ or telecommunications service providers.
  - Coordinate spectrum policy as it applies to wireless communications such as Wi-Fi and mobile phones.
  - Assist and coordinate with the ITP and private sector telecommunications carriers



to ensure the provision/restoration of communications and IT services, as required.

- Supply technical expertise, direct technical support, and maintenance of Commonwealth communication assets within the scope of existing contracts and maintenance agreements during an activation or declared emergency.
  - Provide and support infrastructure required for the incident response and recovery activities outside of the VEOC facility (i.e. field offices, evacuation shelters, etc.).
  - Coordinate technical support to rebuild communication infrastructure.
- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services and Housing Referral**
    - Provide support as outlined in the Commonwealth family assistance plan.
    - Provide and support information technology infrastructure required for establishment of state mass care and shelter operations.
    - Supply technical expertise, direct technical support, and maintenance of Commonwealth communication assets (within the scope of existing capabilities) and maintenance agreements in support of state mass care and shelter operations.
    - Coordinate agency responsibilities assigned in the Code of Virginia's SCR Shelter Plan.
    - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
  - **ESF 15 External Affairs**
    - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
    - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
    - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.2.4 Department of Elections**

The Department of Elections is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.2.5 The Compensation Board**

The Compensation Board is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.

- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

### 7.1.4.3 SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

#### 7.1.4.3.1 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Coordinate with VDSS regarding pet sheltering for state-level shelters.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
- **ESF 8 Public Health and Medical**
  - Ensure an integrated response to provide for the safety and well-being of household pets and service and companion animals.
  - Ensure safety of food and water sources regulated by VDACS.
  - Assist Virginia Department of Health with investigation of any outbreak of a highly contagious or economically-devastating animal/zoonotic (i.e., transmitted between animals and people) disease pertaining to livestock and poultry.
- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Locate and allocate bulk food sources as appropriate. Delivery of food will be coordinated through other ESFs.
  - Coordinate a response to an outbreak of highly contagious or economically-devastating animal/zoonotic disease, an outbreak of a harmful or economically significant plant pest or disease.
  - Ensure that areas impacted by the disaster are prioritized for food safety inspections and verifications as appropriate.
  - Coordinate protection of endangered species.
  - Coordinate the sheltering of household pets at state shelters.
  - Manage animal waste and waste water disposal in coordination with technical guidance provided by DEQ and VDH.
- **ESF 14 Recovery**
  - Assist with recovery of agricultural resources and entities as needed.
  - Coordinate with the Department of Historic Resources regarding the recovery of historical resources as needed through ESF 11.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience as appropriate.

**7.1.4.3.2 Department of Forestry (VDOF)**

The Department of Forestry is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 1 Transportation**
  - Support road clearing operations with chainsaw crews following wind-related storms.
  - Provide snow removal on rural gravel roads.
  - Assist with rescue and recovery of stranded motorists during snow incidents.
  
- **ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering**
  - Responsible for cutting wood but not for its disposal.
  - Responsible for providing chain saw crews and specialized equipment for the removal of debris from state-managed highways.
  - Provide specialized equipment and resources for the emergency demolition of buildings.
  - Provide specialized equipment and resources for the stabilization of dams.
  
- **ESF 4 Firefighting**
  - Coordinate and perform wildland fire suppression and response statewide.
  - Coordinate and perform forest and forest fire law related enforcement activities statewide, including wildland fire origin and cause investigation and all related criminal and civil actions related to this effort.
  - Provide Incident Management Teams to support all-risk incidents throughout the Commonwealth.
  - Develop specialized response resources and crews according to capabilities, including dozer crew, chain saw crew, fire line hand crew, equipment repair, other specialized equipment, transportation, etc.
  - Provide specialized training for wildland fire suppression and advanced incident management as appropriate.
  
- **ESF 9 Search and Rescue (SAR)**
  - Provide GIS-based mapping capabilities to support SAR missions.
  
- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Provide incident management personnel to support command and control functions.
  - Provide specialized heavy equipment to support emergency plant and animal disposal operations.
  - Provide protection of forests and streams of the Commonwealth.
  
- **ESF 13 Public Safety and Security**
  - Provide public safety such as traffic control and criminal investigation and law enforcement officers with statewide jurisdiction along with supporting equipment such as 4 wheel drive vehicles and all-terrain vehicles.
  - Provide agencies aerial survey and reconnaissance to support public safety

operations.

- Provide nationally-qualified incident management team personnel to provide command and control functions in support of public safety operations.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.3.3 Virginia Racing Commission**

The Virginia Racing Commission is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

### **7.1.4.4 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND TRADE**

#### **7.1.4.4.1 Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)**

The Department of Housing and Community Development is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering**
  - Support local, state, and federal partners in conducting damage assessment and needs assessment surveys in the disaster area.
- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Provide access to information on housing units to use temporarily for displaced people.
  - Assist in providing access to information on federal disaster assistance programs that allow communities to transition to longer term recovery efforts.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
- **ESF 14 Recovery**
  - Under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, facilitate the long-term recovery of communities impacted by major disasters in the Commonwealth by providing access to available state and federal housing and community development resources.

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.4.2 Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME)**

The Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 1 Transportation**
  - Coordinate the transport of essential goods and people over all modes in support of VEOC operations during emergency operations and recovery.
- **ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering**
  - Provide technical expertise as needed.
- **ESF 4 Firefighting**
  - Provide personnel to support fire suppression operations.
  - Provide transportation for personnel who will supervise crews.
  - Provide maps showing locations of gas and oil wells, gathering pipelines, and associated facilities.
- **ESF 10 Oil and Hazardous Materials**
  - Provide any necessary and essential technical expertise, personnel, and equipment in support of the VEOC during emergency operations and recovery related to an actual or potential discharge of oil or other hazardous material.
- **ESF 12 Energy**
  - Receive requests from fuel oil suppliers, transporters, and trade associations to implement vehicle weight and driver hours of service waivers. Communicate these requests to VDEM, who will coordinate implementation of the waivers with VDOT, Virginia Department of State Police, and the federal government and communicate news about the issuance of these waivers to the petroleum distribution industry.
  - Coordinate with trade associations to share information and prepare needs assessments.
  - Provide data regarding supplies and use of petroleum products.
  - Coordinate regional contacts. Renew contacts with key contacts annually or more often as needed.
  - Maintain ready-to-go guidance materials to assist state government facility managers responding to a petroleum products energy emergency.
  - Be prepared to advise the governor during an energy emergency. The governor will direct conservation measures and other actions, usually as recommended by federal guidance, through the DMME.
  - Develop and maintain the Petroleum Products and Coal Energy Emergency

Handbook, to include key contacts in government and industry, ready-to-go press releases, and other guidance materials for implementing voluntary and mandatory conservation measures.

- Assist and provide technical expertise as needed to the Office of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and to the VEOC during an energy emergency.
- Receive and review reports submitted by the State Corporation Commission, major industries that use coal, coal dealers, and local governments regarding impending coal shortages and potential consequences of continued reductions in supply.
- Keep the VEOC and state agencies informed as necessary about the status of coal when potential or actual shortages exist.
- Keep information resources available so the public may be fully informed on matters pertaining to a coal shortage.

• **ESF 15 External Affairs**

- Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
- Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.4.3 Board of Accountancy**

The Board of Accountancy is assigned the following duties:

• **ESF 15 External Affairs**

- Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
- Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.4.4 Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD)**

The Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity is assigned the following duties:

• **ESF 15 External Affairs**

- Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
- Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.4.5 Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)**

The Department of Labor and Industry is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**

- Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
- Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.4.6 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR)**

The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**

- Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
- Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.4.7 Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission**

The Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**

- Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
- Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.4.8 Virginia Economic Development Partnership**

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**

- Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
- Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.4.9 Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)**

The Virginia Employment Commission is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 14 Recovery**

- In conjunction with other agencies, to assist with recovery, economic growth, and stability by delivering and coordinating workforce services.

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**

- Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
- Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.4.10 Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA)**

The Virginia Housing Development Authority is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.4.11 Virginia Tourism Corporation**

The Virginia Tourism Corporation is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 14 Recovery**
  - Provide the Virginia Emergency Support Team with a list of hotels that have available rooms for temporary housing.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

### **7.1.5.4 SECRETARY OF EDUCATION**

#### **7.1.4.5.1 Library of Virginia**

The Library of Virginia is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Provide preservation, scientific/technical, records, and archival management advice regarding securing, preventing, or minimizing loss of, and recovering documentary and archival records and historic documents that have been or might be damaged by a disaster.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to



their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.5.2 Department of Education (DOE)**

The Department of Education is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 14 Recovery**
  - Assist local school boards in ensuring that affected students resume their opportunity for learning and academic achievement.
  
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.5.3 Frontier Culture Museum**

The Frontier Culture Museum is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.5.4 Virginia Community College System (VCCS)**

The Virginia Community College System is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - When required, assist DGS with the identification of buildings that may be identified for use in the state shelter program as emergency evacuation shelters at individual campuses.
  - If designated as a state shelter, provide support as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding at individual campuses.
  - Coordinate responsibilities assigned in the COV SCR Shelter Plan.
  - Ensure all facilities and sites used for state-level sheltering comply with federal accessibility laws.
  
- **ESF 14 Recovery**
  - In collaboration with Virginia communities and ESF 14 agencies, assist in the recovery and redevelopment of the economic base of the affected area by providing interaction with other government agencies and workforce training.

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.5.5 Science Museum of Virginia**

The Science Museum of Virginia is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.5.6 State Council on Higher Education for Virginia**

The State Council on Higher Education for Virginia is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.5.7 Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation**

The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.5.8 Virginia Museum of Fine Art (VMFA)**

The Virginia Museum of Fine Art is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.5.9 Virginia Commission for the Arts**

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.5.10 Virginia Cooperative Extension**

The Virginia Cooperative Extension is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Assess agricultural damage, including designating representatives to serve as members of damage assessment teams, and communicating with the agricultural community on protective actions and measures.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.5.11 Virginia Public Institutions of Higher Education (IHE)**

The Virginia Public Institutions of Higher Education is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - When required, assist DGS with the identification of buildings that may be identified for use in the state shelter program as emergency evacuation shelters at individual campuses.
  - If designated as a state shelter, provide support as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding at individual campuses.
  - Coordinate IHE responsibilities assigned in the COV SCR Shelter Plan.
  - Ensure all facilities and sites used for state-level sheltering comply with federal accessibility laws.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.5.12 Virginia Museum of Natural History**

The Virginia Museum of Natural History is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.6 SECRETARY OF FINANCE****7.1.4.6.1 Department of Planning and Budget (DPB)**

The Department of Planning and Budget is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 5 Emergency Coordination, Information And Planning**
  - Identify and access alternative funding sources to ensure the availability of adequate funds in the sum sufficient account.
  - Review all Performance Budgeting System requests.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.6.2 Department of Accounts (DOA)**

The Department of Accounts is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.6.3 Department of Taxation**

The Department of Taxation is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to

their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.6.4 Department of the Treasury**

The Department of the Treasury is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.6.5 Virginia Resources Authority**

The Virginia Resources Authority is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

### **7.1.4.7 SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **7.1.4.7.1 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)**

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services and Housing Referral**
  - Provide support as directed and as outlined in the Commonwealth family assistance plan.
  - Provide subject matter expertise and guidance in matters relating to the needs of citizens with mental and behavioral health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse issues.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
- **ESF 8 Public Health and Medical**
  - Coordinate the provision of mental health services including crisis counseling in emergencies.
- **ESF 14 Recovery**
  - Coordinate with VDEM, Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, and other ESF-14 agencies as required, to help provide services to assist people whose lives and behavioral health have been negatively impacted from events.

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.7.2 Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH)**

The Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services and Housing Referral**
  - Provide support through HHR Secretariat agencies to mass care and sheltering missions that are within their normal scope of responsibilities.
  - Serve as a resource for sign language interpretation coordination for communication access at shelters.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Serve as a resource for sign language interpreter coordination.
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.7.3 Department of Health (VDH)**

The Department of Health is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 2 Communication**
  - Maintain and coordinate automated alerting capabilities with the Health Alert Network (HAN) system.
  - Maintain and coordinate web, voice, text, and video communication capabilities with Health Departments and Regional Hospital Coordination Center (RHCC) sites throughout the Commonwealth.
  - Maintain redundant voice and web-based communications capabilities with hospitals and healthcare providers throughout the Commonwealth.
- **ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering**
  - Coordinate environmental health efforts (e.g., response work, database management of environmental sample results, interpretation of results, and risk communication).
  - Keep ESF 8 informed about the status of any potential or occurring water system-related problem in the state and recommend appropriate actions, such as an emergency declaration, when necessary.

- Coordinate emergency assistance with ESF 8.
  - Provide the required interface with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and other federal agencies to assess impacts to public health during emergency operations.
  - Assess public water utilities, alternative water supplies, unregulated systems, and temporary or mobile treatment systems.
  - Following radiological events, evaluate the re-entry and re-occupancy of facilities (e.g., homes, educational, institution and health care facilities) and establish an evaluation process, assessment criteria, and indicators for safe re-occupation.
- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
    - Provide public health and medical services and support for evacuation and sheltering operations.
    - Coordinate agency responsibilities assigned in the COV SCR Shelter Plan.
    - Provide support as outlined in the Commonwealth family assistance plan.
    - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
- **ESF 8 Public Health and Medical**
    - Health districts are responsible for establishing dispensing sites. Staffing and operation of the dispensing sites is the responsibility of the Health District and city or county government.
    - Prevention of disease to include surveillance and investigation of diseases and other conditions and implementation of intervention measures.
    - Coordinate with DEQ on evaluation and interpretation of environmental and source water quality data as it relates to public health and regulation/operation of public water supplies.
    - Dispense medical supplies and equipment, and provide life-saving pharmaceuticals and medical supplies with or without the activation of the Strategic National Stockpile.
    - Mass patient care to include pre-hospital emergency medical services, hospital care and partnership with the intra-state aid and the National Disaster Medical System.
    - Fatality management operations and coordination to include post mortem disease surveillance, death scene management operations, forensic examinations and collections, victim identification services, mortuary services, and ante-mortem data collection with oversight provided by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.
    - Provide guidance and technical assistance regarding emergency evacuation of persons with functional needs.
    - Assess public health and medical needs to include support of regional and local teams.
    - Patient evacuation in cooperation with federal, local, and private organizations.
    - Assist with the planning for and coordination of transporting seriously ill, injured patients, and medical needs populations from casualty collection points in the

- impacted areas.
- Assist local and federal responders with a coordinated response in support of emergency triage and pre-hospital treatment, patient tracking, and distribution.
- Provide appropriate personnel, equipment, and supplies for deployed public health and medical teams.
- Provide support for public health matters for radiological incidents.
- Support multi-agency response to a domestic incident as necessary and appropriate.
- **ESF 10 Oil and Hazardous Materials**
  - Provide advice/guidance regarding the threat to human health posed by the release of the hazardous materials and recommend protective action measures.
- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Ensure that areas impacted by the disaster are a high priority for the food safety inspections and verifications required by law.
  - Coordinate and communicate with VDACS regarding potential public health threats that relate to the ESF 11 mission.
  - If an animal bite occurs at a state operated shelter, communicate the incident and pertinent information to the appropriate agencies and coordinate the response.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.7.4 Department of Health Professions (VDHP)**

The Department of Health Professions is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Provide support through Health and Human Resources Secretariat agencies to mass care and sheltering missions that are within their normal scope of responsibilities.
- **ESF 8 Public Health and Medical**
  - Provide information on the licensing of qualified health care professionals.
  - Enforce standards of practice.
  - Provide information to practitioners and consumers on health care services.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.



- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.7.5 Department of Social Services (VDSS)**

The Department of Social Services is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 1 Transportation**
  - Coordinate with VDOT during mass evacuation and sheltering operations to provide information regarding opening and closing of state shelters along evacuation routes.
  - Coordinate with ESF 1 and ESF 7 for the return of transportation-dependent individuals in state shelter residents.
- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Coordinate activities assigned to ESF 6 in accordance with this Plan including coordination of state-level sheltering and mass care operations.
  - Coordinate with ESF 17 for voluntary agency support of ESF 6 missions and state-level sheltering and mass care operations.
  - Support ESF 14 in transitioning shelter clients into appropriate housing solutions including providing casework services to shelter clients, as needed.
  - Provide information to the JIC to assist with event messaging regarding mass care operations.
  - Coordinate agency responsibilities assigned in the COV SCR Shelter Plan.
  - Ensure all ESF 6 activities, including state-level mass care and sheltering operations, comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
  - Provide support as outlined in the Commonwealth family assistance plan.
  - Identify facilities for state shelters.
  - Prior to the declaration of an emergency, coordinate with the DGS Division of Engineering and Buildings to perform the duties of the building official for all state-owned buildings or structures designated for use as an emergency shelter under § 36-98.1 of the *Code of Virginia* notwithstanding any other provisions of the Code of Virginia to the contrary.
- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Coordinate with VDACS for pet sheltering at state shelters.
- **ESF 14 Recovery**
  - Coordinate with VDEM and DHCD during mass sheltering events to facilitate case management for housing and relocation services for state shelter residents whose needs extend beyond 30 days.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Maintain the Virginia 2-1-1 System contract to provide a public information call center during disasters or emergencies.
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information

- Center using the Joint Information System.
- Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **Virginia Office of Volunteerism and Community Service**

- **ESF 17 Volunteer and Donations Management**
  - Provide volunteer resource support as needed.
  - Ensure programs and services comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.

#### **7.1.4.7.6. Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority**

The Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Provide support through Health and Human Resources Secretariat agencies to VEST missions that are within their normal scope of responsibilities.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.7.7 Virginia Board for People with Disabilities (VBPD)**

The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Provide support through Health and Human Resources Secretariat agencies to mass care and sheltering missions that are within their normal scope of responsibilities.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.7.8 Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)**

The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Provide support through Health and Human Resources Secretariat agencies to mass care and sheltering missions that are within their normal scope of responsibilities.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
  
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.7.9 Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VDBVI)**

The Department for the Blind and Visually Impaired is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Provide support through Health and Human Resources Secretariat agencies to mass care and sheltering missions that are within their normal scope of responsibilities.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
  
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.7.10 Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)**

The Department of Medical Assistance Services is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 14 Recovery**
  - Aid in the recovery of an impacted area by assisting in the coordination and delivery of physical and behavioral health care to the affected Medicaid population.
  
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information

Center using the Joint Information System.

- Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.7.11 Office of Children's Services (OCS)**

The Office of Children's Services is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Provide support through Health and Human Resources Secretariat agencies to mass care and sheltering missions that are within their normal scope of responsibilities.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
  
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.7.12 Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth**

The Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Provide support through Health and Human Resources Secretariat agencies to mass care and sheltering missions that are within their normal scope of responsibilities.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
  
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.8 SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES****7.1.4.8.1 Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering**
  - Support requests for public safety and security from the Virginia State Police that are within the agency's capabilities and within the parameters of other operational commitments, existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required
  - Provide regulatory guidance and technical engineering expertise to Dam owners and their engineers subject to the Dam Safety Act and Dam Safety Regulations, local, state and federal stakeholders, as well as emergency management and public safety personnel.
  - Provide regulatory guidance and technical expertise related to floodplain management to local, state and federal stakeholders and assistance with substantial damage estimates during recovery.
  
- **ESF 4 Firefighting**
  - Provide available personnel for fire suppression operations. Develop firefighting hand crews or chain saw crews and crew leaders with training in basic fire control, chain saw use and safety.
  - Provide crew boss training for personnel who will supervise crews.
  - Provide law enforcement officers for traffic control and security measures and assist in fire investigations.
  - Provide available equipment to support suppression operations.
  - Assist in repair and maintenance of fire tools and equipment as resources allow.
  
- **ESF 9 Search and Rescue**
  - Support requests for SAR assets within their capabilities and within the parameters of other operational commitments, existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required.
  
- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Natural heritage resource protection.
  - Water quality protection.
  - Provide advice and support to VDACS for protection of endangered plant and insect species.
  - Provide advice and guidance related to the response, recovery and restoration of natural area preserves and state parks that are affected by a disaster event.
  
- **ESF 13 Public Safety and Security**
  - Support requests for public safety and security from the VSP that are within the agency's capabilities and within the parameters of other operational commitments, existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required.

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.8.2 Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**

The Department of Environmental Quality is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering**
  - Provide technical assistance to wastewater treatment facilities on mitigation, response, and recovery strategies leading up to, during, and following a disaster situation.
  - Provide regulatory direction and technical assistance associated with wastewater treatment plants, collection systems, and land application of wastewater.
  - Track status of damaged waste water treatment plants and share information with VDH and other agencies as necessary.
  - Conduct and/or oversee field investigations and sampling activities to assess environmental conditions and source water quality during emergency operations
  - Provide the required interface with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other federal agencies during emergency operations.
- **ESF 8 Public Health and Medical**
  - Provide technical assistance and information on the environment including atmospheric release of hazardous materials and information on protective actions.
- **ESF 10 Oil and Hazardous Materials**
  - Support collection, analysis, and assessment of air and water quality samples.
  - Support collection, analysis, and assessment of meteorological data.
  - Provide technical assistance and information on environmental impacts resulting from the release of hazardous materials including recommendations for protective actions.
  - Provide technical and regulatory assistance regarding the removal, storage, and disposal of debris/wastes.
  - Provide technical advice on countermeasure strategies to address real or potential environmental impacts relating to an emergency/disaster.
  - Assist with Category A incident response, especially waste management, treatment and disposal; land protection (assess soil contamination due to releases)
- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Provide regulatory and technical assistance regarding air and water quality protection.
  - Coordinate and provide expertise to VDACS and VDH regarding policies on animal wastes and waste water disposal at state and local pet shelters.

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.8.3 Department of Game and Inland Fisheries**

The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 2 Communication**
  - Provide personnel, equipment, supplies, and expertise as requested by the VEST to support communication operations and other requests for assistance.
- **ESF 4 Firefighting**
  - Provide personnel to support fire suppression activities to include law enforcement personnel for traffic control and security
  - Provide equipment for transportation of firefighters (to include four wheel drive vehicles, boats, etc.).
- **ESF 8 Public Health and Medical**
  - Assist VDH with investigation of zoonotic disease outbreaks.
  - Manage wildlife populations to minimize impacts on human and animal populations.
  - Monitor wildlife populations for event related impacts.
- **ESF 9 Search and Rescue**
  - Support requests for SAR assets within their capabilities and within the parameters of other operational commitments, existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required.
- **ESF 10 Oil and Hazardous Materials**
  - Assess impacts and coordinate wildlife recovery efforts.
- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Protection of endangered species.
  - Monitor impacts on threatened and endangered species.
  - During recovery phase, utilize facilities to support reestablishment of damaged wildlife populations.
- **ESF 13 Public Safety and Security**
  - Support requests for public safety and security from the Virginia Department of State Police that are within the agency's capabilities and within the parameters of other operational commitments, existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required.

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.8.4 Department of Historic Resources (DHR)**

The Department of Historic Resources is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering**
  - In coordination with DGS, assess and develop strategies to protect, stabilize, and restore buildings and facilities of historic significance.
- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Identify and evaluate cultural and historic resources and assist federal, state, tribal, and local authorities in assessing damage to and appropriate protection, conservation, rehabilitation, and restoration or mitigation of damage to cultural historic resources.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.8.5 Virginia Marine Resources Commission**

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 2 Communication**
  - Provide personnel and equipment to support a 24-hour dispatch operation as a secondary means of communication. Dispatch operations should support State Agency Radio System (STARS).
- **ESF 4 Firefighting**
  - Provide boats, fixed winged aircraft, and four-wheel drive vehicles for transportation of fire fighters and equipment.
  - Provide law enforcement personnel for traffic control, security, and fire investigation.
- **ESF 9 Search and Rescue**
  - Support requests for SAR assets within their capabilities and within the parameters of other operational commitments, existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required.



- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Coordinate and provide expertise regarding air and water quality protection.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.9 SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY**

##### **7.1.4.9.1 Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Authority (VABC)**

The Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Authority is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 13 Public Safety and Security**
  - Support requests for public safety and security from the Virginia Department of State Police that are within the agency's capabilities and within the parameters of other operational commitments, existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

##### **7.1.4.9.2 Department of Corrections (DOC)**

The Department of Corrections is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 4 Firefighting**
  - Provide personnel, to include inmates within security limitations for support of fire suppression operations.
- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services and Housing Referral**
  - Coordinate agency responsibilities assigned in the COV SCR Shelter Plan.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
- **ESF 7 Logistics**
  - Provide staffing for the Logistics Section and provide resources when applicable.
- **ESF 13 Public Safety and Security**
  - Support requests for public safety and security from the Virginia Department of

State Police that are within the agency's capabilities and within the parameters of other operational commitments, existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required.

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.9.3 Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)**

The Department of Criminal Justice Services is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services and Housing Referral**
  - Provide support as outlined in the Commonwealth family assistance plan.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
- **ESF 7 Logistics**
  - Provide staffing for the Logistics Section.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.9.4 Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)**

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management is assigned the following duties:

- **Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)**
  - Maintain the Virginia Emergency Operations Center, the facility from which the VEST coordinates responses to incidents. The VEOC houses the Situational Awareness Unit (SAU) and the Joint Information Center.
- **Situational Awareness Unit (SAU)**
  - The SAU, staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, coordinates day-to-day situational awareness, receives and issues alerts and warnings, supports resource management, operational planning, reporting, and external emergency communications for among Virginia's state and local emergency response agencies, federal agencies, and private sector partners.

- **VDEM Regional Support Divisions**
  - Deploy, as needed, VDEM regional staff to assist at the state emergency operations center, regional coordination centers, or local emergency operations centers to support state and local response or recovery operations.
  - Ensure Regional Support Divisions collaborate with localities and other stakeholders in the development of regional coordination plans.
  
- **ESF 2 Communication**
  - Coordinate state communications assets.
  
- **ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering**
  - Provide appropriate training and tools to help local and state agencies implement a debris management process and to prepare for the cost recovery processes required by FEMA.
  - Establish and coordinate the debris assessment and removal process following a disaster.
  - Develop a list of potential local, state, and federal contacts who may serve on the interagency, multi-disciplinary debris storage and reduction site selection teams.
  - Coordinate with the appropriate regulatory agencies regarding potential issues that may arise during disaster response and recovery and their possible resolution.
  - Assist state agencies, local governments, and other eligible applicants in the preparation and submission of federal disaster assistance grant applications.
  
- **ESF 5 Emergency Coordination, Information, And Planning**
  - Provide the informational link for VEOC operations and serve as the centralized repository for the receipt and analysis of local situation reports.
  - Provide communication (i.e. situational report) to all state agency Emergency Management Coordinators and VEST Liaison Officers and alternates on an at least daily basis when EOC is activated.
  - Provide a centralized location, the Virginia Emergency Operations Center, from which the governor or designee can coordinate emergency response and recovery operations.
  - Coordinate, activate, and direct state assets and capabilities to respond to an incident or hazard, and coordinate with local and tribal governments and other appropriate entities.
  - Coordinate planning activities including immediate, short-term, and long-range planning.
  - Develop, implement, and document implementation priorities, response planning, and operations planning.
  - Coordinate operations, activation, and deployment of assessment assets.
  - Coordinate overall VEST staffing at appropriate facilities.
  
- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Provide leadership and support as outlined in the Commonwealth family assistance plan.

- Coordinate VDEM's agency responsibilities assigned in the COV SCR Shelter Plan.
- Provide an Access and Functional Needs Coordinator for state mass care sites.
- Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
- **ESF 7 Logistics**
  - Assist local governments and state agencies with the provision of essential resources when requested via logistics programs (Statewide Mutual Aid, Emergency Management Assistance Compact, request management processes, procurement, etc.).
  - Manage disaster services contracts for goods and services.
  - Assists in the development of and provide support for resource and logistical requirements to support recovery efforts.
  - Provide staffing for the Logistics Section.
- **ESF 8 Public Health and Medical**
  - Provide guidance and technical support on ensuring equal access and assisting individuals with access and functional needs.
- **ESF 9 Search and Rescue**
  - Coordinate SAR efforts statewide to include the deployment and use of SAR assets to support operations at the local, state or federal level.
  - Lead ground SAR activities and wide area search missions.
  - Coordinate aerial SAR missions with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, Civil Air Patrol, Virginia Department of State Police, Virginia National Guard, and other aviation assets that may be available.
  - Coordinate maritime SAR with U.S. Coast Guard, Game and Inland Fisheries, and other maritime SAR agencies as appropriate.
  - Coordinate urban search and rescue (US&R) operations with state technical rescue teams, Virginia US&R Task Force 1, Virginia US&R Task Force 2, FEMA, the Virginia National Guard, and other US&R response agencies.
  - Assist with the coordination of SAR assets for national or international SAR incidents upon request.
  - Serve as the state-level coordinating agency (Search and Rescue Coordination Center) for incidents involving civil aircraft presumed lost over Virginia air space.
  - Provide on-scene or direct coordination of specific SAR incidents during a declared emergency including, but not limited to:
    - ♦ Any incident at the request of the local jurisdiction;
    - ♦ Any incident that involves on-scene multi-state jurisdictional coordination; and
    - ♦ Any high-profile incidents involving state coordinated assets as determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management or his/her designee.
- **ESF 10 Oil and Hazardous Materials**
  - Operate and maintain a state communications center to receive, prepare, and

disseminate notifications, warnings, and associated protective actions to local, state and federal agencies involved in the response.

- Deploy Hazardous Materials Officers (HMO) to an incident site to act as the State On-Scene Coordinator and provide guidance and coordination among on-scene agencies.
  - Provide manpower to support the collection, analysis, and assessment for spill response.
  - Coordinate needs assessment and damage assessment operations following an incident.
- **ESF 12 Energy**
    - Collect, evaluate, and share information on damaged energy systems and estimate the impact within the affected areas.
    - Coordinate the implementation of voluntary and mandatory energy conservation measures once the governor has declared a state of emergency.
- **ESF 14 Recovery**
    - Coordinate overall resources in order to maximize short-term recovery, individual assistance and other aid to citizens and business, support damage assessment processes, and assist in planning to transition to long-term recovery organization as required by the scope of the emergency or disaster.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
    - Coordinate with the news media, localities, and other stakeholders to promote emergency preparedness.
    - Activate the Virginia 2-1-1 System contract to provide a public information call center during disasters or emergencies.
    - Establish and coordinate a JIC for receiving and disseminating information to the public, state, and local public information officers during a disaster or emergency.
    - Establish the Virginia Public Information Center.
    - Manage information sharing with local and state elected officials through the Legislative Liaison function.
- **ESF 17 Volunteer and Donations Management**
    - Provide a Volunteer and Donations Coordinator to serve as the State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) and work in collaboration with the FEMA VAL.
    - Coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations (local, state, tribal, federal, and/or private-sector) to ensure unaffiliated volunteers and unsolicited donations are effectively managed or utilized during an incident.

#### **7.1.4.9.5 Department of Fire Programs**

The Department of Fire Programs is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 4 Firefighting**
  - Provide liaison as needed with local fire services.
  - Provide fire and specialized rescue support to incidents as needed or requested.

- Provide specialized training for structural fire suppression and advanced incident management as appropriate.
- **ESF 7 Logistics**
  - Provide staffing for the Logistics Section.
- **ESF 9 Search and Rescue**
  - Support requests for SAR assets within their capabilities and within the parameters of other operational commitments, existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.9.6 Virginia Department of State Police (VSP)**

The Virginia Department of State Police is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 1 Transportation**
  - Provide rotary and fixed wing aircraft for reconnaissance operations and transportation of personnel (aviation).
  - Identify communication requirements for the STARS state agencies involved. Assign specific STARS Talk-Groups to be used based on communication and agency participation assessments.
  - Develop a comprehensive communications plan based on NIMS/ICS Standards and submit ICS-205 and ICS-205T.
  - Deploy technical personnel for Mobile Command Posts and STARS Transportable Communications System (TCS).
  - Provide technical communications personnel for support of VEOC operations.
  - Coordinate communications requirements and activations of interoperable communications with other localities and agencies utilizing COMLINC, ORION, or other resources as made available in VEOC Operations Plan.
- **ESF 2 Communication**
  - Provide a technical communication representative to support communication operations.
  - Operate and maintain the STARS radio system.
  - Provide communications equipment and other resources as needed.
- **ESF 4 Firefighting**
  - Coordinate evacuation with VDOF, local governing officials and law enforcement personnel.

- Provide back-up field communications and emergency radio repair.
  - Provide command post support.
  - Assist local law enforcement agencies in providing security, traffic control, and law enforcement at incident location.
  - Provide rotor and fixed wing aircraft for fire suppression and reconnaissance operations and transportation of fire personnel.
  - Assist in the investigation of fires.
- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services and Housing Referral**
    - Provide support as outlined in the Commonwealth family assistance plan.
    - Provide security at state-level shelters.
    - Coordinate agency responsibilities assigned in the COV SCR Shelter Plan.
    - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
- **ESF 8 Public Health and Medical**
    - Provide security for Strategic National Stockpile (SNS); secure movement of needed blood and blood product supply; and quarantine enforcement assistance, if necessary.
    - Establish an adult missing persons call center and assist in disposition of cases.
    - Share missing person data with appropriate agencies in support of identification of the dead and seriously wounded.
    - Supports local death scene investigations and evidence recovery.
    - Conduct casualty notification services when requested by the OCME.
- **ESF 9 Search and Rescue**
    - Support requests for SAR assets within their capabilities and within the parameters of other operational commitments, existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required.
- **ESF 13 Public Safety and Security**
    - Provide law enforcement personnel and services at the incident location including life-saving actions, scene security, investigative services, and initial assessment of the need for additional resources.
    - Assist local law enforcement to provide personnel and specialized services to include but not limited to field communications, aircraft support, and command post resources.
    - Provide a coordinated response effort during disaster incidents through the allocation of personnel in security staffing, traffic control, and evacuation procedures.
    - Provide primary and supportive investigative services throughout the Commonwealth.
    - Request other ESF 13 agencies to participate in intelligence sharing and the allocation of specific resources, as necessary.
    - Maintain and operate the Virginia Fusion Center to mitigate intelligence gaps and

ensure sharing of resources, expertise, and information between all levels of local, state, and federal partners to identify, detect, prevent, and respond to terrorist and criminal activity.

- The Virginia Fusion Center shall provide timely intelligence, analysis, and information sharing among all response agencies.
- The Virginia Fusion Center shall support and staff the Planning Section Intel Group, or staff an Intel Section, depending on the incident organization, as requested.
- Provide investigative and technical support during biological/chemical attacks and HAZMAT situations in a variety of environments.
  
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.9.7 Commonwealth's Attorney's Services Council**

The Commonwealth's Attorney's Services Council is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.9.8 Department of Forensic Science**

The Department of Forensic Science is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.9.9 Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)**

The Department of Juvenile Justice is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to



their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.9.10 Virginia Parole Board**

The Virginia Parole Board is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

### **7.1.4.10 SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION**

#### **7.1.4.10.1 Department of Aviation**

The Department of Aviation is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 1 Transportation**
  - Perform airlift missions in direct support of the VEOC during emergency response and recovery.
  - Provide and/or coordinate air transportation resources for the transport of essential goods via air as appropriate.
  - Provide aerial survey and reconnaissance to support public safety operations.
  - Provide an initial damage assessment report to ESF 1 in the VEOC within the required timeline of damages to air carrier and/or general aviation airports, airplanes, and airport facilities in the disaster area, excluding military or other federally owned property or facilities.
- **ESF 4 Firefighting**
  - Provide air transportation and support, fire detection, and reconnaissance operations when requested.
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.10.2 Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**

The Department of Motor Vehicles is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 1 Transportation**
  - Coordinate the transport of essential goods and people over all modes in support of VEOC operations during emergency operations and recovery.

- **ESF 13 Public Safety and Security**
  - Support requests for public safety and security from the Virginia Department of State Police that are within the agency's capabilities and within the parameters of other operational commitments, existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required.
  - Provide driver license and vehicle registration information to law enforcement for investigatory purposes.
  
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.10.3 Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)**

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 1 Transportation**
  - Coordinate with railroad companies to maintain the system, to include restoration following an emergency or disaster.
  - Provide an initial damage assessment report to ESF 1 representative in the VEOC within the required timeline of damages to the state railway system.
  - Coordinate with public transport agencies to request assistance needed for recovery.
  
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.10.4 Department of Transportation (VDOT)**

The Department of Transportation is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 1 Transportation**
  - Implement VDOT Emergency Operations Plan, when required.
  - Maintain the state highway system, to include debris clearance and removal from highways, roads, bridges, and state-owned property.
  - Restore highways, roads, and bridges that are a responsibility of the VDOT; and assist cities and counties in the restoration of highways, roads and bridges, upon request (accounts receivable basis).
  - Facilitate, in coordination with the State Police and affected local governments, traffic movement during a large-scale evacuation and re-entry.
  - Provide an Initial Damage Assessment report within 72 hours of damages to state

- highways, roads, and bridges to the VEST.
  - Coordinate requests for federal assistance for debris or wreckage removal from VDOT property.
  - Provide ground transportation, back-up communications, and other available resources as needed in support of VEOC operations.
  - Operate and maintain the Field Operations Section, and keep it informed of all significant information, actions, and plans.
  - Appoint a VDOT Incident Commander to ensure the VDOT goals of opening the roadway(s) as quickly and safely as possible. The VDOT Incident Commander has the authority, responsibility, and commensurate accountability to be in charge of all VDOT activities associated with the incident.
  - Provide for damage assessment and hazard mitigation surveys for highways, roads, and bridges in the state system.
  - Coordinate emergency engineering services for highway operations.
  - Provide back-up communications to support emergency services activities.
  - Coordinate waivers and/or clearances for the expedient but safe highway clearance for oversized and overweight vehicles.
  - Conduct emergency demolition, except demolition from private property, unless the structure poses a safety hazard to the traveling public. (The phrase demolition here refers to any extraordinary uses of explosives, beyond what might be considered normal for removal of debris/wreckage. Such request will likely emanate from the VEOC and be accomplished in coordination with other state agencies).
  - Prioritize identification of evacuation routes.
- **ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering**
    - Pre-identify critical routes throughout the state, in cooperation with local governments.
    - Responsible for removing debris from state managed highways.
- **ESF 4 Firefighting**
    - Provide personnel to operate heavy equipment in fire suppression operations.
    - Develop and provide firefighting hand crews, dozer crews, chain saw crews, and crew boss/leaders.
    - Provide equipment; such as chain saws, bulldozers and water tankers.
    - Provide ground transportation for fire personnel.
    - Provide back-up field communications.
    - Provide mechanics for repair and support of fire equipment.
    - Provide fuel to support firefighting operations.
- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services and Housing Referral**
    - Coordinate agency responsibilities assigned in the COV SCR Shelter Plan.
    - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.

- **ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
  - Coordinate and provide expertise regarding road conditions and logistics, including food delivery and sheltering routes.
  - Provide ground transportation, back-up communications, and other available resources as needed in support of state EOC operations.
  
- **ESF 13 Public Safety and Security**
  - Facilitate, in coordination with the Virginia Department of State Police and affected local governments, traffic movement during emergencies and other incidents as required.
  
- **ESF 14 Recovery**
  - Maintain the state highway system, to include debris clearance and removal from highways, roads, bridges, and state-owned property.
  - Restore highways, roads, and bridges that are a responsibility of the VDOT; and assist cities and counties in the restoration of highways, roads, and bridges, upon request (accounts receivable basis).
  - Coordinate emergency engineering services for highway operations.
  
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

#### **7.1.4.10.5 Virginia Port Authority**

The Virginia Port Authority is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 1 Transportation**
  - Provide coordination with critical Virginia port facilities and federal port partners to restore damaged port facilities and ensure all main shipping channels are cleared and re-opened.
  - Provide an Initial Damage Assessment (IDA) report to ESF 1 in the VEOC within the required timeline of the disaster event of the status of the port's critical infrastructure and waterways, excluding military or other federally-owned property or facilities. The IDA will be developed from information gathered from federal, state, tribal, and local port partners.
  
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.10.6 Motor Vehicle Dealer Board**

The Motor Vehicle Dealer Board is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.10.7 Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority**

The Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.10.8 Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment**

The Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.11 SECRETARY OF VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS****7.1.4.11.1 Department of Military Affairs (DMA)**

The Department of Military Affairs is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 1 Transportation**
  - Assist in debris reduction if resources are available.
  - Provide military transportation in accordance with ESF 16 of the COVEOP and other supporting ESFs and support plans.
- **ESF 2 Communication**
  - Provide Tactical Communications Packages, Mobile Command Post, and Joint Incident Site Communication Capability (Mobile) to support communications for statewide coordination of emergency/disaster operations.

- **ESF 4 Firefighting**
  - Coordinate state military forces and resources employed in emergency fire suppression operations under the direction of VDOF.
  - Provide military support of back-up communications, area security and traffic control, heavy equipment, such as bulldozers and water supply, aerial reconnaissance, aerial cargo delivery, and water buckets.
  - In selected Virginia National Guard units, provide personnel for firefighting hand crews, dozer crews or chain saw crews and crew leaders with emergency onsite training in basic fire control, chain saw use and safety as necessary to support a response mission.
  
- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Coordinate agency responsibilities assigned in the COV SCR Shelter Plan.
  - Ensure all agency activities comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws.
  
- **ESF 8 Public Health and Medical**
  - Provide logistical support to public health/medical response including medical personnel for casualty clearing/staging and other missions as needed like aero-medical evacuation and medical treatment.
  - Provide emergency decontamination capabilities.
  - Provide chemical and radiological detection, identification, and monitoring capabilities.
  - Provide security for state shelters as available.
  
- **ESF 9 Search and Rescue**
  - Support requests for SAR assets within their capabilities and within the parameters of other operational commitments, existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required.
  
- **ESF 13 Public Safety and Security**
  - Provide physical security/critical infrastructure protection to including building security and sensitive site protection.
  - Provide civil disturbance response to include show of force and riot control agents.
  - Provide security and protection for dignitaries and work crews.
  - Provide traffic direction and control.
  - Provide escort emergency equipment, support joint patrols and ride-alongs, and transport law enforcement
  - Provide area security and patrols.
  - Provide security at custody facilities.
  - Provide reserve quick reaction force.
  
- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information

- Center using the Joint Information System.
- Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
- Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

- **ESF 16 Military Affairs**

- Joint Force Headquarters – Virginia (JFHQ-VA)*

- Serves as the DMA mission command element in all matters concerning Homeland Defense and National Guard Civil Support.
    - Gathers and compiles damage assessment information regarding JFHQ and VA National Guard facilities and assets and provides to ESF 16.
    - Works with ESF 7 to identify military support mission assignments that may be needed within the Commonwealth and maintains information regarding JFHQ resource and capabilities available for deployment.

- Joint Force Headquarters – Joint Operations Center (JFHQ-JOC)*

- Serve as the primary point of contact for JFHQ-VA for day-to-day operations and during DMA support of state emergency operations.

- Virginia Army National Guard*

- Maintain trained and equipped forces capable of performing federal and Commonwealth missions.

- Virginia Air National Guard*

- Maintain trained and equipped forces capable of performing its federal and Commonwealth missions.

- Virginia Defense Force*

- Maintain a force to augment staffing at JFHQ-VA, the VEOC, and ESF 16.

- 34th Civil Support Team*

- Maintain a trained, equipped, and certified team capable of assessing a suspected Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) attack, advising civilian responders on appropriate actions through on-site testing and expert consultation, and facilitating the arrival of additional state and federal military forces.

- CBRNE Response Force Package*

- Maintain elements that are trained and equipped to integrate into the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to plan and conduct casualty search and evacuation, medical triage and treatment, ambulatory and non-ambulatory decontamination, and fatality search and recovery.

**7.1.4.11.2 Department of Veterans Services (DVS)**

The Department of Veterans Services is assigned the following duties:

- **ESF 15 External Affairs**
  - Coordinate emergency-related public information with the Joint Information Center using the Joint Information System.
  - Provide staff to the Joint Information Center when requested.
  - Public Information Officers will distribute any disaster-related information to their partners, the public, and external audience when received.

**7.1.4.12 OTHER SUPPORTING AGENCIES**

The following agencies and organizations are assigned the following duties:

**7.1.4.12.1 Chesapeake Bay-Bridge Tunnel District**

- **ESF 1 Transportation:** Coordinate with ESF 1 in the VEOC and report the status of the CBBT and its impact on Virginia ports and highways.

**7.1.4.12.2 Office of the Attorney General (OAG)**

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral:** Provide support as outlined in the Commonwealth family assistance plan.

**7.1.4.12.3 Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (VCICF)**

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services and Housing Referral:** Provide support as outlined in the Commonwealth family assistance plan.

**7.1.4.12.4 State Corporation Commission (SCC)**

- **ESF 12 Energy**
  - Monitor natural gas supplies, including establishing alert points where increased emergency preparedness would be taken.
  - Provide liaison with federal agencies and the natural gas industry to provide the earliest possible warning of shortages.
  - Develop and maintain priorities and rules for curtailment and allocation procedures for natural gas.
  - Develop and maintain priorities and rules for voluntary and mandatory conservation procedures for natural gas.
  - Develop and maintain procedures for special hardship appeals of curtailment and conservation procedures for natural gas.
  - Provide guidance to the VEST as to the extent of shortages, as a basis of recommending to the Department of Environmental Quality the need to



temporarily waive air pollution control regulations to allow industrial boilers and furnaces to switch to less clean, heavy oil products.

- Be prepared to request cooperation from railroads in expediting movement of propane cars, both empty and loaded.
  - Keep the public fully informed on all matters pertaining to a natural gas shortage.
  - Monitor utility fuel supplies and reserves, including establishing alert points where increased emergency preparations would be taken.
  - Provide liaison with federal agencies and the electric power industry to provide the earliest possible warning of shortages.
  - Monitor power supply and demand during critical periods.
  - Develop and maintain priorities and rules for curtailment procedures.
  - In situations where widespread system infrastructure damage occurs, the SCC will work with utilities to implement a restoration strategy.
  - Develop and maintain voluntary and mandatory conservation procedures to be implemented during a shortage.
  - Assist with the legal interpretations of all orders as requested by the VEOC.
  - Keep the public fully informed on all matters pertaining to an electric power shortage.
  - Acting as the interstate pipeline agent, the SCC will coordinate with pipeline companies, other states, and federal/state emergency agencies regarding product disruptions resulting from pipeline distribution and/or system failures. Additionally, the SCC shall be the clearinghouse on communications with pipeline company officials and emergency response agencies regarding the status of the emergency and the current condition of the pipeline.
- **ESF 14 Recovery**
    - Monitor the restoration of electric power and natural gas services and assist in the acquisition of information related to the energy infrastructure of a site.

#### **7.1.4.12.5 Economic Crisis Strike Force**

- **ESF 14 Recovery**
  - Provide a single point of contact for citizens in affected communities to assist with accessing available government and private sector services and resources.
  - Assist localities in developing short-term and long-term strategies for addressing the economic crisis.
  - Identify opportunities for workforce retraining, job creation, and new investment.

#### **7.1.4.12.6 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

FEMA assists the state in response and recovery operations and provides assistance to disaster survivors. FEMA coordinates with VDEM for the delivery of disaster assistance and implementation of federal programs.

#### **7.1.4.12.7 Other Federal agencies**

When requested and within their statutory authority, other federal agencies may become a part of the Commonwealth's emergency management organization for one or more incidents.

### **7.2 Localities**

Local jurisdictions are required to have an emergency management organization as defined in § 44-146.19 of the *Code of Virginia*. Every political subdivision within the Commonwealth is responsible for local disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery and is required to have a director of emergency management and coordinator of emergency management or coordinator of emergency services in towns with a population over 5,000. Complete language can be found at Code of Virginia § 44-146.19.

Localities will utilize locally-available personnel, materials, equipment, and facilities in response, and recovery operations for events impacting their jurisdiction. Non-impacted localities may be requested to provide assistance through the Statewide Mutual Aid Program.

In addition to the authorities and responsibilities found in statute, the local jurisdiction:

- Shall identify a primary party responsible for managing emergencies within their jurisdiction.
- Is responsible for coordinating local resources to respond to and recover from all types of incidents.
- Is responsible for coordinating all actions related to shelter-in-place orders.
- Ensures that local actions comply with state and federal non-discrimination laws and regulations to protect the safety of individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs and ensure equal access to programs and services.
- Will receive and fulfill requests for assistance from entities including, but not necessarily limited to, nursing homes, colleges, universities, and independent authorities within their jurisdiction until local capabilities have been exceeded or exhausted.
- Will coordinate with state and federal officials after a disaster to implement recovery and mitigation strategies and programs including debris management.
- Should form strong partnerships with citizen groups and organizations that provide support for response, recovery, and mitigation such as Community Emergency Response Teams and Medical Reserve Corps.

### **7.3 Non-Governmental Organizations**

Non-governmental organizations, including voluntary organizations, are critical to the Commonwealth's response and recovery operations. The organization may provide specific disaster relief services in cooperation with state or local officials including, but not limited to, collaborating with first responders and governments at all levels, working with other agencies and organizations to provide relief services, reducing the physical and emotional distress of responders and survivors, and assisting with the recovery of disaster victims.

### **7.3.1 Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)**

- **ESF 2 Communication**
  - Provide a secondary means of communications for statewide direction and coordination of emergency/disaster operations.

### **7.3.2 Professional Engineers Emergency Response Team (PERT)**

- **ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering**
  - Assess the scope of damages and estimate repair costs in the following categories: debris clearance, emergency protective measures, road systems, water control facilities, buildings and equipment, and public utility systems.

### **7.3.3 Virginia Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (VAWARN)**

- **ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering**
  - Provide equipment, supplies, and personnel (by resource type) to other VA WARN members without the need for an emergency declaration by the governor or President.

### **7.3.4 Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VAVOAD)**

- **ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Human Services, and Housing Referral**
  - Coordinates activities of volunteer organizations in support of ESF 6.
  - Provide support as outlined in the Commonwealth family assistance plan.
- **ESF 8 Public Health and Medical**
  - Provide specific health and/or medical support or response teams in emergencies based on their charters and authorities.
- **ESF 14 Recovery**
  - Coordinate with VDEM, DHCD, VDSS, and other agencies in bringing together voluntary, religious, and civic organizations to assist in meeting specific housing, sheltering, and personal needs for people affected by disasters.
- **ESF 17 Volunteer and Donations Management**
  - Assist with the coordination of members, partners and regional VOAD members.
  - Provide voluntary resource support as needed.

### **7.3.5 Civil Air Patrol (CAP)**

- **ESF 9 Search and Rescue**
  - Support requests for SAR missions within their capabilities and within the parameters of existing agreements, protocols, and statutes as required.

### **7.3.6 Virginia Search and Rescue Council**

- **ESF 9 Search and Rescue**
  - Volunteer SAR organizations who hold a Memorandum of Understanding with VDEM, and are affiliated with the Virginia Search and Rescue Council, provide resources and assistance to local, state, and federal agencies in accordance with existing agreements, operational procedures, or statutes upon request for services to the SRCC.

## **7.4 Private Sector**

### **7.4.1 Private Sector Partners**

Private sector organizations are also critical to the response and recovery operations of the Commonwealth. Private-sector entities provide response resources (donated or compensated) during an incident, including specialized teams, essential services, equipment, and advanced technologies. These resources are typically provided through local public-private emergency plans, mutual aid and assistance agreements, or in response to requests from government and non-governmental volunteer initiatives.

As requested and available, private sector partners may support the VEST by:

- Providing disaster relief services in cooperation with state or local officials;
- Participating in the planning process;
- Sharing information;
- Identifying risks;
- Performing vulnerability assessments;
- Developing emergency response and business continuity plans;
- Enhancing their overall readiness;
- Implementing appropriate prevention and protection programs; and
- Donating or otherwise providing goods and services through contractual arrangement or government purchases.

### **7.4.2 Affected organizations or critical infrastructure**

Private sector organizations including privately-owned critical infrastructure, key resources, and other private sector entities that are significant to local, regional, and national economic recovery, may be affected by direct or indirect consequences of an incident. Critical infrastructure and key resources provide essential functions and services supporting various aspects of the Commonwealth's government, economy, and society.

### **7.4.3 Regulated and/or responsible party**

Owners and operators of certain regulated facilities or hazardous operations may be legally responsible for preparing for and preventing incidents from occurring and

responding to an incident once it occurs. For example, federal regulations require owners and operators of nuclear power plants to maintain emergency plans and facilities, and to perform assessments, prompt notifications, and training for response to an incident.

#### **7.4.4 Other roles**

Private-sector organizations may serve as an active partner in local and state emergency management organizations. As the key element of the state economy, private-sector resilience and continuity of operations planning, as well as recovery and restoration from an actual incident, represent essential emergency management activities.

#### **7.4.5 Private sector partners with specific ESF roles**

The following private sector entities are listed as supporting agencies for ESF 12, but have not been assigned specific responsibilities assigned in the COVEOP:

- Virginia Electric Cooperatives;
- Dominion Virginia Power; and
- Appalachian Power Company

### **8. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

#### **8.1 Planning Coordination**

As required by the National Incident Management System, the Commonwealth coordinates with numerous agencies and organizations including state and local agencies, coordinating NGOs and private sector partners, and community stakeholders. This collaboration provides a system for coordination of planning, training, equipping, and other preparedness requirements.

The following entities are critical to the Commonwealth's preparedness efforts including the development and maintenance of this Plan:

- The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security (SPSHS)  
VDEM reports to the SPSHS per § 2.2-221 of the *Code of Virginia*. SPSHS works with federal, state, tribal, and local officials as well as the private sector to develop a seamless, coordinated security and preparedness strategy for implementation of this Plan and appropriate state-level response efforts; and
- Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)  
§ 44-146.18 of the *Code of Virginia* assigns the Virginia Department of Emergency Management the responsibility to:
  - Prepare and maintain the COVEOP for disaster response and recovery operations that assigns primary and support responsibilities for basic emergency services functions to state agencies, organizations, and personnel as appropriate; and
  - Coordinate and administer the disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery plans and programs with the proponent federal, state, tribal, and local government agencies and related groups.

## **8.2 Plan Implementation**

This plan is effective for execution upon and pursuant to the Executive Order promulgating the COVEOP. The State Coordinator will ensure that this document is subject to a minimum of an annual maintenance review and update based upon selective evaluations, after action reports, and new guidance. Additionally, following a VEST activation for an event, the State Coordinator may request a review of the COVEOP to ensure incorporation of the results of an after action review and/or new guidance or policies.

## **8.3 Plan Testing, Training, and Exercises**

Responsible state agencies, and coordinating NGOs and private sector partners will conduct training to ensure the COVEOP can be effectively implemented in a timely manner.

VDEM, in coordination with the VEST, will conduct an annual exercise or a series of exercises of the COVEOP. Exercises may include multiple agencies, jurisdictions, NGOs, and private sector partners. Additionally, the VEST will participate with FEMA and Dominion Energy in an annual exercise of the Radiological Response Annex. Any deficiencies, findings, areas recommended for corrective action, or improvement arising from these exercises, or any other exercises coordinated from the VEOC, will be considered and corrected by appropriate training, plan update, and/or demonstration in any subsequent exercise or postulated event.

VDEM has developed and instituted an after action review (AAR) process in which all VEST agencies participate. Local government, NGOs, and private sector partner representatives are encouraged to participate in the AAR process.

## **8.4 Plan Maintenance**

VDEM is responsible for maintaining the COVEOP. The COVEOP is continually reviewed and periodically updated as required to incorporate federal policy changes, gubernatorial directives, legislative changes, and operational changes based on lessons learned from exercises and actual events. The COVEOP will be reviewed and adopted in its entirety by the governor at least every four years.

This section outlines protocols for interim changes and full updates of the COVEOP. A COVEOP Management Standard Operating Procedure has been adopted to further define these protocols. Changes include additions of new or supplementary material and deletions. No proposed change should contradict or override authorities or other plans.

Any state agency or coordinating NGOs or private sector partners may propose and develop a change to the COVEOP. VDEM is responsible for coordinating review of the proposed change among the lead and support agencies, NGOs, and private sector partners of each affected ESF and any associated agency program areas, as required. If VDEM identifies planning needs that require immediate resolution, or at the request of a state agency, VDEM may convene a COVEOP Plan Committee and revise areas of the Plan identified by the committee.

Interim changes to the COVEOP that are administrative in nature may be approved by the State Coordinator. Major revisions or full updates will be sent to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security for review and concurrence prior to submitting the plan to the governor for approval. After receiving approval by the governor, major revisions will be promulgated by Executive Order.

The VDEM procedure for changes to the COVEOP includes:

- Obtaining the official approval for the change from the appropriate officials of the affected agencies, NGOs, and private sector partners;
- Notifying and receiving approval from the governor or his/her designee for all requested changes;
- Ensuring appropriate notifications about changes are made; and
- Maintenance of a record of changes.

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## **PART 2: VIRGINIA EMERGENCY SUPPORT TEAM ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS**

### **1. VEST ORGANIZATION**

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) hosts the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), which respond to calls for assistance from local governments throughout the Commonwealth. Representatives from state, federal, private, and nonprofit groups work together at the VEOC to form the VEST. As the statewide emergency management coordination and support mechanism, the VEST utilizes a National Incident Management System (NIMS) based framework to facilitate command and coordination, resource management, and communications and information management. In accordance with the NIMS guiding principles of flexibility, standardization, and unity of effort, the VEST implements a blended Incident Command System (ICS) and Emergency Support Function (ESF) structure. Although ICS is primarily used by field responders to manage a single incident, the concepts of command and control and a common language enhance communication between field and EOC personnel. The ESF structure facilitates a multidisciplinary approach to fulfilling requests for support and technical expertise within each of the critical response and recovery components, such as public safety, mass care, or public works and engineering. The integration of both well-established models maximizes internal and external VEST coordination activities.

The VEST is organized into six sections according to specific, operational roles. These sections are described below and the VEST Organizational Chart appears in Appendix A.

#### **1.1 Direction, Control, and Coordination**

##### **1.1.1 Governor**

The governor, or designee, may direct and control state emergency operations from the VEOC as the Incident Commander. The governor provides guidance to VEST command personnel on policy and governance issues such as emergency declarations, large-scale evacuations, access to extraordinary funding, and waivers to ordinances and regulations. Prior to a declaration, the governor or his designee (with or without the recommendation of the State Coordinator) may authorize the deployment of Virginia National Guard and/or the Virginia Defense Force. The State Coordinator will be notified of all authorization approvals, including any limitations not specified in the Virginia Code, either directly from the governor, the governor's designee, or through the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security.

##### **1.1.2 State Coordinator**

The State Coordinator, as the Deputy Incident Commander, is the governor's designee to coordinate the state's response to all emergencies and disasters. The State Coordinator leads the command and control function by establishing the incident goals and objectives that drive VEST support and coordination activities. The State Coordinator advises the governor regarding issues such as emergency declarations, large-scale evacuations and public messaging.

### 1.1.3 VEST Command Personnel

Additional command and control personnel, including the VEST Director and Leads, utilize NIMS concepts such as management by objectives and incident coordination planning to implement the COVEOP and applicable hazard specific annexes and support plans. Command personnel work with the ESFs and VEST Sections to gather information necessary for the State Coordinator to advise and inform the governor appropriately.

- The VEST Director determines the initial VEST status level, based on the potential impacts of an incident and determines the appropriate staffing levels and activation timing.
- The VEST Leads report to the VEST Director and are responsible for ensuring that VEST operations are effectively meeting the incident goals and objectives established by the State Coordinator.

### 1.1.4 VEST Staffing

The staffing pattern for the VEST varies depending on the nature, size, and scope of the incident. Staffing of the VEST may continue throughout the recovery phase of the incident. State agency membership in the VEST is formally defined by the COVEOP, but additional agencies may be called upon to provide specific technical expertise as the need presents itself and in accordance with Title 44 of the *Code of Virginia*.

### 1.1.5 ESF 5 Emergency Management

The VEST Command and General Staff make up ESF 5. The Command and General Staff includes the State Coordinator, VEST Director, VEST Team Lead, Health and Safety Officer, and Access and Functional Needs Chief. ESF 5 coordinates and supports the overall activities of state government as related to emergency management. It provides the core management and administrative functions in support of the state emergency operations center, field operations, and the overall implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP).

The conceptual framework and coordinating principles underlying the COVEOP are always in effect whether or not the plan has been formally activated by the State Coordinator, ESF 5 is not always operational in the same context. The lead agency for ESF 5, VDEM, has additional responsibilities and related duties during times when the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) is not activated. All departments and agencies of the Commonwealth are Supporting Agencies of ESF 5.

Emergency Support Function 5 core staff is comprised of VDEM staff during normal operations and the VEST during enhanced, partial, and full activations, and recovery operations.

Emergency Support Function 5 activities include, but are not limited to:

- Alert and notification;
- Staff augmentation;
- Coordination of response and recovery operations;
- Deployment of emergency response and recovery resources;

- Incident action planning;
- Direction and control; and
- Information management.

## **1.2 Joint Information Center**

In the Joint Information Center (JIC), Public Information Officers (PIO) from state agencies work together to ensure the most accurate, up-to-date information is available to the public. Information is disseminated from the JIC through Emergency Alert System messages, news releases, and media interviews.

### **1.2.1 ESF 15: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

The JIC performs the functions of ESF 15.

#### **1.2.1.1 Purpose & Scope**

ESF 15 ensures sufficient staffing of the Joint Information Center to provide accurate, coordinated, and timely information to affected audiences during a potential or actual incident. The affected audiences include state agencies and local governments, elected officials, the media, the private sector, and the local populace.

#### **1.2.1.2 Lead Agency**

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

#### **1.2.1.3 Supporting Agencies**

All Agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia

## **1.3 Planning Section**

During a disaster, critical information is distilled at regular intervals to document the actions, plans, and decisions of responders. This data informs situation reports, spot reports, and briefings for the governor and other decision-makers, to maintain situation and resource status. Initiates future planning as directed.

## **1.4 Logistics Section**

Requests for assistance may involve the flow of personnel, equipment, and services from place to place. The Logistics Section supports requests for assistance using technology, information, transportation, inventory, warehousing, material handling, and packaging. This section coordinates the movement of resources, the acquisition of resources using emergency procurement processes, and filling or requesting resources from the federal government, private sector, or from other states through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

The Logistics Section performs the functions of ESF 7.

### **1.4.1 ESF 7: LOGISTICS**

#### **1.4.1.1 Purpose & Scope**

The mission of ESF 7 is to manage and provide resources in support of emergency response and recovery operations. ESF 7 accomplishes this mission in coordination with

other ESFs, local governments, federal government, and private sector partners.

ESF 7 consists of, but is not limited to, emergency relief supplies, facility space, office equipment, office supplies, telecommunications, contracting services, transportation services, security services, and personnel required to support response activities.

ESF 7 provides support for requests not supportable by other ESFs, including mutual aid and excess and surplus property. Resource management will continue until the disposition of excess and surplus property, if any, is completed. For the purposes of this document, “resource management” refers to, but is not limited to, the provision of personnel, facilities, services, and materials.

#### **1.4.1.2 Lead Agency**

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM):

#### **1.4.1.3 Support Agencies**

Department of Corrections (DOC)

Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)

Virginia Department of Fire Program (VDFP)

Department of General Services (DGS)

#### **1.4.1.4 Essential Elements of Information for Logistics**

<i>Resources deployed</i>	Green	Normal
	Yellow	Minor issues
	Red	Significant issues
<i>Number of missions</i>	Green	Within state capacity
	Yellow	Approaching state capacity
	Red	Beyond state capacity
<i>VEOC IT infrastructure</i>	Green	Fully functional
	Yellow	Minor/moderate impact
	Red	Impacting operations
<i>EMAC</i>	Green	No Request(s)/Requests Filled
	Yellow	Resource(s) Requested
	Red	Unmet Need(s)
<i>Federal actions/requests for assistance</i>	Green	No Request(s)/Requests Filled
	Yellow	Resource(s) Requested
	Red	Unmet Need(s)

### **1.5 Finance and Administration Section**

Provides overall financial management and administration support to assist in incident management activities. This includes monitoring costs associated with an incident, analyzing disaster costs for funding requests, and providing financial status reports to leadership.

### **1.6 Operations Section**

The Operations Section is divided into a Regional Support Branch and ESF branches.

The VEST's emergency response activities, from sheltering to recovery, are categorized into Emergency Support Functions (ESFs). These ESFs work together to track status updates, actions, and resource requests. The ESFs are divided into three branches according to their operational roles: Emergency Services, Infrastructure, and Human Services. The status of each ESF is measured by Essential Elements of Information (EEIs) identified as critical to rapidly assessing situation and needs. Each branch is outlined below with its ESFs, a broad statement of purpose and scope, lead and supporting agencies, and EEI measures.

#### **1.6.1 Regional Support Branch**

The Regional Support Branch coordinates directly with seven VDEM regions, which work directly with local jurisdictions to ensure a fast, agile, and integrated approach when responding to and recovering from disasters. Regional Support Branch may be subdivided as required to maintain an adequate span of control. Each VDEM region may, depending on the scale of the incident, establish a Regional Coordination Center (RCC). The RCC will coordinate the regional movement of resources to support incident response, and report through the Regional Support Branch to the VEOC.

#### **1.6.2 Emergency Services Branch**

The Emergency Services Branch coordinates the delivery of public safety, health and medical, and other life-safety and security services during incidents. This branch includes the ESFs listed below.

##### **1.6.2.1 ESF 4: FIREFIGHTING**

###### **1.6.2.1.1 Purpose and Scope**

ESF 4 monitors and supports firefighting activities, including the detection and suppression of fires on all private, state, and federal lands and provides resource support as needed.

###### **1.6.2.1.2 Lead Agencies**

Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VD FP)

Virginia Department of Forestry (VD OF)

###### **1.6.2.1.3 Support Agencies**

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Department of Corrections (DOC)  
 Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF)  
 Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC)  
 Virginia Department of State Police (VSP)  
 Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME)  
 Department of Aviation (DOA)

#### **1.6.2.1.4 Essential elements of information for Firefighting Operations**

Green: Normal Operations  
 Yellow: Minor Incident, Single Jurisdiction  
 Red: Major Fire Response, Multi-Jurisdiction

#### **1.6.2.2 ESF 9: SEARCH AND RESCUE**

##### **1.6.2.2.1 Purpose and Scope**

ESF 9 rapidly deploys components of the SAR Response System to provide specialized life-saving assistance to local jurisdictions during any type of incident. Search and Rescue activities include locating, accessing, stabilizing, and transporting lost, missing, stranded, or trapped subjects to a place of safety or another provider within the chain of the emergency response system. Mission assignments are divided into three primary operational environments of Search and Rescue:

- Land Search and Rescue;
- Maritime Search and Rescue; and
- Catastrophic Incident Search and Rescue.

##### **1.6.2.2.2 Lead Agency**

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

##### **1.6.2.2.3 Supporting Agencies**

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)  
 Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VD FP)  
 Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)  
 Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF)  
 Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC)  
 Virginia Department of State Police (VSP)  
 Department of Military Affairs (DMA)  
 Civil Air Patrol (CAP)  
 Virginia Search and Rescue Council Organizations

##### **1.6.2.2.4 EEIs for all Search and Rescue Operations**

<i>SAR Incidents</i>	Green	No Missions
	Yellow	Needs Met
	Red	USAR, Technical, Structural Collapse, Marine, Additional Resources Requested

### 1.6.2.3 ESF 10: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

#### 1.6.2.3.1 Purpose and Scope

ESF 10 coordinates and directs state support in response to an actual or potential discharge and/or uncontrolled release of oil or hazardous materials. The Virginia Hazardous Materials Response Plan serves as the basis for all actions taken by ESF 10.

The federal government has concurrent jurisdiction and may also respond to oil and hazardous materials incidents using the mechanisms of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) (found at 40 CFR 300, *et. seq.*) without activating ESF 10. Federal authority stems from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act (CERCLA) and authorities granted by the federal government.

Hazardous materials are defined under §44-146.34 of the *Code of Virginia* as substances or materials that may pose unreasonable risks to health, safety, property, or the environment when used, transported, stored or disposed of, which may include materials that are solid, liquid, or gas. Hazardous materials may include toxic substances, flammable and ignitable materials, explosives, corrosive materials, chemical and biological substances, and radioactive materials. This includes those substances or materials in a form or quantity, that may pose an unreasonable risk to health, safety, or property when transported, and which the Secretary of Transportation of the United States has so designated by regulation or order.

#### 1.6.2.3.2 Lead Agencies

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)  
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

#### 1.6.2.3.3 Supporting Agencies

Virginia Department of Health (VDH)  
Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF)  
Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME)

#### 1.6.2.3.4 Essential Elements of Information for Each Type of Operation

<i>Hazardous Materials Incident</i>	Green	No Incidents
	Yellow	Local Resources/Controlled
	Red	Normal/No Spills
<i>Environmental Cleanup</i>	Green	Normal/No Spills
	Yellow	Low Impacts To Environment/Controlled
	Red	Significant Impact/Uncontrolled

### 1.6.2.4 ESF 13: PUBLIC SAFETY

**1.6.2.4.1 Purpose and Scope**

ESF 13 integrates state-level public safety and security capabilities and resources to support response activities associated with potential or actual incidents. ESF 13 coordinates and provides state support to local authorities to include non-investigative/non-criminal law enforcement, public safety, and security capabilities and resources during potential or actual incidents.

**1.6.2.4.2 Lead Agency**

Virginia Department of State Police (VSP)

**1.6.2.4.3 Supporting Agencies**

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)  
 Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)  
 Department of Corrections (DOC)  
 Department of Forestry (VDOT)  
 Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF)  
 Department of Military Affairs (DMA)  
 Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)  
 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

**1.6.2.4.4 EEIs for Each Type of Operation**

<i>Terror/Violence</i>	Green	Normal Threat
	Yellow	Heightened Threat
	Red	Active Incident
<i>Crashes</i>	Green	Normal or Below Normal
	Yellow	Minor Incidents (Localized)
	Red	Significant Incidents
<i>Major Incidents</i>	Green	Normal or Below Normal
	Yellow	Major Incidents (Localized)
	Red	Significant Incidents (Multiple)
<i>Other Items of Interest</i>	Green	Normal or Nothing of Interest
	Yellow	Minor Items of Interest
	Red	Significant Items of Interest

**1.6.2.5 ESF 16: MILITARY AFFAIRS****1.6.2.5.1 Purpose and Scope**

ESF 16 integrates all supporting Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Military Affairs resources into the Commonwealth's coordinated response including response to hazards related to climate change and electromagnetic pulse (EMP). ESF 16 agencies may also be deployed to assist other states through the EMAC.



Activities within ESF 16, in coordination with Joint Force Headquarters – Virginia (JFHQ-VA) are specific to processing and fulfilling requests for DMA assistance in the areas of, but not limited to, command and control, transportation, engineering, communication, medical, logistics, security, aviation, maintenance, and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) response capabilities.

**1.6.2.5.2 Lead Agency**

Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

**1.6.2.5.3 Support Agencies and Organizations**

- Joint Force Headquarters – Virginia
- Joint Force Headquarters – Joint Operations Center (JFHQ-JOC)
- Virginia Army National Guard
- Virginia Air National Guard
- Virginia Defense Force
- 34th Civil Support Team (CST) CBRNE Response Force Package

**1.6.2.5.4 Essential Elements of Information for Each Type of Operation**

<i>Personnel Deployment Level</i>	Green	Demobilized
	Yellow	Mobilized in position
	Red	
<i>Mission Support</i>	Green	No missions
	Yellow	Standing up
	Red	Active mission ongoing

**1.6.3. Infrastructure Branch**

The Infrastructure Branch provides and coordinates technical assistance, public works services, and critical infrastructure monitoring during disasters. This branch includes the ESFs listed below.

**1.6.3.1 ESF 1: TRANSPORTATION**

**1.6.3.1 1 Purpose and Scope**

ESF 1 integrates the responsibilities of state agencies for the prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery, infrastructure restoration, safety, and security of all Commonwealth transportation infrastructures.

Activities within the scope of ESF 1 functions include:

- Processing and coordinating requests for transportation support as directed in this Plan;
- Reporting damage to transportation infrastructure as a result of the incident;
- Coordinating alternate transportation services;
- Assisting in evacuations;
- Coordinating the restoration and recovery of the transportation infrastructure;

- Performing activities conducted under the direct authority of state agencies; and
- Coordinating and supporting prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation among transportation infrastructure stakeholders at the local level.

**1.6.3.1.2 Lead Agency**

Virginia Department of Transportation

**1.6.3.1.3 Supporting Agencies**

- Chesapeake Bay-Bridge Tunnel District (CBBT)
- Department of Aviation (DOAV)
- Department of General Services (DGS)
- Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
- Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME)
- Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
- Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
- Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)
- Virginia Department of State Police (VSP)
- Virginia Port Authority (VPA)
- Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)

**1.6.3.1.4 Essential Elements of Information for Each Type of Operation**

<i>Airports</i>	Green	Clear, open
	Yellow	Delays, poor conditions
	Red	Closed/crash
<i>Interstates</i>	Green	Clear, minor
	Yellow	Moderate
	Red	Severe, closed
<i>Railroad</i>	Green	Open
	Yellow	Delays
	Red	Crash/closed/derailment
<i>Maritime</i>	Green	Open
	Yellow	Limited access
	Red	Closed

**1.6.3.2 ESF 2: COMMUNICATIONS**

**1.6.3.2.1 Purpose and Scope**

ESF 2 assists state agencies, local governments, private-sector entities, and voluntary organizations requiring communications and information technology (IT) related equipment and services in preparation for or in response to emergencies and disasters.

For the purposes of this ESF, communications will be defined as information transfer. It

involves the technology associated with the representation, transfer, interpretation, and processing of data among persons, places, and machines.

Activities within the scope of ESF 2 include: the coordination, provision, support and/or restoration of all state-managed communications and infrastructure during incident response and training; and the coordination of outage reporting and restoration planning for all private telecommunications service providers operating with the Commonwealth. These actions will be consistent with VITA, VDEM, Commonwealth of Virginia, and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules, regulations, and policies. ESF 2 services can be extended to localities upon request as deemed appropriate.

#### **1.6.3.2.2 Lead Agency**

Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA):

#### **1.6.3.2.3 Supporting Agencies**

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM):

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF)

Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC)

Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)

Virginia Department of State Police (VSP)

#### **1.6.3.2.4 Essential Elements of Information for Each Type of Operation**

<i>Telecommunications</i>	Green	No Reported Issues
	Yellow	Some Issues
	Red	Extensive Outages
<i>Public Safety/911</i>	Green	Normal
	Yellow	Minor Outages
	Red	Major Outage
<i>Cyber/Internet/Cable</i>	Green	No Reported Issues
	Yellow	Some Issues
	Red	Extensive Outages

### **1.6.3.3 ESF 3: PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING**

#### **1.6.3.3.1 Purpose and Scope**

ESF 3 coordinates and organizes the delivery of essential public works and engineering services using the capabilities and resources of the Commonwealth. This ESF supports state government-owned and privately-owned infrastructure; assistance to localities will be provided as deemed necessary by the Commonwealth. These activities include

providing resources and oversight; post incident assessments of facilities and infrastructure; technical assistance to include engineering expertise, construction management, contracting and real estate services; and emergency repair or demolition of infrastructure and critical facilities.

**1.6.3.3.2 Lead Agencies**

Virginia Department of Health (VDH)  
 Department of General Services (DGS)

**1.6.3.3.3 Supporting Agencies**

Professional Engineers Emergency Response Team (PERT)  
 Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME)  
 Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)  
 Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
 Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)  
 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
 Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)  
 Virginia Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (VAWARN)  
 Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)  
 Department of Historic Resources (DHR)

**1.6.3.3.4 Essential Elements of Information for Each Type of Operation**

<i>Drinking water systems</i>	Green	Normal
	Yellow	Public Notices (boil water)
	Red	No service, service disruption
<i>Waste water systems</i>	Green	Normal
	Yellow	Minor disruption
	Red	No service, service disruption
<i>Public infrastructure, government buildings/facilities, schools, parks</i>	Green	Normal
	Yellow	Minor damages, closed
	Red	Major damage, unusable, destroyed

**1.6.3.4 ESF 11: AGRICULTURE**

**1.6.3.4.1 Purpose and Scope**

ESF 11 coordinates state activities and state support of local government and non-governmental organizations in the following core functional areas:

- Providing nutrition assistance including determining nutrition assistance needs of disaster victims, and obtaining and delivering bulk food supplies.

- Coordinating an integrated response to zoonotic and economically significant plant pest or disease outbreaks. Coordination should include ESF 8, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, federal, state, tribal, and local agencies response activities.
- Ensure commercial food supply safety and security including slaughter and processing plants; distribution and retail sites; laboratory analysis of food samples; control of products suspected to be adulterated; plant closures; and field investigations.
- Protect of natural, cultural, and historic resources including coordinating with the Department of Historic Resources to conserve, rehabilitate, recover, and restore natural, cultural, and historic resources affected by a disaster.
- Provide for the safety and well-being of household pets including support of pet sheltering in state shelter operations.

**1.6.3.4.2 Lead Agency**

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)

**1.6.3.4.3 Supporting Agencies**

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)  
 Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
 Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOT)  
 Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF)  
 Department of General Services (DGS)  
 Virginia Department of Health (VDH)  
 Department of Historic Resources (DHR)  
 Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)  
 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
 Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC)  
 Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)  
 Library of Virginia (LVA)

**1.6.3.4.4 Essential Elements of Information for Each Type of Operation**

<i>Pet shelters/needs</i>	Green Yellow Red	No shelter No unmet needs Unmet needs/lost animals
<i>Agriculture and food safety</i>	Green Yellow Red	Normal Some issues Food safety threat/supply chain disruption
<i>Livestock and poultry</i>	Green Yellow Red	Normal Some issues Mass illness/fatality threat

### 1.6.3.5 ESF 12: ENERGY

#### 1.6.3.5.1 Purpose and Scope

ESF 12 is responsible for coordinating the restoration of damaged energy systems and components during an emergency incident. ESF 12 collects, evaluates, and shares information on damaged energy systems and estimates the impact within the affected areas. The term “energy” includes producing, refining, transporting, generating, transmitting, conserving, building, distributing, and maintaining energy systems and system components. Additionally, ESF 12 provides information concerning the energy restoration process such as projected schedules, restoration timelines, geographic information on the restoration, and other information as appropriate.

#### 1.6.3.5.2 Lead Agency

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

#### 1.6.3.5.3 Support Agencies

Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME)

State Corporation Commission (SCC)

Virginia Electric Cooperatives

Dominion Virginia Power

Appalachian Power Company (APCO)

#### 1.6.3.5.4 Essential Elements of Information for Each Type of Operation

<i>Power distribution and generation</i>	Green	Normal
	Yellow	Some issues
	Red	Extensive outages
<i>Motor and heating fuels (gas, diesel)</i>	Green	Normal
	Yellow	Minor issues
	Red	Extensive shortages

### 1.6.4. Human Services Branch

The Human Services Branch coordinates the delivery of mass care, social services, sheltering, and other humanitarian related services to disaster survivors and responders. This branch includes the ESFs listed below.

#### 1.6.4.1 ESF 6: MASS CARE, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING REFERRAL

##### 1.6.4.1.1 Purpose and Scope

ESF 6 coordinates delivery of state services; implementation of the Commonwealth’s mass care, sheltering and related plans; and coordination of support to local government and non-governmental organization mass care and emergency assistance operations. ESF 6 services include non-medical mass care, emergency assistance, recovery housing referral, and human services. ESF 6 will coordinate with VDSS to support the

implementation of the state COV SCR Shelter Plan.

#### **1.6.4.1.2 Lead Agency**

Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)

#### **1.6.4.1.3 Supporting Agencies**

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)  
 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)  
 Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)  
 Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)  
 Department of General Services (DGS)  
 Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)  
 Department of Military Affairs (DMA)  
 Office of the Attorney General (OAG)  
 Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (VCICF)  
 Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA)  
 Virginia Department of State Police (VSP)  
 Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VAVOAD)  
 Virginia Department of Health (VDH)  
 Virginia Public Institutions of Higher Education (IHE)  
 Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM)  
 Virginia Department of Transportation  
 Virginia Department of Corrections  
 All Other Health and Human Resources Secretariat

#### **1.6.4.1.4 Essential Elements of Information for Each Type of Operation**

<i>Local sheltering operations</i>	Green	None
	Yellow	Open, needs met
	Red	Open with unmet needs
<i>Emergency assistance (SCRS, STP, FAC)</i>	Green	Closed
	Yellow	Open, needs met
	Red	Open with Unmet Needs
<i>Access and Functional Needs</i>	Green	Closed
	Yellow	Open, needs met
	Red	Open with Unmet Needs
<i>Housing referrals</i>	Green	Closed
	Yellow	Open, needs met
	Red	Open and Operating with Unmet Needs

### 1.6.4.2 ESF 8: PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL

#### 1.6.4.2.1 Purpose and Scope

ESF 8 coordinates state-level operations and coordinates state support of local government and non-governmental operations in the following core functional areas:

- Assessment of public health/medical needs (including behavioral health)
- Public health surveillance
- Response to public health emergencies
- Medical care personnel
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Emergency Medical Services
- Environmental health monitoring and response
- Fatality management
- Support to mass care and public works emergency support functions
- Patient evacuation
- Patient care
- Safety and security of drugs
- Blood and blood products
- Behavioral health care
- Potable water/wastewater disposal

#### 1.6.4.2.2 Lead Agency

Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

#### 1.6.4.2.3 Supporting Agencies

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)  
 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)  
 Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
 Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF)  
 Department of General Services (DGS)  
 Department of Military Affairs (DMA)  
 Department of Social Services (VDSS)  
 Virginia Department of State Police (VSP)  
 Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VAVOAD)  
 Department of Health Professions (DHP)

#### 1.6.4.2.4 Essential Elements of Information for Each Type of Operation

<i>Fatality/injury management</i>	Green	No reported fatalities
	Yellow	Fatalities and Injuries Reported
	Red	Mass casualties
<i>Hospitals</i>	Green	No reported issues
	Yellow	Some issues
	Red	Hospitals closed/unavailable



<i>EMS system</i>	Green	Normal
	Yellow	Delayed response/transport unit shortages
	Red	Request for State Assistance and EMS Strike Team/Task Force

**1.6.4.4 ESF 17: VOLUNTEER AND DONATIONS MANAGEMENT**

**1.6.4.4.1 Purpose and Scope**

ESF 17 coordinates and integrates the delivery of donated goods and volunteer services in support of disaster relief. ESF 17 activities include, but are not limited to:

- Maintaining contact with local and regional organizations that utilize donations and/or volunteers;
- Maintaining contact with volunteer organizations;
- Assessing and prioritizing affected area’s needs for donations and volunteers;
- Support local governments in the management of unsolicited donations and unaffiliated volunteers;
- Coordinating with External Affairs to inform the public of the needs and processes for donating and volunteering; and
- Maintaining trained staff and resources to perform needed functions.

**1.6.4.4.2 Lead Agency**

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

**1.6.4.4.3 Supporting Agencies**

Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VAVOAD)

Adventist Community Services (ACS)

Volunteer Centers of Virginia

Virginia Office of Volunteerism and Community Service

**1.6.4.4.4 Essential Elements of Information for Each Type of Operation**

<i>Volunteer coordination</i>	Green	Normal/sharing information
	Yellow	Supporting requests
	Red	Requesting national VOAD support
<i>Donations management</i>	Green	Normal/sharing information
	Yellow	Supporting requests
	Red	Requesting national VOAD support

**1.7 Recovery Section**

The Recovery Section houses ESF 14 and the Recovery Support Functions (RSFs). This branch facilitates short, interim, and long-term recovery from a disaster to rebuild businesses and develop new economic opportunities, with the goal of creating sustainable, more resilient, economically viable communities. The objective or recovery is to rebuild the economic fabric of the community in a coordinated and timely manner in order to retain and enhance the economic

base of the community to the maximum extent feasible. ESF 14 support will vary depending on the magnitude and type of incident and the potential for long-term and severe consequences. The state organization for recovery and mitigation parallels the federal organization to ensure the effective interface and coordination from both a functional and programmatic perspective. The recovery framework is structured to be flexible and scalable to quickly adapt to any disaster situation.

Recovery initiatives begin with an impact analysis of the incident, program support, and deployment of federal and state resources. Efforts expand to initiate and coordinate programs to assist in the comprehensive economic, social, and physical recovery and reconstruction of communities that have been impacted by large-scale disasters. Short term and long-term efforts focus on community recovery but also on mitigation efforts that reduce or eliminate risks and losses from future incidents. Mitigation strategies will be integrated into every phase of the recovery process to the maximum extent feasible utilizing local, regional, and state mitigation plans in place as well as plans and strategies developed specific to the event.

To support and facilitate short-term recovery, ESF 14 provides support to private individuals and businesses and to local governments and non-governmental organizations. The short term components of ESF 14 will be activated for any incident that receives a declaration of major disaster from the President. Under certain circumstances, ESF 14 may be activated for an incident that does not receive a federal declaration.

To support and facilitate long-term recovery, ESF 14 assists communities to overcome the consequences of a severe incident such as the destruction of critical infrastructure and the disruption of social and economic vitality. The long term components of ESF 14 will likely be activated for large-scale or catastrophic incidents that require federal assistance to address significant long-term impacts in the affected area (e.g., impacts on housing, businesses and employment, community infrastructure, and social services).

In addition, the Code of Virginia defines economic disaster and identifies situations that may stimulate the activation of the Economic Crisis Strike Force (ECSF). The governor may activate the Strike Force for economic crises that adversely affect the welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

#### **1.7.1 ESF 14 Lead Agencies**

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)  
Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

#### **1.7.2 ESF 14 Supporting Agencies**

Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)  
Department of Behavioral Health and Disability Services (DBHDS)  
Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)  
Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VAVOARD)  
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)  
Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)  
State Corporation Commission (SCC)

Department of Education (DOE)  
 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
 Virginia Tourism Corporation  
 Virginia Community College System (VCCS)  
 Other Economic Crisis Strike Force agencies

### 1.7.3 Essential Elements of Information for Each Type of Operation

<i>IDA/PDA timeline</i>	Green	No Request(s)/Requests Filled
	Yellow	Resource(s) Requested
	Red	Unmet Need(s)
<i>IDA data reported</i>	Green	No Request(s)/Requests Filled
	Yellow	Resource(s) Requested
	Red	Unmet Need(s)
<i>PDA data validated by VDEM &amp; FEMA</i>	Green	No Request(s)/Requests Filled
	Yellow	Resource(s) Requested
	Red	Unmet Need(s)

## 2. VEST OPERATIONS

Incident management begins with the identification of a risk, threat, or actual event and concludes when those affected have been restored to pre-incident conditions, when feasible. Incident management actions include, but are not limited to, notification and warning, activation of the VEST, response actions, assessment of impact, request for federal assistance, and recovery and mitigation activities.

### 2.1 Detection and Monitoring

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center receives notification of conditions, events, and/or occurrences that may affect the Commonwealth including reports of incidents or hazardous conditions existing within the Commonwealth and requests for assistance from local governments. State agencies, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and private sector partners report threats, incidents, and potential incidents to VDEM using established communications and reporting channels. Notification may be made through the Virginia Emergency Operations Center Situational Awareness Unit (SAU) via phone, email, hotline phones, and other pre-approved methods.

To support the VEST's mission, VDEM maintains an on-call team to assist the State Coordinator in determining the need to activate and augment the VEST. The on-call team includes, but is not limited to, the VEST Lead, command and general staff, and VDEM Regional Support Division Staff.

## 2.2 Decision to Activate

The VEST may be activated for the following reasons:

- Declaration of emergency by the governor;
- Local and regional capabilities cannot sufficiently address event impacts; or
- The State Coordinator or VEST Director orders activation in support of:
  - A high-profile emergency or non-emergency event; and
  - A notice or no-notice event that demonstrates need for a state-level request for assistance.

Upon notification of an event or incident, the VEST Director will brief the State Coordinator and/or his or her designee(s) on the recommended course of action. Based upon an analysis of the information received, the State Coordinator may recommend the governor declare a state of emergency so that all necessary state resources can be immediately prepared or deployed to affected areas. A state emergency declaration, however, is not required to activate the VEST.

Activation of the VEST generally occurs at the VEOC, a secure facility. Based on the level of VEST activation and the event requirements, some ESFs may be physically present at the VEOC while others may not be activated or may activate remotely.

## 2.3 Notification of VEST

When activated, the VEST Director, in consultation with the State Coordinator, Deputy State Coordinator, and/or his or her designee, will initiate notification of the appropriate VEST staff and necessary state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private sector partner regarding the activation of the VEST and will request representatives to support the VEST.

## 2.4 Public Alert and Warning

Public notifications and messages shall be disseminated through multiple distribution channels including, but not limited to:

- Public Announcements;
- Social Media;
- Watches and Warnings;
- Emergency Alert System (EAS);
- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA); and
- Other Emergency Bulletins.

## 2.5 Operational Levels

VEST operational levels are used for all emergencies and are not related to the emergency classification levels for fixed nuclear facilities referenced in the Radiological Emergency Response Plan of the COVEOP or the Hurricane Readiness Conditions referenced in the Hurricane and Tropical Storm Response Plan of the COVEOP.

The VEST has four operational levels:

**2.5.1 Steady State / Routine Operations (Green)**

During Steady State, emergency operations plans and procedures are developed and maintained. Training and exercises are conducted periodically as required to maintain readiness.

**2.5.2 Increased Readiness / Monitoring (Yellow)**

During Increased Readiness, multiple resources are required to mitigate or prepare for an incident. The incident is generally limited to one operational period and response is handled by VDEM Regional staff with support from the command and general staff.

**2.5.3 Partial Support Operations with ESF Support (Orange)**

During Partial Support Operations, some or all of the command and general staff positions are activated, the incident may extend into multiple operational periods, and ESF support is required.

**2.5.4 Full Response Operations (Red)**

Most complex incidents will require a full operational response, including resources external to VDEM, for safe and effected management an operation due to the high impact to local jurisdictions. During Full Response Operations, all command and general staff positioned are filled, branches are established, and most, if not all, ESFs are required.

**2.6 Response Actions**

In keeping with the National Incident Management System, emergency operations in the Commonwealth are handled at the lowest level of government that can effectively respond and manage an incident. Each county, city, and town has emergency management personnel who are trained and ready to respond. When support or assistance from the Commonwealth is or will likely be necessary, the governor, in consultation with the State Coordinator, or the State Coordinator, as appropriate, may activate the VEST to coordinate the state's response activities. These activities include: immediate actions to preserve life, property, and the environment; meet basic human needs; and maintain the social, economic, and political structure of the affected community.

**2.6.1 VEST Response Responsibilities**

During response operations, VEST leadership is responsible for:

- Providing a centralized state government emergency operations center to coordinate the Commonwealth's operations;
- Coordinating the delivery of resources to local governments;
- Providing advice and counsel to the governor or the governor's designee to formulate policy;
- Establishing operational priorities;
- Facilitating resolution of legal, policy, political, social, and economic concerns of the affected jurisdiction(s) as they affect response and recovery operations;
- Collecting, analyzing, and disseminating situational awareness information;
- Facilitating formulation of Protective Action Decisions, as needed;
- Providing sufficient staff to maintain communications with the federal, state, tribal,

- local, and private sector partners related to conditions or developing situations related to the emergency; and
- Facilitating demobilization plans and procedures.

During response operations, all VEST agencies and organizations are responsible for:

- Maintaining situational awareness through the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information and intelligence data;
- Implementing ESF standard operating procedures;
- Implementing applicable portions of the VEST SOG; and
- Participating in the after action report process.

### **2.6.2 Situational Awareness**

As part of an effective response, the VEST must continuously refine its situational assessment of an incident as it unfolds in order to provide accurate information to decision makers. Maintaining situational awareness and an accurate common operating picture requires prompt and correct information from affected localities and other state and federal agencies using established reporting mechanisms.

### **2.6.3 Logistics**

Resources and capabilities vary greatly across the Commonwealth. If an incident exceeds or is reasonably expected to exceed a locality's resources, it may ask the state for additional resources or personnel. Requests for assistance from entities including, but not limited to, nursing homes, colleges and universities, and independent authorities, will be submitted to the local emergency management coordinator in the jurisdiction in which the entity is located. The local emergency management coordinator or their designee will submit requests for assistance, as necessary, to the VEST when local capabilities are exceeded. Assistance may be provided through statewide mutual aid, local mutual aid, state and federal resources, or EMAC.

**2.6.3.1** Local mutual aid is an agreement between two or more local emergency response agencies to provide assistance when the resource needs for an incident in one jurisdiction exceeds its capabilities.

**2.6.3.2** Statewide mutual aid is a local and state program that provides a framework for assistance that clarifies interjurisdictional issues and for reimbursement for the cost of services.

**2.6.3.3** EMAC is a state-to-state mutual aid system used during governor-declared states of emergency or disasters. EMAC allows states to send personnel, equipment, and commodities to assist with response and recovery efforts in other states. The § 44-146.28:1 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes reimbursement for services requested and received from other states and payment for services sent to other states through EMAC.

#### **2.6.4 Finance and Administration**

The finance and administration function provides disaster financial management and administration for incident management activities. This function is coordinated by the Finance Division of VDEM and may be supported by staff from support agencies and other VDEM divisions. This function is tasked with:

- Ensuring that funds and other resources are provided expeditiously;
- Ensuring operations are conducted in accordance with applicable finance and procurement law, policies, regulations, and standards;
- Conducting all financial and administrative support activities for emergencies, disasters, and other events;
- Overarching financial management of personnel and operational costs; and
- Requesting support from various providers and support agencies, as needed.

#### **2.6.5 Damage Assessments**

An assessment of the damages and impacts of an incident begins at the local level. Local officials and state agency representatives are required to submit situation reports to the VEOC throughout the course of the incident and to send an initial damage assessment (IDA) to the VEOC or VDEM regional staff within seventy-two (72) hours after the end of immediate response operations for the incident. The time frame may be adjusted by the VEST depending upon the type of incident and/or circumstances. IDAs should be submitted to the VEST through WebEOC or on other systems as directed by VDEM. VEST staff summarize the damage assessments from all sources and evaluate the impact of the incident on localities and the state. These assessments are used by the VEST to determine what state and federal resources may be needed to manage the incident.

It is critical that the IDAs provide information that accurately reflects the damages and impacts sustained by the community because the decision to request a joint preliminary damage assessment (PDA) and seek a presidential disaster declaration is made based upon this information. As such, if the situation changes and new information becomes available, local officials and state agency representatives will update the VEST to amend their IDA as soon as reasonably possible.

Depending upon the findings from the IDAs, the State Coordinator may request FEMA conduct a PDA in coordination with affected localities and/or state agencies to verify the damages and estimate the amount of supplemental assistance needed. The Recovery Section will work with FEMA and other ESFs, as appropriate, to coordinate PDAs. PDAs will focus on more significantly affected areas, as identified by the IDAs, that may be eligible for federal assistance under the *Robert T. Stafford Act* (e.g., individual assistance and public assistance) or the Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Program. State and federal personnel knowledgeable in these programs will accompany local or state officials to the damaged sites.

## 2.7 Presidential Declaration and Federal Assistance

The governor may request the President declare an emergency or major disaster if the need for resources exceeds the capabilities of the state. The identification of the need begins with the PDAs. The State Coordinator will report the findings of the PDAs to the governor and make a recommendation regarding a request for federal assistance. If the governor decides to request a presidential declaration based upon the recommendation and findings, the governor will then send a letter to the President requesting a major disaster declaration or to the SBA for a disaster declaration for specific localities in the Commonwealth. In this declaration request, the governor may request assistance for individuals, public entities, state agencies, local governments, and qualified non-profits.

The factors influencing the need for federal involvement in response and recovery may include, but are not limited to:

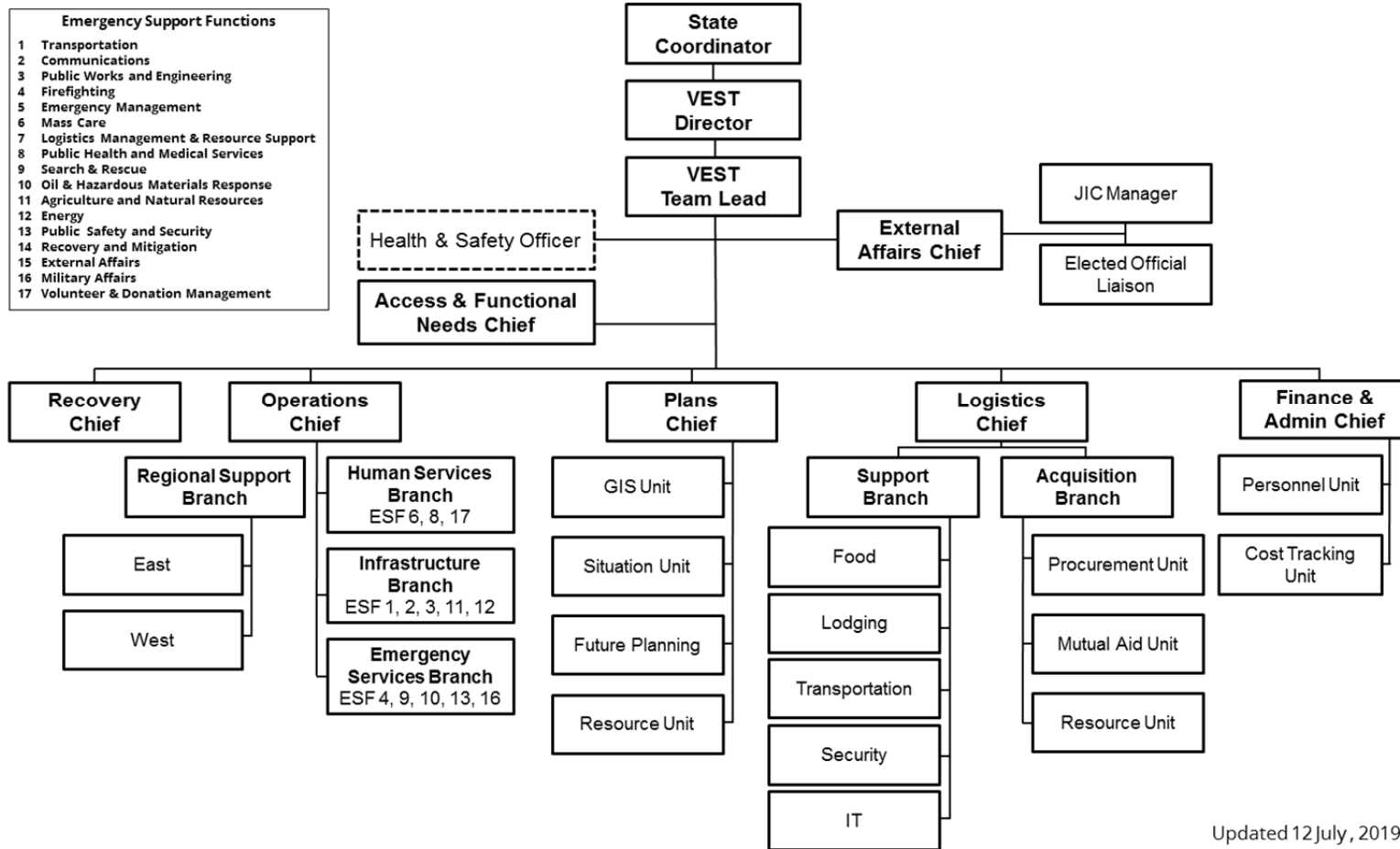
- Severity and magnitude of the incident;
- State or local needs exceeding available resources;
- The need to protect the public health, welfare, or the environment; and
- The economic ability of the state and/or the affected localities to recover from the incident.

When a governor's request for a presidential emergency or major disaster declaration is approved, the declaration will specify which federal assistance programs will be made available to the state and included jurisdictions. When a disaster event does not meet the criteria for receiving a declaration for individual assistance, it may still meet the criteria for a SBA disaster declaration. The governor may request an SBA disaster declaration if the findings of the SBA damage assessment process fulfill the criteria for a declaration.

During incidents for which the President has declared an emergency or major disaster, federal support is delivered in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Robert T. Stafford Act* in coordination with the appropriate agencies of the Commonwealth. Additional federal assistance is requested and coordinated through the Virginia Emergency Support Team.

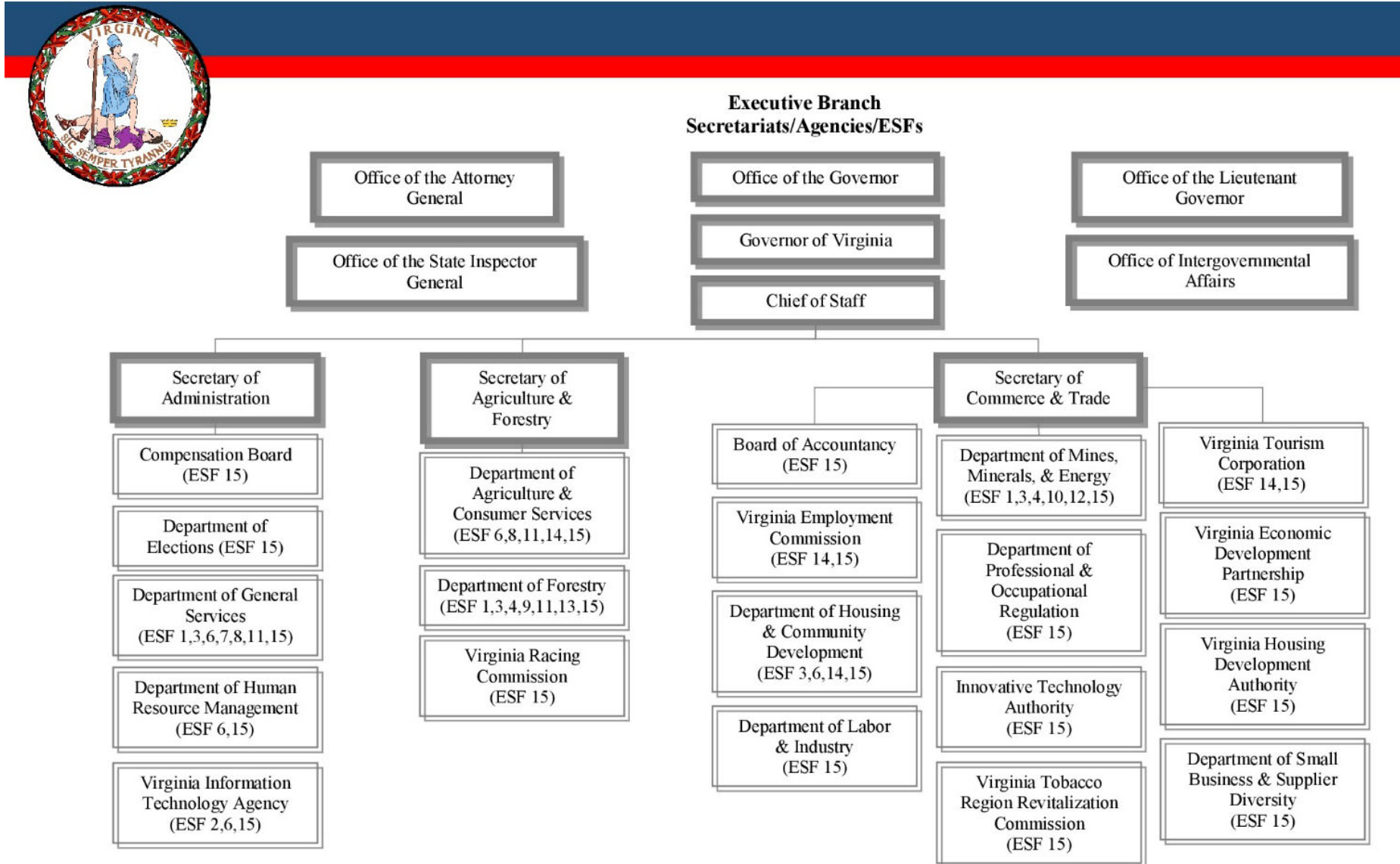


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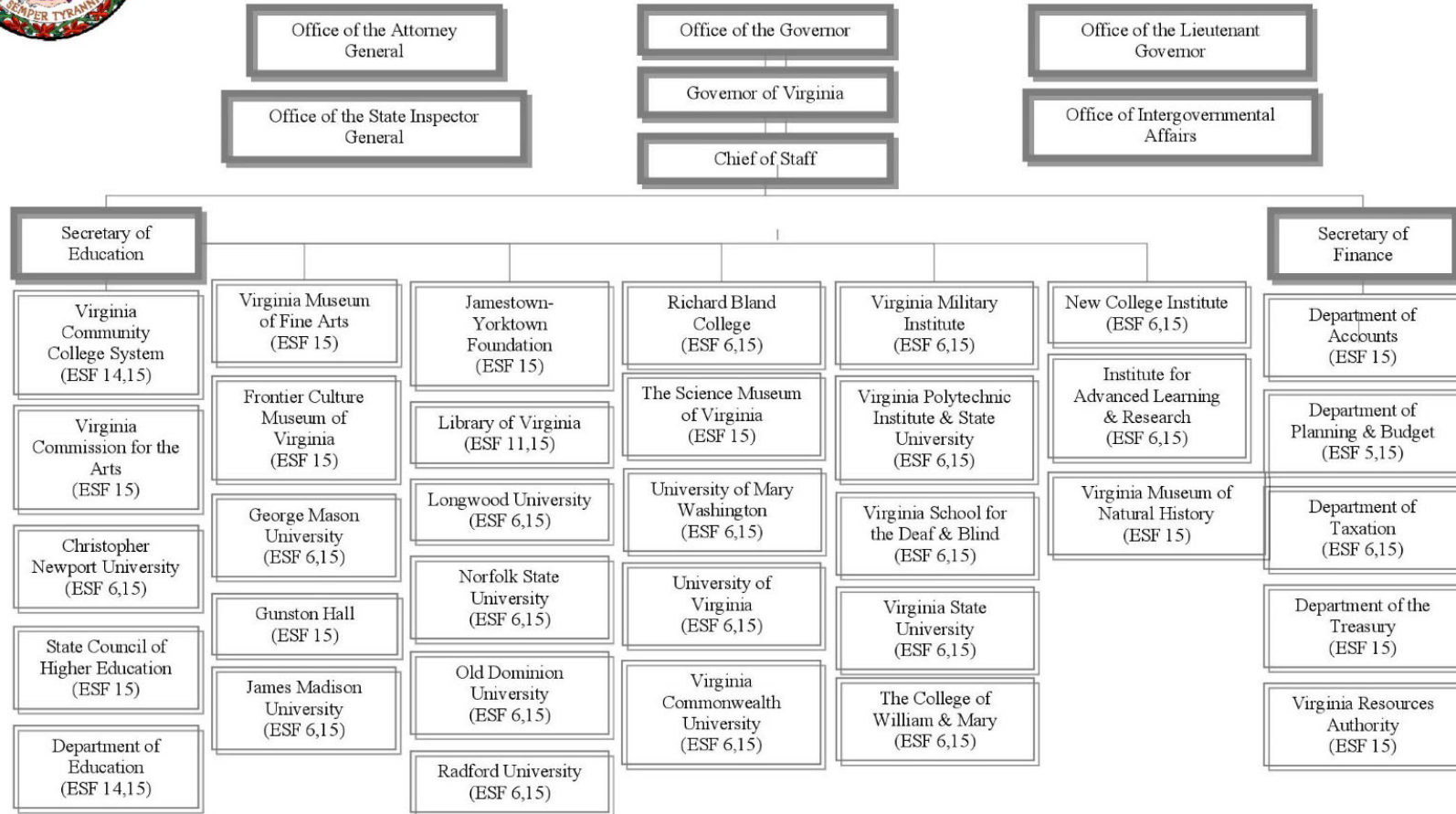
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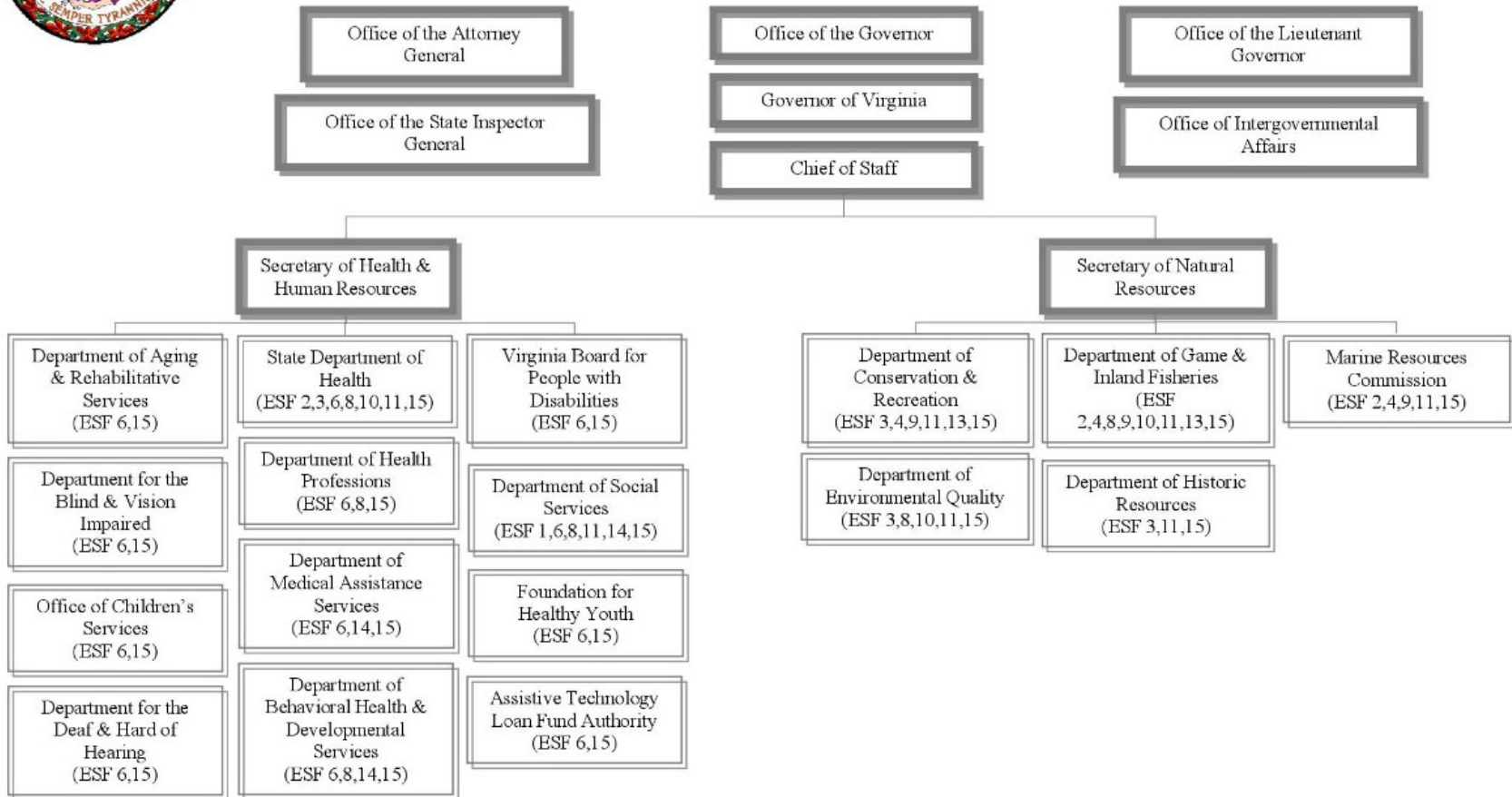


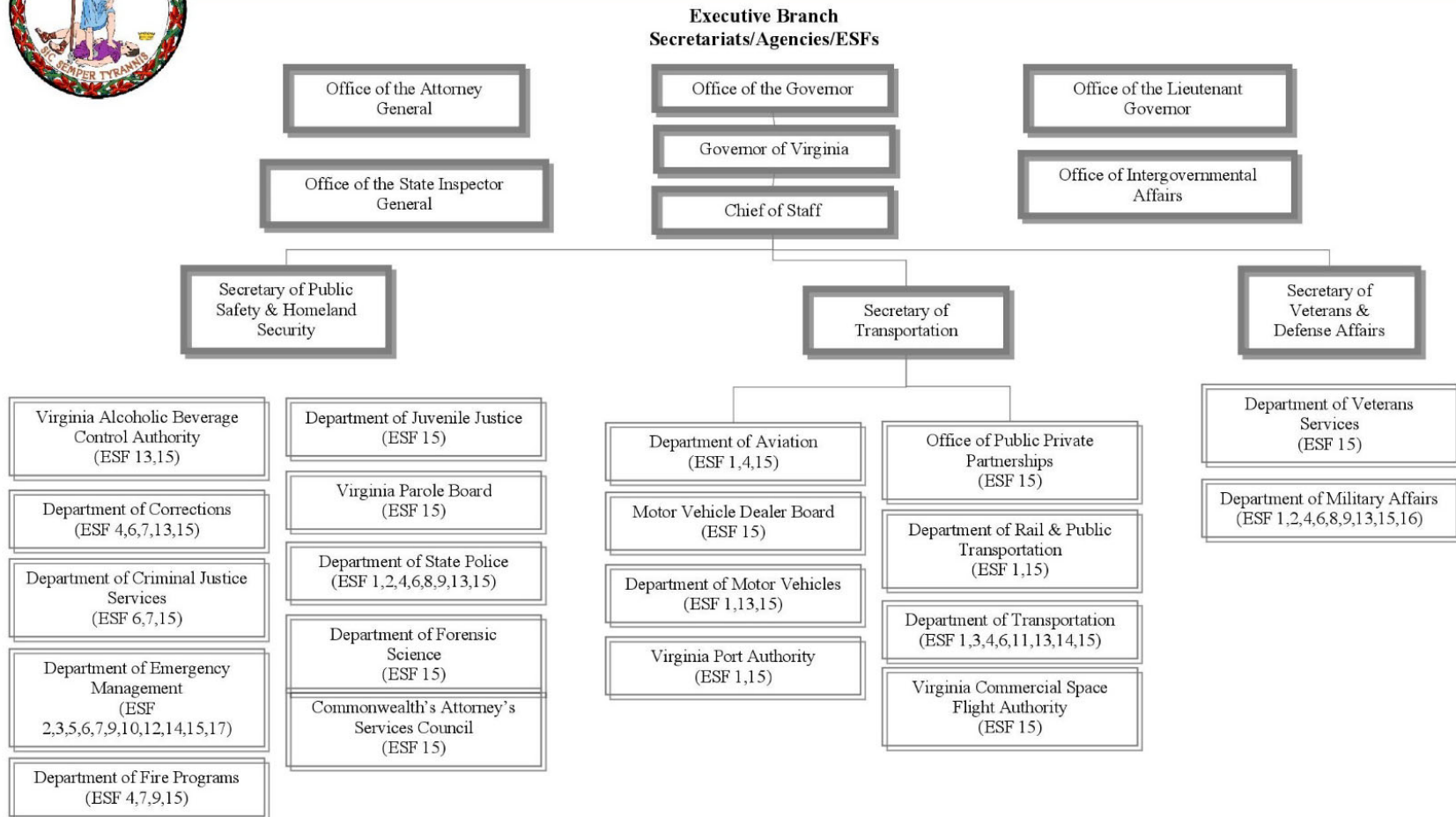
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**APPENDIX C. SECRETARIAT - ESF MATRIX**

L	Lead Agency
S	Supporting Agency

	ESF 1 - Transportation	ESF 2 - Communications	ESF 3 - Public Works	ESF 4 - Firefighting	ESF 5 - Emergency Management	ESF 6 - Mass Care	ESF 7 - Logistics Management	ESF 8 - Public Health	ESF 9 - Search & Rescue	ESF 10 - Oil & HAZMAT Response	ESF 11 - Agriculture & Natural Resources	ESF 12 - Energy	ESF 13 - Public Safety	ESF 14 - Recovery & Mitigation	ESF 15 - External Affairs	ESF 16 - Military Affairs	ESF 17 - Volunteer & Donations Management
<b>Secretary of Administration</b>																	
Virginia Department of General Services (DGS)	S		S			S	S	S			S						
Virginia Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM)						S											
Virginia Department of Elections (VDOE)																	
Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA)		L				S											
Virginia Compensation Board (SCB)																	
<b>Secretary of Agriculture</b>																	
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)						S	S				L			S			
Virginia Department of Forestry (VDof)	S		S	L				S		S	S	S					
<b>Secretary of Commerce and Trade</b>																	
Virginia Board of Accountancy (VBOA)																	
Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (VDSBSD)																	
Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD)			S			S									L		
Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (VDOLI)																	
Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (VDMME)	S		S	S						S	S						
Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (VDPOR)																	
Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)															S		
Virginia Housing Development Authority (VDHA)																	
<b>Secretary of Finance</b>																	
Virginia Department of Accounts (VDOA)																	
Virginia Department of Planning and Budget (VDPB)																	
Virginia Department of Taxation (VTAX)																	
Virginia Department of Treasury (VTRS)																	
Virginia Resources Authority (VRA)																	
<b>Secretary of Education</b>																	
Virginia Department of Education (VDE)																S	
Library of Virginia (LVA)											S						
Virginia Community College System (VCCS)															S		
Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)											S						
Virginia Public Institutions of Higher Education (VPIHE)						S											
Virginia Museum of Natural History (VMNH)																	
<b>Secretary of Health and Human Resources</b>																	
Virginia Department of Health (VDH)		S	L			S		L		S	S						
Virginia Board for People with Disabilities (VBPD)																	
Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (VDARS)																	
Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (VDBHD)						S		S						S			
Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VDBVI)																	
Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH)						S											
Virginia Department of Health Professions (VDHP)								S									
Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (VDMAS)															S		
Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)	S					L		S		S				S			
Virginia Office of Children's Services (VOCS)																	



<b>Secretary of Natural Resources</b>															
Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC)		S		S					S		S				
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (VDCR)			S	S				S		S		S			
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ)			S				S		L	S					
Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF)		S		S			S	S	S	S		S			
Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR)			S							S					
<b>Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security</b>															
Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (VABC)												S			
Virginia Department of Corrections (VDOC)				S			S					S			
Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (VDCJS)					S	S									
Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)		L	S		L	S	L		L	L		L	L	L	L
Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP)				L			S		S						
Virginia Department of Forensic Science (VDFS)															
Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (VDJJ)															
Virginia State Police (VSP)		S	S		S		S	S				L			
<b>Secretary of Transportation</b>															
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)		L		S	S					S		S	S		
Virginia Department of Aviation (VDOA)		S		S											
Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (VDMV)		S										S			
Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT)		S													
Virginia's Port Authority (VPA)		S													
Motor Vehicle Dealer Board (MVDB)															
<b>Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs</b>															
Virginia Department of Military Affairs (VDMA)		S	S		S		S	S				S		L	
Virginia Department of Veteran Services (DVS)															
<b>Private Sector Partners</b>															
Appalachian Power Company (APCO)												S			
Dominion Virginia Power (DOM)												S			
Virginia Electric Cooperatives (VEC)												S			
Civil Air Patrol (CAP)									S						
Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC)															
Adventist Community Services (ACS)															
<b>Political Subdivisions</b>															
Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Tunnel District (CBBT)		S													
Virginia Office of the Attorney General (VOAG)						S									
State Corporate Commission (VSCC)											S		S		
Professional Engineers Emergency Response Team (PERT)				S											
Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)		S													
Virginia Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VAVOAD)						S		S				S		S	
Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (VCICF)						S									
Virginia Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (VAWARN)				S											
Virginia Worker's Compensation Commission (VWC)															
Virginia State Bar															
Virginia Small Business Financing Authority															
Virginia's Office of Public-Private Partnerships (P3)															
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## APPENDIX D. KEY TERMS AND ACRONYMS

### KEY TERMS

For the purposes of the COVEOP, the following terms and definitions apply:

#### **Access and functional needs (AFN)**

Assistance needs of individuals as a result of a number of conditions, both temporary and permanent, that limit their ability to take action or access services. No diagnosis or specific evaluation is required to determine an individual has an access or functional need. Individuals with access and functional needs may include individuals from diverse cultures, races, and national origins; people with limited English proficiency; those who do not read; and those who have physical, sensory, behavioral, mental health, intellectual, developmental, and cognitive disabilities including individuals who live in the community and individuals who are institutionalized; women who are in late or high-risk pregnancy; and individuals who have acute and chronic medical conditions. Additional needs may occur before, during, and after an event and may occur in one or more of the following functional areas: maintaining independence, communication, transportation, supervision, and medical care.

#### **Affected Area**

Any part or the whole of the Commonwealth, which has been identified as where persons reside, or may be located, who are known to have been exposed to or infected with or who are reasonably suspected to have been exposed to or infected with a Communicable Disease of Public Health Threat.

#### **Agency**

A division of government with a specific function offering a particular kind of assistance. In the Incident Command System (ICS), agencies are defined either as jurisdictional (having statutory responsibility for incident management) or as assisting or cooperating (providing resources or other assistance).

#### **Agency Representative**

A person assigned by a primary, supporting or cooperating state agency or nongovernmental organization or private entity who has been delegated authority, in consultation with the leadership of that agency, to make decisions affecting that agency's or organization's participation in incident management activities.

#### **Adjunct Emergency Workforce (AEW)**

A program for eligible state employees to support the Commonwealth during an emergency.

#### **Command and General Staff**

In an incident management organization, the Command Staff consists of the Incident Commander and the special staff positions of the Public Information Officer, Safety Officer, and other positions as required that report directly to the Incident Commander.



**Common Operating Picture (COP)**

A broad view of the overall situation as reflected by situation reports, aerial photography and other information or intelligence.

**Community Recovery**

The process of assessing the effects of a disaster or catastrophic event, defining resources, and developing and implementing a course of action to restore and revitalize the socioeconomic and physical structure of the community.

**Continuity of Operations**

A process of identifying the essential functions - including staff, systems and procedures - that ensures the continuation of an agency's ability to operate.

**Critical Infrastructure**

Systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the community, the Commonwealth, or the nation that the incapacity or destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security, economic security, public health or safety, or any combination of those matters.

**Cyclone**

An atmospheric closed circulation rotating counter-clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere.

**Department of Homeland Security, U.S. (DHS)**

The federal agency responsible for implementing the *National Response Framework (NRF)*. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is a part of the USDHS.

**Displaced Persons**

Individuals unable to remain in their home or community and who may need shelter.

**Economic Crisis Task Force (ECTF)**

Following a disaster that severely impacts the social and/or economic functioning of a community or region of Virginia, the governor may direct the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to activate a disaster-specific task force to coordinate the resources to plan and implement a strategy for long-term community recovery. § 2.2-205.1.E of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Emergency**

As defined by the *Code*, "any occurrence, or threat thereof, whether natural or man-made, which results or may result in substantial injury or harm to the population or substantial damage to or loss of property or natural resources".

**Emergency Alert System (EAS)**

A network of broadcast stations interconnecting facilities authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to operate in a controlled manner, according to the State EAS Plan to inform the public of needed protective actions in the event of an emergency or disaster situation.

**Emergency Coordination Officer (ECO)**

An individual appointed by the head of each VERT agency to coordinate with the Department of Emergency Management, prepare and maintain parts of the COVEOP for which the agency is responsible, prepare and maintain internal plans and procedures and ensure the agency is capable of providing the assigned VERT functions.

**Emergency Management**

The coordination of efforts to prepare for and carry out the functions to prevent, minimize, respond to and recover from incidents caused by natural hazards, man-made hazards and acts of terrorism.

**Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)**

An agreement and organization ratified by Congress and the Virginia General Assembly that provides form and structure to interstate mutual aid. Through EMAC, a disaster impacted state can request and receive assistance from other member states quickly and efficiently.

**Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**

The physical location at which the coordination of information and resources to support incident management activities takes place. The Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) in Richmond is the coordination center for the governor and the VEST.

**Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)**

The plans for managing all-hazards incidents. The *Code* requires the Commonwealth and its jurisdictions to prepare and maintain emergency operations plans.

**Emergency Services**

The preparation for and carrying out of the functions to prevent, minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from natural or man-made disasters, together with all other activities necessary or incidental to the preparation for and carrying out of the forgoing functions. (§ 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia* for a list of included services.)

**Emergency Support Function (ESF)**

A grouping of government, private and voluntary organization capabilities into an organizational structure to provide the support, resources, program implementation and services that are most likely to be needed to save lives, protect property and the environment, restore essential services and critical infrastructure, and help victims and communities return to normal, when feasible, following incidents.

**Environment**

Natural and cultural resources and historic properties as those terms are defined in this glossary and relevant laws.

**Evacuation**

Organized and supervised withdrawal, dispersal, or removal of people from dangerous or threatened areas, and their reception and care in safe areas.

**Evacuation Route**

Road or highway designated by the Virginia Department of Transportation as a primary route for motorists evacuating from the threat of a hurricane. The routes are marked with signs that indicate “Hurricane Evacuation Route.”

**Executive Order**

A statement issued by the governor to declare a state of emergency and to authorize and direct actions by state agencies. Executive orders, including those declaring a state of emergency and directing evacuation, shall have the force and effect of law.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** – A component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security responsible for providing technical support to states and local governments to respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters caused by any hazard.

**First Responder**

Skilled personnel who in the early stages of an incident are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence and the environment, such as government and non-governmental police, fire, emergency medical, search and rescue, emergency management, public health, public works and others.

**Hazard Mitigation**

Any action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life or property.

**Hazardous Materials Officer (HMO)**

The VDEM staff who provide training and technical advice and assistance to local responders for both planning and response to discharges and releases of known and suspicious substances into the environment.

**Hazardous Substance**

Substances defined by specific federal legislation related to clean water, clean air, and solid waste disposal.

**Household Pet**

A domesticated pet such as a dog, cat, bird, rabbit, rodent, or turtle that is traditionally kept in the home for pleasure rather than commercial purposes and can travel in commercial carriers and be housed in temporary facilities. Household pets do not include reptiles (with the exception of turtles), amphibians, fish, insects/arachnids, farm animals (including horses), and animals kept for racing purposes. Localities may define household pets differently, and this definition does not pre-empt that of any locality for their own pet sheltering response. Note that FEMA will only reimburse for time and supplies used for animals falling under the FEMA pets definition.

**Hurricane**

An intense storm system with pronounced rotary circulation in which the maximum sustained surface wind (using the U.S. 1-minute average) is 64 kts (74 mph or 119 km/hr) or more.

**Incident**

An occurrence or event, natural or human-caused that requires an emergency response to protect life or property.

**Incident Command System (ICS)**

A standardized on-scene emergency management construct specifically designed to provide for the adoption of an integrated organizational structure that reflects the complexity and demands of single or multiple incidents. ICS is the combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures and communications operating within a common organizational structure. It is designed to aid in the management of resources during incidents.

**Incident Commander (IC)**

The individual responsible for all incident activities. The IC has overall authority and responsibility for the management of all incident operations and is responsible for the management of all incident operations at the incident site.

**Incident Management Team (IMT)**

The Incident Commander and appropriate command and general staff personnel assigned to an incident.

**Information Technology**

Telecommunications, automated data processing, applications, databases, the Internet, management information systems, and related information, equipment, goods, and services.

**Infrastructure**

The manmade physical systems, assets, projects, and structures publicly and privately owned, that are used by or provide benefit to the public. Examples of infrastructure include utilities, bridges, levees, water systems, roads, etc.

**Joint Information Center (JIC)**

A facility established to coordinate all incident-related public information activities. It is the central point of contact for all news media for information related to the incident. Public information officials from all participating federal and state agencies will collocate at the JIC.

**Local Emergency**

A condition declared by the local governing body when in its judgment the threat of actual occurrence of an emergency or disaster is or threatens to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering threatened or caused thereby.

**Local Government**

For managing local emergencies, local governments include counties, cities and towns. When applying for federal assistance for damaged facilities, local applicants may also include school districts, local public authorities, regional planning commissions and councils of government and some other authorities that perform quasi-governmental functions.

**Major Disaster**

Any natural catastrophe (including any hurricane, tornado, storm, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, or drought) or, regardless of cause, any fire, flood, or explosion in any part of the United States that, in the determination of the President, causes damage of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant major disaster assistance under the Stafford Act to supplement the efforts and available resources of States, local governments, and disaster relief organizations in alleviating the damage, loss, hardship, or suffering caused thereby.

**Mission Assignment**

The method used by the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and Federal Government to respond to requests for assistance by local governments. The VEOC directs state agencies to provide immediate, short-term emergency response assistance when applicable.

**Mitigation**

Activities designed to reduce or eliminate risks to persons or property or to lessen the actual or potential effects or consequences of an incident.

**Mutual Aid Agreement**

Written agreement between agencies, organizations and/or jurisdictions that they will assist one another on request by furnishing personnel, equipment and/or expertise in a specified manner.

**National Incident Management System (NIMS)**

A system mandated by the federal Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5 that provides a consistent, nationwide approach for governments (federal, state, tribal, and local), voluntary agencies and the private sector to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, respond to, and recovery from incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity. NIMS uses a core set of concepts, principles and terminology.

**National Response Framework (NRF)**

A guide to how the Nation conducts all-hazards response. It is built upon scalable, flexible, and adaptable coordinating structures to align key roles and responsibilities across the Nation, linking all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector. It is intended to capture specific authorities and best practices for managing incidents that range from the serious but purely local, to large-scale terrorist attacks or catastrophic natural disasters.

**Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)**

A nonprofit entity that is based on interests of its members, individuals or institutions and that is not created by the government, but may work cooperatively with government. Such organizations serve the public purpose, not a private benefit. Examples of NGOs are the members of the Virginia VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters.

**Preparedness**

As defined in the NRF, preparedness is the range of deliberate, critical tasks and activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the operational capability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from incidents. Preparedness is a continuous process involving efforts

by and among governments and other organizations and by the general public.

**Prevention**

Actions to avoid an incident or to intervene to stop an incident from occurring. Prevention involves actions to protect lives and property. It involves identifying and applying intelligence and other information to a range of activities that may include such countermeasures as deterrence operations; heightened inspections; improved surveillance and security operations; investigations to determine the full nature and source of the threat; public health and agricultural surveillance and testing processes; immunizations, isolation, or quarantine; and, as appropriate, specific law enforcement operations aimed at deterring, preempting, interdicting, or disrupting illegal activity, and apprehending potential perpetrators.

**Public Information Officer (PIO)**

A member of the Command Staff in the VEOC and the JFO responsible for interfacing with the public and media with incident-related information.

**Recovery**

Activities that address the short-term and long-term needs and the resources to assist, restore, strengthen and rebuild affected individuals and communities.

**Response**

Activities that address the short-term, direct effects of an incident. Response includes immediate actions to save lives, protect property and meet basic human needs.

**State Coordinating Officer**

The state official appointed by the governor to join the FCO in managing joint state-federal disaster assistance activities related to the Stafford Act.

**State of Emergency**

The condition declared by the governor when, in his judgment, the threat or actual occurrence of an emergency or a disaster in any part of the Commonwealth is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant disaster assistance by the Commonwealth to supplement the efforts and available resources of the several localities and relief organizations in preventing or alleviating the damage, loss, hardship or suffering threatened or caused thereby and is so declared by him. (§ 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*)

**Telecommunications**

Any origination, transmission, emission, or reception of signs, signals, writings, images, and sounds or intelligence of any nature, by wire, radio, television, optical, or other electromagnetic systems.

**Threat**

Any indication of possible violence, harm or danger.

**Volunteer**

Any individual accepted to perform services by any agency that has authority to accept volunteer

services when the individual performs services without promise, expectation, or receipt of compensation for services performed.

### ACRONYMS

AAR	After Action Report
ABC	Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CERT	Community Emergency Response Team
COV	Commonwealth of Virginia
COVEOP	Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan
DBHDS	Behavioral Health and Disability Services, Department of
DCJS	Criminal Justice Services, Department of
DEQ	Environmental Quality, Department of
DGIF	Game and Inland Fisheries, Department of
DGS	General Services, Department of
DHP	Health Professions, Department of
DHR	Historic Resources, Department of
DHRM	Human Resource Management, Department of
DHS	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
DMME	Mines, Minerals, and Energy, Department of
DMV	Motor Vehicles, Department of
DOAV	Aviation, Department of
DOD	U.S. Department of Defense
DOE	Education, Department of
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DRPT	Rail and Public Transportation, Department of
ECC	Emergency Communications Center
ECTF	Economic Crisis Task Force
EMAC	Emergency Management Assistance Compact
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan
ESF	Emergency Support Function
FAC	Family Assistance Center
FCO	Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
GIS	Geographic Information System
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials
HIRA	Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis
ICS	Incident Command System
IDA	Initial Damage Assessment
IT	Information Technology
JFO	Joint Field Office
JIC	Joint Information Center
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization

NIMS	National Incident Management System
NRF	National Response Framework
PA	Public Assistance Program
PDA	Preliminary Damage Assessment
PERT	Professional Engineers Emergency Response Team
PIO	Public Information Officer
RACES	Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services
RHCC	Regional Hospital Coordination Center
SAR	Search and Rescue
SBA	Small Business Administration
SCC	State Corporation Commission
SMA	Statewide Mutual Aid
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
VAL	Volunteer Agency Liaison
VAVOAD	Virginia Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster
VCIN	Virginia Criminal Information Network
VDACS	Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of
VDDHH	Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Department of
VDEM	Emergency Management, Department of
VDF	Virginia Defense Force
VDFP	Fire Programs, Department of
VDOT	Transportation, Virginia Department of
VEOC	Virginia Emergency Operations Center
VEST	Virginia Emergency Support Team
VITA	Virginia Information Technologies Agency
VPA	Virginia Port Authority



## APPENDIX E. VIRGINIA DEMOGRAPHICS

The Commonwealth of Virginia is susceptible to a wide range of natural or human-caused events that may have catastrophic impacts. Additionally, Virginia encompasses a multitude of Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource (CIKR) assets which, if attacked or compromised, may result in significant loss of life and financial resources. In the time of such occurrences, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) provides one centralized state government emergency response operation.

Virginia's population is estimated at 8,517,685 (2018 U.S. Census Bureau estimate) spread over approximately 42,774.2 square miles, including 3,282 square miles of water. Virginia ranks 12<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states in population and 35<sup>th</sup> in geographic size. The majority of the population is concentrated in the eastern half of the state.

### Population Statistics

Criteria	Number
Virginia Population	8,517,685
Number of Counties	95
Number of Cities	38
Number of Towns	5

### Access and Functional Needs Populations

Criteria	Number
Under 5	6.0%
Over 65	15%
Limited English Proficiency	0.1%
Poverty	10.6%
Individuals with any type of disability	11.86%
Individuals with a hearing difficulty	3.23%
Individuals with a vision difficulty	2.17%
Individuals with a cognitive difficulty	4.71%
Individuals with an ambulatory difficulty	6.56%
Individuals with a self-care difficulty	2.48%
Households with no vehicle	195,311

Source: 2017 American Community Survey, U.S. Census



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### **EXPANDING ACCESS TO CLEAN ENERGY AND GROWING THE CLEAN ENERGY JOBS OF THE FUTURE**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

The energy industry serves as the backbone of the Commonwealth's economy. Individuals, communities, and businesses need energy systems that are both reliable and affordable. At the same time, Virginia is beginning the transition to a more modern electric grid that will incorporate technological advances and meet the changing needs of customers.

Yet Virginia's policy structures have historically focused on the traditional power sector model of large, centralized power stations and conventional transmission and distribution infrastructure. In the coming years, renewable energy technologies and distributed energy resources such as rooftop solar, smart meters, and battery storage are likely to make up an ever-increasing share of our energy system. Similarly, it is anticipated that larger portions of the economy, such as transportation, building heating, and some industrial processes will rely increasingly on electricity.

As Virginia begins to shift to a more modern electric grid that is reliable, affordable, resilient, and environmentally responsible, the Commonwealth must continue to prioritize the transition to cleaner sources of energy, like wind, solar, and energy efficiency through an equitable approach to benefit all Virginians. The policies that we implement must be both forward-looking and adaptive to enable the energy transformations that are beginning. We must also ensure that the modernization of our electric grid is done in a way that prioritizes carbon-free sources of electricity to reduce our environmental impact and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Climate change is an urgent and pressing challenge for Virginia. As recent storms, heat waves, and flooding events have reminded us, climate disruption poses potentially devastating risk to Virginia. The electric power sector represents approximately 30% of the carbon dioxide emissions in Virginia and is central to our efforts to address the problem. The reports from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Fourth National Climate

Assessments make clear that swift decarbonization and a transition to clean energy is required to meet the urgency of the challenge.<sup>1</sup>

Clean energy advancements offer an opportunity to address and prevent energy inequities facing Virginia's most vulnerable populations, including low-income communities and communities of color. Low-income households pay proportionately more than the average household for energy costs and often experience negative long-term effects on their health and welfare.<sup>2</sup> Research from the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy states that "the overwhelming majority of single family and multifamily low-income households (those with income at or below 80% of area median income), minority households, low-income households residing in multifamily buildings, and renting households experienced higher energy burdens than the average household in the same city."<sup>3</sup> Clean energy innovation and energy efficiency strategies can alleviate this burden, lower energy bills, and provide access to clean energy for all Virginians. No segment of the population should bear disproportionately high or adverse effects from pollution and climate disturbance, and as we increase investments in clean energy, equity must be part of the framework. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency describes equitable development as "an approach for meeting the needs of underserved communities through policies and programs that reduce disparities while fostering places that are healthy and vibrant."<sup>4</sup>

Virginia is well positioned to be a center of economic activity for this clean energy transition, and having this economic activity will help us capture the economic and health benefits from the clean economy for all Virginians. The clean energy sector has the power to create new business opportunities, expand customer access to renewable energy, and spark the high-demand jobs of the 21st century. Today, Virginia has more than 3,000 megawatts (MW) of solar currently in service or under development.<sup>5</sup> In the last year, the number of solar jobs in Virginia has increased by nearly ten percent to 3,890 jobs.<sup>6</sup> Additionally, the Commonwealth is home to 78,670 individuals who work in the energy efficiency sector, with 2,049 jobs added in the last year.<sup>7</sup> The continued growth of clean energy investment in the Commonwealth has the potential to bring about long-term sustainable economic development while also mitigating the impacts of climate change through reduced carbon dioxide emissions.

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<sup>1</sup> See Report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, October 2018, *available at* <https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>; Fourth National Climate Assessment, November 2018, *available at* <https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/downloads/>.

<sup>2</sup> Lifting the High Energy Burden in America's Largest Cities: How Energy Efficiency Can Improve Low Income and Underserved Communities, April 2016, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, *available at*: [https://assets.ctfassets.net/ntcn17ss1ow9/1UEmqh5159cFaHMqVwHqMy/1ee1833cbf370839dbbdf6989ef8b8b4/Lifting\\_the\\_High\\_Energy\\_Burden\\_0.pdf](https://assets.ctfassets.net/ntcn17ss1ow9/1UEmqh5159cFaHMqVwHqMy/1ee1833cbf370839dbbdf6989ef8b8b4/Lifting_the_High_Energy_Burden_0.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> See *id.*

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Equitable Development and Environmental Justice, *available at*: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/equitable-development-and-environmental-justice>.

<sup>5</sup> Solar Tracking Data, Department of Mines Minerals and Energy.

<sup>6</sup> National Solar Jobs Census 2018, The Solar Foundation, *available at* <http://www.thesolarfoundation.org/national/>.

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Energy and Employment Report 2019 - Virginia, National Association of State Energy Officials and Energy Futures Initiative, *available at* <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5a98cf80ec4eb7c5cd928c61/t/5c7f425b4785d349f2f021b7/1551843931999/Virginia.pdf>.

With these two principles in mind – the need to support policies that enable the modernization of our electric grid and the potential for significant new job growth in the clean energy sector – the Commonwealth must establish ambitious goals and work with stakeholders across the industry to identify areas of growth.

### **Executive Action**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chief Executive by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby direct all executive branch agencies, authorities, departments, and all institutions of higher education, to every extent practicable, to operate in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A. The Director of Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME), in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Secretary of Natural Resources, and the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), shall develop a plan of action to produce thirty percent of Virginia’s electricity from renewable energy sources by 2030 and one hundred percent of Virginia’s electricity from carbon-free sources by 2050. The plan shall include the following resource considerations:
  1. **Solar and Onshore Wind Energy:** Solar and onshore wind energy are competitively priced energy resources that have the potential to provide significant economic development and job creation opportunities across the Commonwealth. Pursuant to energy legislation I signed last year (Senate Bill 966), Virginia has a statewide goal of achieving 5,500 MW of wind and solar energy by 2028. At least 3,000 MW of this target should be under development by 2022. In furtherance of this goal, Dominion Energy has committed to annually procure up to 500 MW of utility-scale solar and onshore wind projects through a competitive procurement process. Dominion has also committed to annual procurements of smaller-scale solar energy, including rooftop solar, through a competitive procurement process that will be issued annually beginning in 2019. These procurements will start at 50 MW and will scale up to 150 MW by January of 2022. Appalachian Power also initiated a competitive procurement process for 200 MW of utility-scale solar projects in Virginia, with projects to be operational by the end of 2021. In order to make certain these utility-scale and smaller-scale projects move forward, DMME’s plan must provide recommendations on actions to ensure the utilities meet these procurement targets and meet the requirement that all such projects are procured competitively, with at least twenty-five percent of such projects procured through power-purchase agreement (PPA). Furthermore, the plan shall include any legislative or executive recommendations to reduce barriers to achieving these solar and onshore wind goals.
  2. **Energy Efficiency:** Energy efficiency programs are the lowest cost energy option, producing electricity cost savings, creating jobs and revenue from the energy efficiency service sector, and helping to reduce greenhouse gases and other air pollutants. Virginia has a statewide goal of reducing retail electricity consumption by ten percent by 2022 using 2006 as a baseline. These reductions will come from a combination of sources, including building codes, energy performance contracting,

private financing programs, and investments from the Commonwealth's utilities. As part of Senate Bill 966, Dominion Energy will invest \$870 million and Appalachian Power will invest \$140 million in energy efficiency programs over the next decade. The legislation further states that at least 5 percent of these ratepayer-funded programs should be directed toward low-income, elderly, and disabled persons. To meet these spending goals, Dominion Energy should increase spending to \$100 million per year by 2019 and Appalachian Power should increase spending to \$15 million per year by 2019, excluding lost revenue recovery. DMME's plan shall provide recommendations to support implementation of this increased utility investment in energy efficiency programs. DMME shall work with the Virginia Resources Authority, Virginia Small Business Financing Authority, Virginia Housing Development Authority, and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to include complementary policy options in the plan, such as developing and administering energy financing programs and enhancing building codes.

3. **Offshore Wind:** The offshore wind industry in the United States is on the cusp of a major boom that could see America become one of the largest offshore wind markets in the world. Virginia currently has a 12 MW demonstration project under construction, which will serve as a research and development project as Virginia moves forward with the development of our larger offshore wind energy area. The larger offshore wind energy area could supply as much as 2,500 MW of offshore wind, and it should be fully developed by 2026. The plan shall include recommendations on the timeline and steps needed to achieve this offshore wind target, including working with Dominion Energy and the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to submit the Construction and Operation Plan (COP) by 2021 with construction beginning by 2024.
4. **Energy Storage:** As the Commonwealth integrates more renewable energy resources, balancing the intermittency of the grid through energy storage will become increasingly important. Senate Bill 966 requires Dominion Energy to develop a 30 MW battery storage pilot program and Appalachian Power to develop a 10 MW battery storage pilot program. Further, pumped hydroelectric storage facilities are now deemed in the public interest, and other sources of utility-scale storage are starting to become commercialized. The Plan shall include integration of storage technologies into the grid and pairing of such storage technologies with renewable generation, including distributed energy resources like rooftop solar.
5. **Energy Equity:** The plan shall also address issues related to equity and environmental justice so that the clean energy and climate goals outlined in this Order are achieved in a just manner that advances social, energy, and environmental equity. These clean energy resources shall be deployed to maximize the economic and environmental benefit to underserved communities while mitigating any impacts to those communities. The Plan shall include measures that provide communities of color and low- and moderate-income communities access to clean energy and a reduction in their energy burdens.

The Director of DMME shall report monthly to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade on the progress of these efforts, and shall submit the final plan to the Governor by July 1, 2020.

- B. The Commonwealth shall procure at least 30 percent of the electricity under the statewide electric contract with Dominion Energy from renewable energy resources by 2022. The Commonwealth has the potential to add significant low-cost solar and wind energy projects that will serve as a hedge against uncertain energy prices while helping to spur job creation opportunities in both the solar and onshore wind market. Virginia currently has an eight percent renewable energy procurement target that equates to approximately 110 MW of renewable generation. This target is currently accomplished through investment in both utility-scale solar energy facilities and smaller solar energy facilities contracted with third-party renewable energy developers. Since the original eight percent target was established, the price of solar and wind resources in Virginia continues to drop and serves as an important hedge against fluctuating energy and fuel costs. Virginia now has the potential to achieve at least 30 percent of generation from renewable resources through both utility-scale onshore wind and solar investments as well as smaller solar installations accomplished through PPA. To achieve this 30 percent target, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, DMME, and the Department of General Services (DGS) shall negotiate amendments to the statewide Dominion energy contract to include the additional purchase of energy from utility-scale onshore wind and solar facilities. Additionally, to accommodate the procurement of smaller-scale PPAs, DMME shall annually initiate a competitive procurement process for smaller-scale PPAs at the Commonwealth's existing facilities, with the first competitive procurement issued in the fall of 2019 for at least 10 MW of cumulative distributed solar at state facilities annually. DMME shall work with DGS and all interested facilities in the development of the competitive process. Additionally, for newly-constructed buildings, all executive branch agencies and institutions shall evaluate the use of distributed solar resources during the design and engineering process.
- C. The Commonwealth shall reduce electricity consumption across all of the Commonwealth's agencies and institutions through development and execution of a comprehensive Resource Conservation Management Plan (RCMP). DMME shall, in coordination with DGS and DEQ, develop a RCMP as the framework to achieve the state's portion of the goal of reducing retail electricity consumption by ten percent by 2022 using 2006 as a baseline. The RCMP should include recommendations on reducing energy usage through measurement and tracking, operations and maintenance, and capital investment. It should cover both the existing building stock as well as new construction. As part of the RCMP framework, all state agencies and institutions should utilize energy performance contracting (EPC) to reduce energy consumption. EPC is a budget neutral, cost-effective tool that allows state agencies and publicly-owned facilities to reduce their deferred maintenance backlogs without adding any financial burden to the taxpayer. To date, more than 240 EPC projects have been completed by state and local agencies in Virginia, valuing nearly \$900 million in savings for the Commonwealth. DMME has managed the program since 2002, providing robust technical assistance to localities and

state agencies considering EPCs. To facilitate additional deployment of EPC, DMME shall produce a ranking of the top facilities that have achieved energy reductions and a list of facilities that most need improvement. DMME shall work with DGS and other agencies and executive branch institutions to double the 2018 total annual level of EPC contracting investment. All executive branch agencies and institutions shall work with DMME to conduct a general energy audit with the goal of implementing an EPC by 2022. For executive branch agencies that have already employed EPC, overall energy consumption should be re-evaluated to identify areas for further energy efficiency improvements.

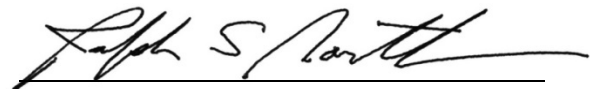
- D. To ensure that the Commonwealth has the workforce in place to meet the growing needs and technological advancements of the clean energy sector, the Chief Workforce Advisor and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade shall work with stakeholders to develop an energy workforce plan. Such plan shall include an evaluation of current curriculum and training programs, including K-12 curriculum and the potential for pre-employment programs. The plan shall address both awareness of energy sector career opportunities and access to career pathways and programs. The plan shall include specific recommendations for creating pathways out of poverty through careers in renewable energy and energy efficiency. The plan should also leverage existing efforts, including the Virginia Energy Workforce Consortium and Build Virginia.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

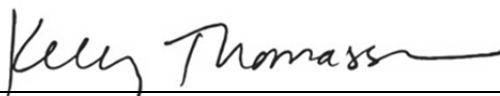
This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER FORTY-FOUR (2019)**

#### **CONTINUATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON OPIOIDS AND ADDICTION**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

The disease of addiction is devastating our communities and taking the lives of too many Virginians. Since 2013, drug overdoses have been the leading cause of unnatural death in the Commonwealth. Nearly 1,500 individuals in Virginia died as a result of drug overdoses just last year. Of those nearly 1,500 fatalities, over 80 percent involved prescription opioid painkillers, heroin, or synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Opioid and heroin abuse continues to pose an immense public health and safety threat to Virginians and remains a public health emergency for the Commonwealth.

In addition to opioids and heroin, data shows that abuse of other potentially deadly drugs, particularly stimulants, is on the rise. In addition to maintaining a focus on opioids, Virginia's leaders must also focus on the biological, psychological, and social factors that foster addiction in an individual so that those factors can be addressed and mitigated. The disease of addiction is not exclusive to any substance and addiction will always find another drug.

Virginia cannot solve these problems through state intervention alone. The knowledge and experiences of providers, peers, local leadership, and other community partners is imperative as we work to reduce the impact of addiction and reduce the number of those who die from it. Under the authority established by Executive Directive Nine (2016), the Governor's Executive Leadership Team on Opioids and Addiction implements strategies, programs, and policies aimed at reducing overdose deaths. It is necessary to look to our partners to strengthen our understanding of the issue and share learned successes. Therefore, I direct relevant secretariats, agencies, health and behavioral health providers and organizations, education professionals, law enforcement, and other stakeholders to continue working together to identify and execute strategies to increase harm reduction opportunities, intensify prevention activities, enhance access to evidence-based treatment, and support individuals in recovery in Virginia.



## **Key Objectives**

This advisory commission shall provide comments to the co-chairs of the Governor's Executive Leadership Team on Opioids and Addiction regarding the development of policies, programs, and other initiatives designed to impact the ongoing drug overdose epidemic in Virginia.

The advisory commission shall meet upon the call of the co-chairs. The co-chairs shall call the advisory commission to meet no less than twice per year. At such meeting, the Executive Leadership Team on Opioids and Addiction shall provide updates and metrics regarding opioid and addiction initiatives. Therefore, supplemental meetings may be held to review specific topics, initiatives, and programs.

The advisory commission shall provide a final report to the Governor including recommendations to address the opioid and addiction crisis in the Commonwealth.

## **Continuation of the Opioid and Addiction Commission**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia under the laws of the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby extend the Governor's Advisory Commission on Opioids and Addiction (Opioid and Addiction Commission).

The Opioid and Addiction Commission will serve in a consultative role, in accordance with § 2.2-2100 of the *Code of Virginia*, and will be responsible for advising the Governor's Executive Leadership Team on Opioids and Addiction and providing guidance on the following initiatives related to addressing the opioid and addiction public health emergency in the Commonwealth:

- a. Building the capacity of Virginia's communities to address the addiction epidemic through community mobilization and coalition development;
- b. Limiting availability of prescription opioids for misuse;
- c. Establishing pathways to treatment and recovery supports in Virginia;
- d. Establishing operational comprehensive harm reduction programs in Virginia; and
- e. Developing model protocols for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for individuals being released from correctional settings that local/regional jails and community services boards can use.

**Composition of the Opioid and Addiction Commission**

The Opioid and Addiction Commission’s membership shall be appointed by the Governor. The Secretaries of Health and Human Resources and Public Safety and Homeland Security will co-chair the Opioid and Addiction Commission. Membership for the Opioid and Addiction Commission will be composed of representatives from the Office of the Attorney General, the General Assembly, and the judiciary, as well as community leaders in prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery, including individuals with lived experiences. The Governor may appoint any other person(s) deemed necessary and proper to carry out the assigned functions.


The Secretariat of Health and Human Resources shall provide a Staff Director to support the Opioid and Addiction Commission. The Secretariats of Public Safety and Homeland Security and Health and Human Resources shall provide other staff support as necessary. An estimated 100 hours of staff time will be required to support the work of the Opioid and Addiction Commission.

**Effective Date**


This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and, pursuant to §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, shall remain in full force and effect for a year from its signing, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

NUMBER FORTY-FIVE

### FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND PLANNING STANDARDS FOR STATE AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND PROPERTY

#### **Importance of the Initiative**

Executive Order 24 “Increasing Virginia’s Resilience to Sea Level Rise and Natural Hazards,” issued in November 2018, set the Commonwealth on a course towards addressing its risk and resilience to natural hazards, including flooding. A key element of that Order required an analysis of flooding and flood preparedness in the Commonwealth. Based on that analysis, the Commonwealth must establish new policies and directives to ensure that necessary actions are taken to protect state property from the risk of floods.

#### **Background**

Flooding remains the most common and costly natural disaster in Virginia and the United States. With more than 100,000 miles of streams and rivers, as well as 10,000 miles of estuarine and coastal shoreline, Virginia’s flood risk is statewide, comes in many forms, and is increasing because of climate change and increased development in flood-prone areas. In 1987, in order to improve Virginia’s flood protection programs and to consolidate all related programs in one agency, responsibility for coordination of all state floodplain programs was transferred from the State Water Control Board to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Section 10.1-602 of the *Code of Virginia* names DCR as the manager of the state’s floodplain program and the designated coordinating agency of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Code stipulates that the Director of DCR or his designee shall serve as the State Coordinator for the NFIP.

DCR’s Floodplain Management Program was created to minimize Virginia’s flood hazards. In particular, it aims to prevent loss of life, reduce property damage, and conserve natural and beneficial values of state rivers and coastal floodplains. To achieve these goals, DCR promotes

NFIP compliance and participation, offers technical assistance and community education, coordinates with other local, state and federal agencies, and provides funding through the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund (§ 10.1-603.16 *et. seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*).

Participation in the NFIP allows the Commonwealth to receive many types of disaster assistance, development loans, and other financial resources. The continued availability of these resources is dependent on compliance with the NFIP. Lack of compliance with the NFIP could result in the Commonwealth's suspension from the program, increased flood insurance costs, loss of NFIP flood insurance policies, inability to secure federally-backed mortgages and loans, and increased unreimbursed disaster costs for the Commonwealth.

The floodplain management policies identified in this Order are intended to avoid unnecessary costs from flooding, to reduce risks to human health, safety, and welfare, and to protect, preserve, and enhance the natural and beneficial uses of properly-managed floodplains to property and development under state ownership.

Virginia state government agencies have been operating under Executive Memorandum 2-97. Much has changed since then-Governor George Allen issued that memorandum. Now, in light of those changed conditions, it is necessary to establish clear policies and standards for state agencies.

### **Requirements for State-owned Properties in Flood-Prone Areas**

Participation in the NFIP is contingent on a community voluntarily adopting floodplain management regulations that meet NFIP minimums as established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In order to ensure the Commonwealth, as a participating community, complies with the NFIP as outlined in 44 CFR § 60.11-13 and is prepared for current and future flood conditions, this Order establishes mandatory standards for development<sup>1</sup> of state-owned properties in Flood-Prone Areas, which include Special Flood Hazard Areas,<sup>2</sup> Shaded X Zones,<sup>3</sup> and the Sea Level Rise Inundation Area.<sup>4</sup> These standards shall apply to all state agencies<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Development for NFIP purposes is defined in 44 CFR § 59.1 as “Any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.”

<sup>2</sup> The Special Flood Hazard Area may also be referred to as the 1% annual chance floodplain or the 100-year floodplain, as identified on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study. This includes the following flood zones: A, AO, AH, AE, A99, AR, AR/AE, AR/AO, AR/AH, AR/A, VO, VE, or V.

<sup>3</sup> The Shaded X Zone may also be referred to as the 0.2% annual chance floodplain or the 500- year floodplain, as identified on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study.

<sup>4</sup> The Sea Level Rise Inundation Area referenced in this Order shall be mapped based on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Intermediate-High scenario curve for 2100, last updated in 2017, and is intended to denote the maximum inland boundary of anticipated sea level rise.

<sup>5</sup> “State agency” shall mean all entities in the executive branch, including agencies, offices, authorities, commissions, departments, and all institutions of higher education.

## 1. Development in Special Flood Hazard Areas and Shaded X Zones

- A. All development, including buildings, on state-owned property shall comply with the locally-adopted floodplain management ordinance of the community in which the state-owned property is located and any flood-related standards identified in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.
- B. If any state-owned property is located in a community that does not participate in the NFIP, all development, including buildings, on such state-owned property shall comply with the NFIP requirements as defined in 44 CFR §§ 60.3, 60.4, and 60.5 and any flood-related standards identified in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.
  - (1) These projects shall be submitted to the Department of General Services (DGS), for review and approval.
  - (2) DGS shall not approve any project until the State NFIP Coordinator has reviewed and approved the application for NFIP compliance.
  - (3) DGS shall provide a written determination on project requests to the applicant and the State NFIP Coordinator. The State NFIP Coordinator shall maintain all documentation associated with the project in perpetuity.
- C. No new state-owned buildings, or buildings constructed on state-owned property, shall be constructed, reconstructed<sup>6</sup>, purchased, or acquired by the Commonwealth within a Special Flood Hazard Area or Shaded X Zone in any community unless a variance is granted by the Director of DGS, as outlined in this Order.

## 2. Variance Process

- A. The Director of DGS may consider a variance to the requirements listed above if the following conditions are met:
  - (1) It has been demonstrated that granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisances, cause fraud on or victimization of the public, or in the case of NFIP participating communities, conflicts with their existing local floodplain ordinances.
  - (2) The design of the building or structure complies with the freeboard standards adopted in this Order.

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<sup>6</sup> “Reconstructed” means a building that has been substantially damaged or substantially improved, as defined by the NFIP and the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

- (3) Buildings or structures are demonstrated to be a functionally dependent use, such as water treatment facilities, boat houses, fish hatcheries, and other similar uses, or
- (4) Buildings or structures are historic and require repair or rehabilitation and it has been demonstrated that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and the variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure, or
- (5) Buildings or structures are demonstrated to be necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

B. The Director of DGS shall not approve any variance to the requirements set forth in Section 1 until the State NFIP Coordinator has reviewed and approved the application for NFIP compliance.

C. A variance to the requirements set forth in Section 1 does not waive the requirement to comply with a local floodplain ordinance, Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, or the requirements outlined in 44 CFR §§ 60.3, 60.4, or 60.5, as applicable.

D. The Director of DGS shall provide written rulings on variance requests to the applicant, the local community, and the State NFIP Coordinator. The State NFIP Coordinator shall maintain all documentation associated with the variance in perpetuity.

E. Any state agency that has received a variance prior to this Order shall provide the variance documentation to the State NFIP Coordinator to be maintained in perpetuity.

### 3. Freeboard<sup>7</sup> Standards for State-Owned Buildings in Flood-Prone Areas

#### A. Riverine Areas

- (1) All new state-owned buildings located in a Special Flood Hazard Area shall be constructed so that the top of the lowest floor, including all equipment, is no less than three (3) feet above the Base Flood Elevation (or Flood Depth if an AO Zone), based on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study for that area.
- (2) All new state-owned buildings located in a Shaded X Zone shall be constructed so that the top of the lowest floor, including all equipment, is no less than three (3) feet above the Water Surface Elevation or the Base

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<sup>7</sup> "Freeboard" is a factor of safety usually expressed in feet above a flood level for purposes of floodplain management, as defined by FEMA.

Flood Elevation of the adjacent Special Flood Hazard Area, whichever is less, based on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study for that area.

#### B. Coastal Areas

- (1) All new state-owned buildings located in a Special Flood Hazard Area shall be constructed so that the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the lowest floor, including all equipment, is no less than three (3) feet above the Base Flood Elevation (or Flood Depth if an AO Zone), based on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study for that area.
- (2) All new state-owned buildings located in a Shaded X Zone shall be constructed so that the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the lowest floor, including all equipment, is no less than three (3) feet above the Water Surface Elevation or the Base Flood Elevation of the adjacent Special Flood Hazard Area, whichever is less, based on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study for that area. Wave action must be accounted for in the Water Surface Elevation.

#### C. Sea Level Rise Inundation Areas

- (1) All new state-owned buildings located in a Sea Level Rise Inundation Area and any Special Flood Hazard Area shall be constructed so that the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the lowest floor, including all equipment, is no less than eight (8) feet above the Base Flood Elevation (or Flood Depth if an AO Zone), based on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study for that area.
- (2) All new state-owned buildings located in a Sea Level Rise Inundation Area and any Shaded X Zone shall be constructed so that the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the lowest floor, including all equipment, is no less than eight (8) feet above the Water Surface Elevation or the Base Flood Elevation of the adjacent Special Flood Hazard Area, whichever is less, based on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study for that area. Wave action must be accounted for in the Water Surface Elevation in coastal areas.
- (3) All new state-owned buildings located in a Sea Level Rise Inundation Area but not in a Special Flood Hazard Area or Shaded X Zone shall be built so that the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the lowest floor, including all equipment, is no less than five (5) feet above the mean sea level to account for future flood conditions. This freeboard standard is based on the Sea Level Rise Planning Standards identified in Section 4 below.

(4) The freeboard standards outlined in paragraphs 3C(1) and 3C(2) above is to account for future flood conditions and is based on three (3) feet of freeboard and the Sea Level Rise Planning Standards identified in Section 4 below.

- D. If a Base Flood Elevation or Water Surface Elevation is not available, the state agency constructing the new state-owned building or structure shall have this elevation determined by a professional engineer in accordance with current hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analyses.
- E. To reduce flood damages and allow for future adaptation opportunities, all new state-owned buildings located in Flood-Prone Areas shall be built using adaptive designs below the lowest floor.
- F. The freeboard standards identified in this section shall apply to all new state-owned buildings receiving funding authorization on or after January 1, 2021.

#### 4. Sea Level Rise Planning Standards

- A. Based on recommendations from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resilience, the Commonwealth shall use the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Intermediate-High scenario curve, last updated in 2017, as the state standard for predicting sea level rise.
- B. When scoping, designing, siting, and constructing state-owned buildings, a 50-year mid-life estimate for building longevity shall be used, which, under the NOAA Intermediate-High scenario curve, last updated in 2017, equates to nearly four (4) feet of sea level rise by 2070. This standard has been incorporated into the freeboard standards above, with an additional one (1) foot added to account for high tide.
- C. The sea level rise planning standards identified in A and B of this section shall apply to all new state-owned buildings receiving funding authorization on or after January 1, 2021.
- D. Additional studies and periodic updates of these planning standards shall be at the discretion of the Chief Resilience Officer.

#### 5. Establishing Guidance Documentation

- A. The Department of Conservation and Recreation, after consulting with DGS, shall develop a guidance document by October 1, 2020 to provide state agencies the methodology for complying with the freeboard standards and sea level rise planning standards adopted in this Order.



## **Establishing State-level Floodplain Management Standards for State Agencies**

The Chief Resilience Officer shall convene a workgroup to establish state-level, NFIP compliant requirements for all development activities by state agencies on state-owned property within Flood-Prone Areas. The Secretaries of Administration, Commerce and Trade, Education, Natural Resources, Agricultural and Forestry, Public Safety and Homeland Security, Transportation, and Health and Human Resources, as well as the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection or their designees, and any additional state officials designated by the Chief Resilience Officer shall comprise the members of the workgroup. The requirements and standards developed by the workgroup and approved by the Chief Resilience Officer shall replace the requirements in paragraphs 1A and 1B and shall incorporate the standards for state-owned buildings adopted in this Order.

1. As the state NFIP coordinating agency, the Department of Conservation and Recreation shall serve as lead staff to the workgroup.
2. The workgroup shall develop mandatory standards applicable to all state development in order to conform such development to the minimum requirements of the NFIP. The workgroup may also develop standards that exceed NFIP minimums that will enhance protection of life and property after analyzing short and long term costs to the Commonwealth.
3. Such standards shall include a process for permitting development in accordance with the established standards, a process for enforcing the established standards, and a process for documenting and maintaining records of any variances and development.
4. Such standards will incorporate the freeboard and sea level rise planning standards adopted in this Order.
5. Such standards shall include a process by which agencies may seek a variance from the standards developed by this workgroup. The process shall include a final review and approval process of any requests for a variance, which shall be done by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order rescinds Executive Memorandum 2-97: Floodplain Management Program for State Agencies, issued by Governor George Allen.

This Executive Order shall be effective November 15, 2019, and shall remain in full force and effect until superseded or rescinded by further executive action.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER FORTY-SIX (2019)**

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DUE TO HIGHWAY DAMAGES FROM FLOODING**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, December 6, 2019, I declare a state of emergency to exist for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to flooding that affected roadways in the northern Virginia portions of the Commonwealth during July 5 to July 8, 2019.

The health and general welfare of the citizens require that state action be taken to help alleviate the conditions caused by this situation. The effects of this incident constitute a disaster wherein human life and public and private property are imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-75.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the Commonwealth, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I declare that a state of emergency exists, and I am directing that appropriate assistance be rendered by agencies of both state and local governments to respond to the impacts of this severe weather event, alleviate any conditions resulting from the incident, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions in so far as possible.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to meet this threat and recover from its effects, and in accordance with my authority contained in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby order the following protective and restoration measures:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP) along with other appropriate state agency plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) and the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST), as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to local governments and emergency services assignments of other agencies as necessary and determined by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management and other agencies as appropriate.
- C. Implementation by public agencies of their emergency assignments under my supervision and control as directed in the COVEOP without regard to normal procedures pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations or other logistical and support measures of the Emergency Services and Disaster Laws, as provided in § 44-146.28(b) of the *Code of Virginia*. Section 44-146.24 of the *Code of Virginia* also applies to the disaster activities of state agencies.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective July 5, 2019, and shall remain in full force and effect until December 20, 2019, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of this Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal-type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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## Executive Order

**NUMBER FORTY-SEVEN (2020)**

### **EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIRGINIANS WITH DISABILITIES**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

The way ahead for Virginia means inclusion and opportunity for all Virginians, including individuals with disabilities. An estimated one in ten Virginians have a disability.<sup>1</sup> The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 defines disability as any “physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity; [having] a record of such impairment; or being regarded as having such impairment.”<sup>2</sup> This definition is expansive and it is the responsibility of the Commonwealth to empower and provide supports to all Virginians with disabilities to maximize their inclusion, employment, and independence. All Virginians, including those with disabilities, have a right to enjoy the benefits of choice in society and the freedoms of everyday life.

The Commonwealth also has an obligation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the *Olmstead v. L.C. by Zimring*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999) decision, and the Virginians with Disabilities Act to provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to fully integrate into the community. This is more than an obligation—it is a necessity. Virginia must continue to prioritize the mandate of the *Olmstead* decision to ensure the integration of Virginians with disabilities in every community in the Commonwealth. Furthermore, it is the policy of this Commonwealth, as set forth in § 51.5-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, “to encourage and enable persons with disabilities to participate fully and equally in the social and economic life of the Commonwealth.”

Education is a key part of expanding our qualified workforce. In the 2018 Census Bureau Current Population Survey, an estimated 22.6% of Virginians with a disability do not have a high school diploma or equivalency, compared to 13.7% of the population without a disability. Similarly, 34.9% of Virginians with a disability end their education at high school or equivalent

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<sup>1</sup> Erickson, W., Lee, C., & von Schrader, S. (2018). 2016 Disability Status Report: Virginia. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Yang-Tan Institute on Employment and Disability (YTI).

<sup>2</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 12102 (1).

level, compared to 21.8% without a disability, and only 22.1% of Virginians with a disability achieve a four-year degree, compared to 39.7% of Virginians without a disability.

Employment is a key component to supporting community integration and independence for individuals with disabilities. As the economy of the Commonwealth continues to grow and diversify, the need for qualified workers also increases. Unfortunately, individuals with disabilities are an underused resource to help address the need for qualified workers. Many job seekers with disabilities are unable to find full-time, competitive-wage jobs. The challenges that individuals with disabilities face based on their qualifications place limits on their earning potential. The 2017 Pew Research Center Disability Statistics Annual Report found median earnings for Virginians with disabilities ranged \$23,874-\$30,559, while median earnings for Virginians without a disability ranged \$35,888-\$51,302. The Commonwealth administers vocational rehabilitation programs through the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI), and the Department of Veteran Services (DVS) to place workers and veterans with disabilities in public and private sector jobs. Yet, according to the 2017 Disability Status Report by Cornell University, only 41.3% of Virginians with disabilities were employed in 2016, while 81.8% of Virginians without a disability were employed during the same time period. All qualified workers in Virginia should be given the same opportunities to gain employment that utilizes their talents. This contributes to the growth of Virginia's economy and enriches our communities.

### **Establishment of the Initiative**

The Commonwealth should be a leader in inclusivity for individuals with disabilities by prioritizing hiring and workforce diversity and ensuring community integration. This initiative highlights our commitment to ensuring that all Virginians have adequate supports and opportunities to thrive in the Commonwealth. Many state agencies are already doing great work to help individuals with disabilities find employment and live actively in their communities. I seek to build on these efforts by providing greater supports for both visible and invisible disabilities as individuals choose their educational path and prepare to enter the workforce. We should also ensure increased access to competitive and integrated community-based employment. I encourage local governments and the private sector to take similar steps to provide career-building and job opportunities to qualified workers and to ensure access for all individuals, no matter their ability status.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to § 2.2-103 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby direct the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to provide leadership and coordinate across Secretariats the following actions:

1. The Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion shall work with the Secretary of Administration to implement § 2.2-203.2:3 of the *Code of Virginia*, to increase the employment of individuals within state government, including but not limited to the exploration and implementation of the following initiatives to:

- a. Use available hiring authorities, consistent with statutes, regulations, and prior executive orders;
  - b. Increase efforts to accommodate individuals with disabilities within state government employment by increasing the retention and return to work of individuals with disabilities; and
  - c. Expand existing efforts for the recruitment, accommodation, retention, and advancement of individuals with disabilities for positions available in state government.
2. The Secretary of Education and Chief Workforce Advisor, in coordination with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) shall identify opportunities and current best practices at institutions of higher education, community colleges, and vocational training programs to increase the number of Virginians with disabilities who are able to participate actively in advanced training and education programs they choose.
3. The Chief Workforce Advisor, in conjunction with the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade and Education, shall work with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, who will direct DARS, and DBVI, and the Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to strengthen and develop workforce pipelines for individuals with disabilities and promote the hiring of qualified individuals with disabilities by new and existing Virginia businesses as well as companies seeking to locate to the Commonwealth.
4. The Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources will ensure that there is continued collaboration between DVS and DARS to serve disabled veterans. The Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and DVS will also work with employers certified through the Virginia Values Veterans initiative to increase efforts to hire and place in jobs veterans with disabilities.
5. The Virginia Information Technology Agency shall work with other state agencies to improve the accessibility of the Commonwealth's websites for Virginians with disabilities and encourage similar efforts in the private sector.
6. The Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion shall convene, at least annually, a stakeholder meeting to advise and provide input on the directives of this Executive Order and the Commonwealth's efforts towards accessibility, inclusion, and community integration for individuals with disabilities.

### **Reporting on Progress of the Initiative**

The Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion shall report to the Governor on the progress of this Order and the steps taken to ensure community integration, improve website accessibility, and advance employment of Virginians with disabilities.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order rescinds and replaces Executive Order No. 46 (2015) issued by Governor McAuliffe. This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 2nd day of January, 2020.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth





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## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER FORTY-EIGHT (2020)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VIRGINIA DATA COMMISSION,  
THE VIRGINIA EXECUTIVE DATA BOARD, AND  
THE VIRGINIA DATA GOVERNANCE COUNCIL**

**Importance of the Initiative**

Chapter 679 of the 2018 Acts of Assembly established the Chief Data Officer of the Commonwealth (Chief Data Officer) and the Data Sharing and Analytics Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). Both were charged with the development of a permanent data sharing and analytics governance structure for the Commonwealth. The Advisory Committee's "Data Sharing and Analytics Governance Structure for the Commonwealth of Virginia Report" recommends establishing a Virginia Data Commission, Executive Data Board, Data Governance Council, and Data Stewards Group to accomplish the following objectives:

- Promote and facilitate, subject to all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, the secure and appropriate sharing and use of data assets of the Commonwealth in support of data-drive policymaking, research, analysis, study, and economic development;
- Maximize the value and utility of Commonwealth data related investments and assets;
- Promote increased data sharing between state agencies and localities providing tangible operational improvements assisting state agencies and localities in fulfilling their missions in a more coordinated, cost-efficient manner;
- Leverage government data, using appropriate security and privacy standards, supporting evidenced-based policymaking addressing high priority public policy issues; and
- Provide for public access to certain data assets, where lawful and appropriate, enhancing research, innovation, and insight.

Through this Executive Order, I call on leaders across state government to review current state goals, performance objectives, and outcome measures and recommend solutions that will

make Virginia a national leader in data-driven policy, evidence-based decision-making, and outcome-based performance management.

### **Establishment of the Commission**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish the Commonwealth of Virginia Data Commission (Commission). The Commission will play a critical role in Virginia's data governance framework by assisting the Chief Data Officer of the Commonwealth to set, plan, and prioritize data sharing performance goals for the Commonwealth, review agency accomplishments, and achieve desired performance goals and objectives.

### **Composition of the Commission**

The Commission shall be chaired by the Chief Data Officer. Membership shall include the following individuals or their designees:

- The Auditor of Public Accounts;
- The Chief Workforce Advisor to the Governor;
- Secretary of Administration;
- Secretary of Health and Human Resources;
- Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security;
- Secretary of Finance;
- Secretary of the Commonwealth;
- Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry;
- Secretary of Natural Resources;
- Secretary of Commerce and Trade;
- Secretary of Education;
- Secretary of Defense and Veterans Affairs;
- Secretary of Transportation; and
- Seven non-legislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor each representing one of seven geographic regions within the state.

The non-legislative citizen members shall be residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The chair may invite other members of state government to participate in Commission meetings as he deems necessary.

### **Responsibilities of the Commission**

The Commission's responsibilities shall include the following:

- Study, report and make recommendations to the Governor on all areas of data governance, quality, sharing, analytics, reporting, intelligence, and performance management;
- Advise and assist the Chief Data Officer to set, plan, prioritize, and review data and outcome performance goals and objectives to improve operational efficiency, increase delivery of customer-centered services, and promote better outcomes for constituents;
- Make recommendations to the Governor on performance goals and objectives requiring engagement from organizations across state government; and
- Cooperate with local governments and governmental agencies.

### **Establishment of the Board**

The Chief Data Officer shall have the authority to convene the Executive Data Board (Board).

### **Composition of the Board**

The Chief Data Officer shall chair the Board and select its membership. The Board, however, shall consist of executive leadership, or their designees, from executive branch agencies engaged in data sharing and analytics projects.

### **Responsibilities of the Board**

The Board shall:

- Translate the Commonwealth's data-driven policy goals and objectives to agency performance targets;
- Allocate appropriate agency resources to support data governance, sharing, and analytics initiatives; and
- Provide to the Commission any reports on the Board's recommendations and work as required by the Commission.

### **Establishment of the Council**

The Chief Data Officer shall chair the Data Governance Council (Council).

### **Composition of the Council**

The Board shall select the members of the Council. The Council, however, shall consist of employees of the state agencies represented on the Board.

## **Responsibilities of the Council**

The Council shall:

- Liaise between state agency operations and the Chief Data Officer;
- Advise the Chief Data Officer on technology, policy, and governance strategies;
- Administer data governance policies, standards, and best practices as set by the Board;
- Implement data sharing and analytics projects;
- Review open data assets; and
- Provide to the Board any reports on the Council's recommendations and work as required by the Board.

## **Support of the Commission, Board, and Council**

Staff support for the work of the Commission, Board, and Council shall be provided by the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Secretary of Administration. An estimated 500 hours of staff time will be required to support this work.

The Commission shall commence its work promptly and suggest legislative and budgetary proposals that will enable the implementation of any identified recommendations. The Commission shall provide an annual report to the Governor no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Commission shall issue such other reports and recommendations as necessary or as requested by the Governor.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in force and effect for one year, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 7th day of January, 2020.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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## Executive Order

### NUMBER FORTY-NINE (2020)

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO POTENTIAL CIVIL UNREST AT THE VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth of Virginia is a welcoming state. Virginians understand that diversity of opinion keeps our democracy strong. The more voices involved in our political dialogue, the stronger we are. Civil discourse, even and especially, amongst those who disagree, is critical to our democracy's evolution and success. When the civility of that political discourse breaks down, the Commonwealth suffers. Three years ago, Virginia and the nation, watched horrified as civil protest was marred by violence and hate. The events that occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia demonstrated what can happen when peaceful demonstrations are hijacked by those who come into the Commonwealth and do not value the importance of peaceful assembly. We lost three Virginians. We must take all precautions to prevent that from ever happening again.

Credible intelligence gathered by Virginia's law enforcement agencies indicates that tens of thousands of advocates plan to converge on Capitol Square for events culminating on January 20, 2020. Available information suggests that a substantial number of these demonstrators are expected to come from outside the Commonwealth, may be armed, and have as their purpose not peaceful assembly but violence, rioting, and insurrection. Assuring that Virginia's Capitol Square and surrounding public areas are sheltered safe places for those who come to participate in the democratic process, as well as those who work on or near Capitol Square, is my greatest priority.

The anticipated effects of the potential convergence of tens of thousands of demonstrators on Capitol Square, some of whom may not come to assemble peacefully, constitutes an emergency as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 2.2-103 and 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim that a state of emergency will exist starting on January 17, 2020 through January 21, 2020. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance

to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state and local governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- B. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- C. To provide for the shelter and safety of state employees who work on or near the Virginia State Capitol and those who come to peacefully assemble, and consistent with the General Assembly's prohibition on weapons in the Virginia State Capitol and the Pocahontas Buildings, and Executive Order 50 (McAuliffe), which prohibits firearms in offices occupied by executive branch agencies, no weapons, including firearms, may be carried or possessed on any land, real property, or improvements owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia within the area bounded by Broad Street, Ninth Street, Bank Street and Governor Street in the City of Richmond, Virginia, as well as any Commonwealth-owned parking lots for Virginia's Department of Transportation, the Madison Building, the Monroe Building, the Patrick Henry Building, Washington Building, the Jefferson Building, and the Oliver Hill Building.
  - 1. "Firearm" means any handgun, pistol, revolver, or other weapon designed or intended to propel or expel a projectile or missile of any kind by action of an explosion of any combustible material; rifle, shotgun, automatic or semi-automatic gun; assault firearm as defined in § 18.2-308.2:2 of the *Code*; machine gun; 3D printed gun; or similar weapon. Firearm does not include any ceremonial firearm currently on display in a legislative branch agency.
  - 2. "Weapon" means any weapon as defined in paragraphs (ii) through (v) of subsection A of § 18.2-308 of the *Code* and any stun weapon, as defined under § 18.2-308.1 of the *Code*, with the exception of a pocket knife having a folding metal blade of less than three inches. "Weapons" also includes, but is not limited to, sticks, torches, poles, bats, shields, helmets,

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D. Exempt from paragraph C's prohibition are:

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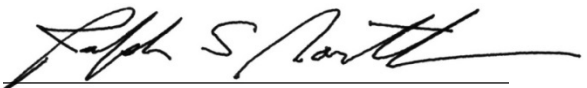


**Effective Dates of this Executive Order**

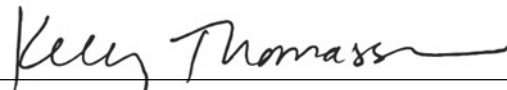
This Executive Order shall be effective from 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 17, until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Capitol Square will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the above days. Nothing in this Order rescinds or amends Executive Order 50 (McAuliffe), which remains in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 15th day of January, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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Office of the Governor

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER FORTY-NINE (2020)**

***AMENDED***

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2. Any other person otherwise acting in coordination with the Division of Capitol Police, as determined by its chief.

E. Pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code*, violation of this Order shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Amended Executive Order shall be effective from 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 17, until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Capitol Square will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the above days. Nothing in this Order rescinds or amends Executive Order 50 (McAuliffe), which remains in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 17th day of January, 2020.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### NUMBER FIFTY (2020)

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO EXTREME FLOODING**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On February 6, 2020, I declared that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia to prepare and coordinate our response to extreme flooding across the Commonwealth. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim a state of emergency. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.


- D. Activation of § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code* related to price gouging.
- E. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
- F. Authorization of a maximum of \$350,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$100,000 for the Department of Military Affairs, if it is called to State Active Duty.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

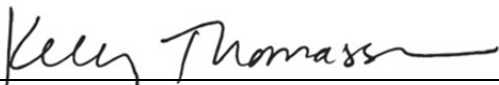
This Executive Order shall be effective February 6, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect until March 7, 2020, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of this Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### NUMBER FIFTY-ONE (2020)

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth of Virginia is monitoring an outbreak of a respiratory illness referred to as the coronavirus (COVID-19), which has spread from Wuhan, Hubei Province, China to more than 80 other locations internationally, including the Commonwealth. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has been working with local, state, and federal officials, healthcare and emergency management experts, and various state agencies to form a COVID-19 Taskforce to prepare for and respond to this threat. Given recent confirmed occurrences of COVID-19 within the Commonwealth and in neighboring states, as well as information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is anticipated that the disease will spread.

Therefore, on this date, March 12, 2020, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia to continue to prepare and coordinate our response to the potential spread of COVID-19, a communicable disease of public health threat. The anticipated effects of COVID-19 constitute a disaster as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. By virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim a state of emergency. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.



- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- D. Activation of § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code* related to price gouging.
- E. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
- F. Authorization of a maximum of \$10,000,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$1,000,000 for the Department of Military Affairs, if it is called to State Active Duty.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective March 12, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect until June 10, 2020 unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of this Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 12th day of March, 2020.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### AMENDED NUMBER 51 (2020)

#### EXTENDING DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

##### Importance of the Issue

**The Commonwealth of Virginia continues to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.**

Therefore, I declare that a state of emergency **continues** to exist in the Commonwealth of Virginia with respect to our response to the potential spread of COVID-19, a communicable disease of public health threat. The effects of COVID-19 constitute a disaster as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. By virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim that a state of emergency continues to exist. Accordingly, I **again** direct state and local governments to continue to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.

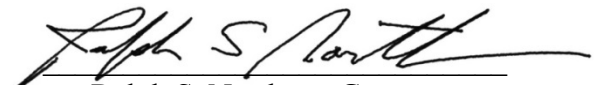
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- D. Activation of § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code* related to price gouging.
- E. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
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**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

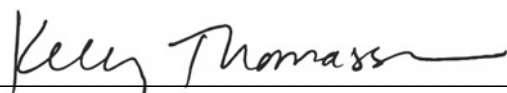
This Order shall be effective as of March 12, 2020, **and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.**

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

NUMBER FIFTY-TWO (2020)

### INCREASES IN HOSPITAL BED CAPACITY IN RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

#### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth of Virginia anticipates a sudden, yet temporary need to increase bed capacity in general hospitals and nursing homes within the Commonwealth. The increase may be needed to serve persons who become acutely ill due to the outbreak of a respiratory illness referred to as the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Based on information from the Virginia Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of cases of COVID-19 continues to increase within the Commonwealth and in neighboring states. It is anticipated that the number of persons who will need to be admitted to a hospital or nursing home for care within our communities may exceed the current capacity of our hospitals and nursing homes. Certain requirements in the *Code of Virginia* limit the ability of our hospitals and nursing homes to increase quickly their bed capacity in response to this expected higher demand.

#### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 2.2-103 and 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*, and notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1.1 of Chapter 4 of Title 32.1 of the *Code*, I direct the State Health Commissioner, at his discretion, to authorize any general hospital or nursing home to increase licensed bed capacity as determined necessary by the Commissioner to respond to increased demand for beds resulting from COVID-19. Notwithstanding Virginia Code § 32.1-132, I further direct any beds added by a general hospital or nursing home pursuant to an authorization of the Commissioner under this Order will constitute licensed beds that do not require further approval or the issuance of a new license.

These actions are in concert with, and further the provisions of, Executive Order 51 in marshalling all resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to respond to the emergency. Any authorization by the Commissioner to increase bed capacity, and

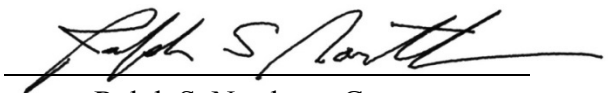
the authority for any resulting increased number of beds, will expire 30 days after the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 51, as it may be amended.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

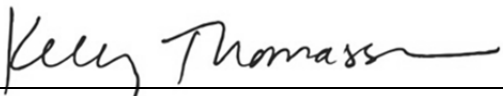
This Executive Order shall be effective March 20, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect until July 10, 2020, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 20th day of March, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### AMENDED NUMBER FIFTY-TWO (2020)

#### **EXTENSION OF INCREASES IN HOSPITAL BED CAPACITY IN RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth of Virginia **continues to** anticipate a sudden, yet temporary need to increase bed capacity in general hospitals and nursing homes within the Commonwealth. The increase may be needed to serve persons who become acutely ill due to the outbreak of a respiratory illness referred to as the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Based on information from the Virginia Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of cases of COVID-19 continues to increase within the Commonwealth and in neighboring states. It **continues to be** anticipated that the number of persons who will need to be admitted to a hospital or nursing home for care within our communities may exceed the current capacity of our hospitals and nursing homes. Certain requirements in the Code of Virginia limit the ability of our hospitals and nursing homes to increase quickly their bed capacity in response to this expected higher demand.

##### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 2.2-103 and 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1.1 of Chapter 4 of Title 32.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, I **again** direct the State Health Commissioner, at his discretion, to authorize any general hospital or nursing home to increase licensed bed capacity as determined necessary by the Commissioner to respond to increased demand for beds resulting from COVID-19. Notwithstanding Virginia Code § 32.1-132, I **again** further direct any beds added by a general hospital or nursing home pursuant to an authorization of the Commissioner under this Order will constitute licensed beds that do not require further approval or the issuance of a new license.

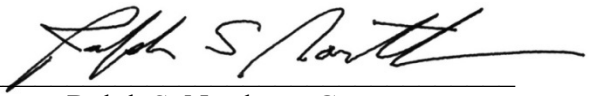
These actions continue to be in concert with, and further the provisions of, Amended Executive Order 51 in marshalling all resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to respond to the emergency. Any authorization by the Commissioner to increase bed capacity, and the authority for any resulting increased number of beds, will expire 30 days after the expiration or rescission of Amended Executive Order 51, as it may be further amended.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

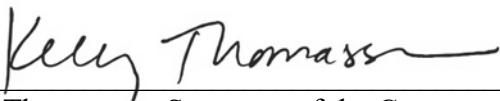
This Amended Executive Order **shall remain in full force and effect until Amended Executive Order 51 is rescinded.**

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





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## Executive Order

### **NUMBER FIFTY-THREE (2020)**

#### **TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS ON RESTAURANTS, RECREATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT, GATHERINGS, NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES, AND CLOSURE OF K-12 SCHOOLS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth of Virginia continues to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. On March 13, 2020, I ordered all K-12 schools in the Commonwealth closed for two weeks. On March 17, 2020, I, along with the Virginia State Health Commissioner, issued an Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency (later amended) limiting the number of patrons in restaurants, fitness centers, and theaters to no more than 10 per establishment. Despite these measures, COVID-19 presents an ongoing threat to our communities. Information from the Virginia Department of Health reveals occurrences of the virus in every region of the Commonwealth. Indeed, the data suggests that in several regions there may be community spread of the virus.

Now, we must take additional long term action to mitigate the impacts of this virus on our Commonwealth. Guidance on School Closures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that medium term closures (8-20 weeks) have greater impact on minimizing the spread of COVID-19 than shorter term closures (2-8 weeks). This guidance is consistent with the expertise of public health officials and their models of continuing spread of COVID-19 throughout the Commonwealth and the nation. Unnecessary person-to-person contact increases the risk of transmission and community spread. Consequently, we must limit such interactions to those necessary to access food and essential materials. Protecting the health and ensuring the safety of every Virginian is my highest priority.

##### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* and in furtherance of Executive Order 51, I order the following:



1. Effective 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2020, all public and private in person gatherings of 10 or more individuals are prohibited.
2. Cessation of all in-person instruction at K-12 schools, public and private, for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Facilities providing child care services may remain open. On March 18, 2020, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services, Duke Storen, issued [a letter](#) with guidance for daycare providers operating in the Commonwealth, including group size limits of 10 and stringent public health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. That guidance remains effective and I urge all Virginians with school-age children to review it. In addition, I urge child care providers to prioritize services for children of essential personnel, while asking all families with the ability to keep their children home, to do so. To that end, the Virginia Department of Social Services and the Virginia Department of Education will issue guidance to communities about operationalizing emergency child care services for essential personnel.
3. Closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers markets effective 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2020. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers markets may continue to offer delivery and take-out services.
4. Closure of all public access to recreational and entertainment businesses, effective 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2020 as set forth below:
  - Theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, museums, and other indoor entertainment centers;
  - Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, and indoor exercise facilities;
  - Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage parlors, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed that would not allow compliance with social distancing guidelines to remain six feet apart;
  - Racetracks and historic horse racing facilities; and
  - Bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, arts and craft facilities, aquariums, zoos, escape rooms, indoor shooting ranges, public and private social clubs, and all other places of indoor public amusement.

5. Essential retail businesses may remain open during their normal business hours. Such businesses are:
  - Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
  - Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
  - Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
  - Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
  - Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
  - Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
  - Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
  - Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
  - Retail located within healthcare facilities;
  - Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
  - Pet and feed stores;
  - Printing and office supply stores; and
  - Laundromats and dry cleaners.
6. Effective 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2020, any brick and mortar retail business not listed in paragraph 5 may continue to operate but must limit all in-person shopping to no more than 10 patrons per establishment. If any such business cannot adhere to the 10 patron limit with proper social distancing requirements, it must close.
7. All businesses shall, to the extent possible, adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and other appropriate workplace guidance from state and federal authorities while in operation.
8. Although business operations offering professional rather than retail services may remain open, they should utilize teleworking as much as possible. Where telework is not feasible, such business must adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and apply the relevant workplace guidance from state and federal authorities.
9. Nothing in the Order shall limit: (a) the provision of health care or medical services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food

banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operation of government.

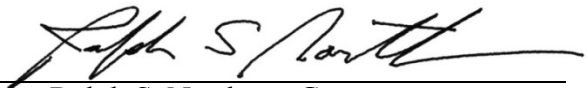
Violation of paragraphs 1, 3, 4, and 6 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

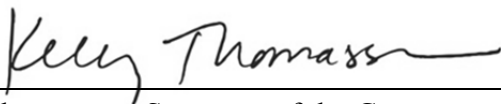
This Executive Order shall be effective March 23, 2020, amends Amended Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency, Order of Public Health Emergency One, and shall remain in full force and in effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 23rd day of March, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### AMENDED NUMBER FIFTY-THREE (2020)

#### **EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS ON RESTAURANTS, RECREATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT, GATHERINGS, NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES, AND CLOSURE OF K-12 SCHOOLS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

Since issuing Executive Order 53 on March 23, 2020, the Commonwealth of Virginia has continued to implement aggressive measures to respond to and to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on Virginians. Data collected by the Virginia Department of Health, however, shows that the virus continues to spread across the state adversely affecting thousands of Virginians. Therefore, it is necessary to extend certain measures previously undertaken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Virginians.

##### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* and in furtherance of Executive Order 51, I order the following:

1. Effective **11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2020**, all public and private in person gatherings of more than 10 individuals are prohibited, as further clarified in Executive Order 55.
2. Cessation of all in-person instruction at K-12 schools, public and private, for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Facilities providing child care services may remain open. On March 18, 2020, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services, Duke Storen, issued [a letter](#) with guidance for daycare providers operating in the Commonwealth, including group size limits of 10 and stringent public health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. That guidance remains effective and I urge all Virginians with school-age children to review it. In addition, I urge child care providers to prioritize services

for children of essential personnel, while asking all families with the ability to keep their children home, to do so. To that end, the Virginia Department of Social Services and the Virginia Department of Education will issue guidance to communities about operationalizing emergency child care services for essential personnel.

3. Closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers markets effective **11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2020**. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers markets may continue to offer delivery and take-out services.
4. Closure of all public access to recreational and entertainment businesses, effective **11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2020** as set forth below:
  - Theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, museums, and other indoor entertainment centers;
  - Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, and indoor exercise facilities;
  - Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage parlors, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed that would not allow compliance with social distancing guidelines to remain six feet apart;
  - Racetracks and historic horse racing facilities; and
  - Bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, arts and craft facilities, aquariums, zoos, escape rooms, indoor shooting ranges, public and private social clubs, and all other places of indoor public amusement.
5. Essential retail businesses may remain open during their normal business hours. Such businesses are:
  - Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
  - Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
  - Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
  - Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
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  - Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
  - Pet and feed stores;
  - Printing and office supply stores; and
  - Laundromats and dry cleaners.
6. Effective **11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2020**, any brick and mortar retail business not listed in paragraph 5 may continue to operate but must limit all in-person shopping to no more than 10 patrons per establishment. If any such business cannot adhere to the 10 patron limit with proper social distancing requirements, it must close.
  7. All businesses shall, to the extent possible, adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and other appropriate workplace guidance from state and federal authorities while in operation.
  8. Although business operations offering professional rather than retail services may remain open, they should utilize teleworking as much as possible. Where telework is not feasible, such business must adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and apply the relevant workplace guidance from state and federal authorities.
  9. Nothing in the Order shall limit: (a) the provision of health care or medical services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operation of government.
  10. The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020 and reflected in Executive Order 51 declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Executive Order 51 is so amended. This waiver is effective as of **March 12, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2020**.
  11. Continued cancellation of all specially-scheduled state conferences and large events until **11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2020**.

12. Continued cessation of all official travel outside of Virginia by state employees, with increased flexibility for inter-state commuters and essential personnel until **11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.**

13. Nothing in this Order abrogates the provisions of Executive Orders 51 or 55, which are still in full force and effect.

Violation of paragraphs 1, 3, 4, and 6 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

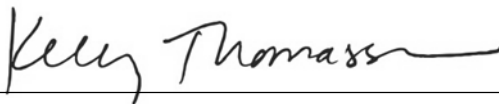
This Executive Order amends Amended Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency, Order of Public Health Emergency One, and Executive Order 55 and shall remain in full force and in effect according to the expiration dates included herein or amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **SECOND AMENDED NUMBER FIFTY-THREE (2020)**

#### **FURTHER EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS ON RESTAURANTS, RECREATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT, GATHERINGS, NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES, AND CLOSURE OF K-12 SCHOOLS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

Since issuing Executive Order 53 on March 23, 2020, Virginians have stayed home, travelled when necessary, educated their children at home, worn masks, and practiced social distancing when in public. Virginians have made sacrifices. And I am proud of Virginia and grateful for those efforts. Because Virginians have taken the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic seriously, we are making strides toward mitigating the spread of this deadly virus. There is, however, more to be done to ensure the safety and welfare of Virginians before the restrictions levied on March 23, 2020, can be eased. Therefore, it is necessary to extend for a second time certain measures previously undertaken to ensure the health and wellbeing of Virginians.

##### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* and in furtherance of Executive Order 51, I order the following:

1. Effective 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2020, all public and private in person gatherings of more than 10 individuals are prohibited, as further clarified in Executive Order 55.
2. Cessation of all in-person instruction at K-12 schools, public and private, for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Facilities providing child care services may remain open. On March 18, 2020, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services, Duke Storen, issued [a letter](#) with guidance for daycare providers operating in the Commonwealth, including group size limits of



10 and stringent public health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. That guidance remains effective and I urge all Virginians with school-age children to review it. In addition, I urge child care providers to prioritize services for children of essential personnel, while asking all families with the ability to keep their children home, to do so. To that end, the Virginia Department of Social Services and the Virginia Department of Education will issue guidance to communities about operationalizing emergency child care services for essential personnel.

3. Closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers markets effective **11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2020**. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers markets may continue to offer delivery and take-out services.
4. Closure of all public access to recreational and entertainment businesses, effective **11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2020** as set forth below:
  - Theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, museums, and other indoor entertainment centers;
  - Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, and indoor exercise facilities;
  - Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage parlors, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed that would not allow compliance with social distancing guidelines to remain six feet apart;
  - Racetracks and historic horse racing facilities; and
  - Bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, arts and craft facilities, aquariums, zoos, escape rooms, indoor shooting ranges, public and private social clubs, and all other places of indoor public amusement.
5. Essential retail businesses may remain open during their normal business hours. Such businesses are:
  - Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
  - Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
  - Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
  - Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;

- Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
  - Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
  - Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
  - Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
  - Retail located within healthcare facilities;
  - Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
  - Pet and feed stores;
  - Printing and office supply stores; and
  - Laundromats and dry cleaners.
6. Effective **11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2020**, any brick and mortar retail business not listed in paragraph 5 may continue to operate but must limit all in-person shopping to no more than 10 patrons per establishment. If any such business cannot adhere to the 10 patron limit with proper social distancing requirements, it must close.
  7. All businesses shall, to the extent possible, adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and other appropriate workplace guidance from state and federal authorities while in operation.
  8. Although business operations offering professional rather than retail services may remain open, they should utilize teleworking as much as possible. Where telework is not feasible, such business must adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and apply the relevant workplace guidance from state and federal authorities.
  9. Nothing in the Order shall limit: (a) the provision of health care or medical services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operation of government.
  10. The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020 and reflected in Executive Order 51 declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Executive Order 51 is so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.
  11. Continued cancellation of all specially-scheduled state conferences and large events until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

12. Continued cessation of all official travel outside of Virginia by state employees, with increased flexibility for inter-state commuters and essential personnel until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.
13. Nothing in this Order abrogates the provisions of Executive Orders 51 or 55, which are still in full force and effect.

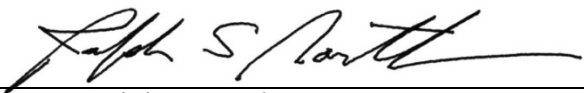
Violation of paragraphs 1, 3, 4, and 6 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**


This Executive Order amends Amended Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency, Order of Public Health Emergency One, and Executive Order 55 and shall remain in full force and in effect according to the expiration dates included herein or amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER FIFTY-FOUR (2020)**

#### **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION TO REQUEST TITLE XII ADVANCES TO SUPPORT VIRGINIA WORKERS**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

Due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, many Virginians are out of work due to temporarily business closures, school closures, and other health-related emergencies. The United States Department of Labor is working on expanding the definition of who is eligible for unemployment benefits, an extension of time a person may be on unemployment benefits, and the amount of unemployment pay a dislocated worker receives per week. The increase in workers who are eligible as well as the increase in funds distributed to families in the Commonwealth will deplete the Virginia Unemployment Insurance Trust. The United States Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration issued guidance regarding on how to request and repay Title XII advances from the Federal Unemployment Account. Pursuant to that guidance, the Virginia Employment Commission must take action with the United States Department of Labor to secure benefits for Virginians.

##### **Directive**

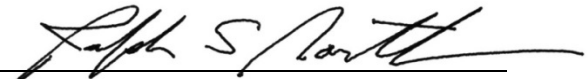
Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 2.2-104 of the *Code of Virginia*, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby affirm and delegate to the Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission the authority and responsibility for executing agreements with the United States Department of Labor related to implement the S.B.3548 - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and requesting Title XII advances from the Federal Unemployment Account.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**


This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **NUMBER FIFTY-FIVE (2020)**

#### **TEMPORARY STAY AT HOME ORDER DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

To reinforce the Commonwealth's response to COVID-19 and in furtherance of Executive Orders 51 (March 12, 2020) and 53 (March 23, 2020) and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I order the following:

1. All individuals in Virginia shall remain at their place of residence, except as provided below by this Order and Executive Order 53. To the extent individuals use shared or outdoor spaces, whether on land or on water, they must at all times maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person, with the exception of family or household members or caretakers. Individuals may leave their residences for the purpose of:
  - a. Obtaining food, beverages, goods, or services as permitted in Executive Order 53;
  - b. Seeking medical attention, essential social services, governmental services, assistance from law enforcement, or emergency services;
  - c. Taking care of other individuals, animals, or visiting the home of a family member;
  - d. Traveling required by court order or to facilitate child custody, visitation, or child care;
  - e. Engaging in outdoor activity, including exercise, provided individuals comply with social distancing requirements;
  - f. Traveling to and from one's residence, place of worship, or work;

- g. Traveling to and from an educational institution;
  - h. Volunteering with organizations that provide charitable or social services; and
  - i. Leaving one's residence due to a reasonable fear for health or safety, at the direction of law enforcement, or at the direction of another government agency.
2. All public and private in-person gatherings of more than ten individuals are prohibited. This includes parties, celebrations, religious, or other social events, whether they occur indoor or outdoor. This restriction does not apply:
    - a. To the operation of businesses not required to close to the public under Executive Order 53; or
    - b. To the gathering of family members living in the same residence.
  3. Institutions of higher education shall cease all in-person classes and instruction, and cancel all gatherings of more than ten individuals. For purposes of facilitating remote learning, performing critical research, or performing essential functions, institutions of higher education may continue to operate, provided that social distancing requirements are maintained.
  4. Effective April 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., cessation of all reservations for overnight stays of less than 14 nights at all privately-owned campgrounds, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*.
  5. Closure of all public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* for all activity, except exercising and fishing. Social distancing requirements must be followed.
  6. All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.
  7. As provided in Executive Order 53, nothing in this Order shall limit: (a) the provision of health care or medical services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operation of government.

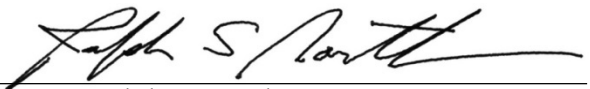
Violation of paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**


This Executive Order shall be effective March 30, 2020, amends Amended Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency, Order of Public Health Emergency One and Executive Order 53, and shall remain in full force and in effect until June 10, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 30th day of March, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **NUMBER FIFTY-SIX (2020)**

#### **POSTPONING JUNE 9, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION TO JUNE 23, 2020 DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth continues to respond to the threat posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The actions we take now will help protect the health and safety of our citizens for months to come. These actions include when to hold our elections. Voting is a fundamental right and no one should have to choose between their health and safety and their right to vote.

##### **Directive**

To continue with the Commonwealth's response to COVID-19 and in furtherance of Executive Orders 51 (March 12, 2020), 53 (March 23, 2020), and 55 (March 28, 2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 24.2-603.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, I order the following:

1. The provisions of this Order shall apply to the primary elections scheduled to be held on June 9, 2020.
2. That the primary elections scheduled for June 9, 2020, shall be held on June 23, 2020.
3. Only those candidates who qualified to have their names printed on the official ballot for June 9, 2020 primary election shall be listed for those offices on the ballot for the June 23, 2020 primary election. No other person shall be entitled to qualify to have their name printed on the official ballot for any office that was scheduled to be nominated at the June 9, 2020 primary election.
4. Pursuant to § 24.2-603.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, only those voters duly registered to vote on the date of the original election shall be able to participate in the postponed election. Therefore, the voter registration deadline for the June 23, 2020 primary elections shall remain May 18, 2020.

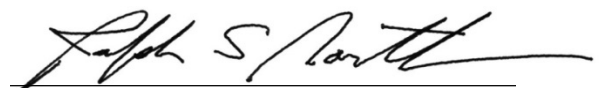
5. Pursuant to § 24.2-701.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, absentee voting shall be available 45 days prior to the date of a primary election. This date is Saturday, May 9, 2020, unless the relevant general registrar’s office is not open on May 9, 2020, in which case it shall be Friday, May 8, 2020.
  - a. Pursuant to § 24.2-701(B)(2) of the *Code of Virginia*, qualified voters shall have until June 16, 2020 to request an absentee ballot.
  - b. Pursuant to § 24.2-701(B)(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, the last day to vote absentee in person shall be June 20, 2020.
  - c. Pursuant to § 24.2-709 of the *Code of Virginia*, the deadline for returning an absentee ballot shall be 7:00 p.m. on June 23, 2020.
6. The State Board of Elections shall prescribe appropriate procedures to implement the provisions of this section pursuant to § 24.2-603.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

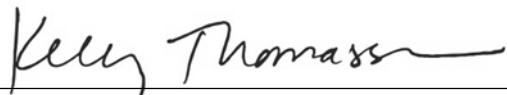
This Executive Order shall be effective on April 13, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **AMENDED NUMBER FIFTY-SIX (2020)**

#### **POSTPONING JUNE 9, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION TO JUNE 23, 2020 DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth continues to respond to the threat posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The actions we take now will help protect the health and safety of our citizens for months to come. These actions include when to hold our elections. Voting is a fundamental right and no one should have to choose between their health and safety and their right to vote.

##### **Directive**

To continue with the Commonwealth's response to COVID-19 and in furtherance of Executive Order 51 (March 12, 2020), Amended Executive Order 53 (April 15, 2020), and Executive Order 55 (March 30, 2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 24.2-603.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, I order the following:

1. The provisions of this Order shall apply to the primary elections scheduled to be held on June 9, 2020.
2. That the primary elections scheduled for June 9, 2020, shall be held on June 23, 2020.
3. Only those candidates who qualified to have their names printed on the official ballot for June 9, 2020 primary election shall be listed for those offices on the ballot for the June 23, 2020 primary election. No other person shall be entitled to qualify to have their name printed on the official ballot for any office that was scheduled to be nominated at the June 9, 2020 primary election.
4. Pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, 52 U.S.C. 20507(a)(1), the voter registration deadline for the June 23, 2020 primary elections shall be May 26, 2020.

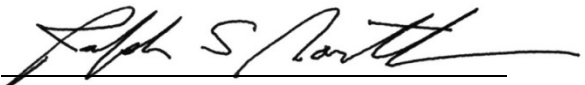
5. Pursuant to § 24.2-701.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, absentee voting shall be available 45 days prior to the date of a primary election. This date is Saturday, May 9, 2020, unless the relevant general registrar's office is not open on May 9, 2020, in which case it shall be Friday, May 8, 2020.
  - a. Pursuant to § 24.2-701(B)(2) of the *Code of Virginia*, qualified voters shall have until June 16, 2020 to request an absentee ballot.
  - b. Pursuant to § 24.2-701(B)(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, the last day to vote absentee in person shall be June 20, 2020.
  - c. Pursuant to § 24.2-709(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, the deadline for returning an absentee ballot shall be 7:00 p.m. on June 23, 2020, except as provided under § 24.2-709(B) of the *Code of Virginia*.
6. Pursuant to § 24.2-603.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Elections shall prescribe appropriate procedures to implement the provisions of this section. The Department of Elections shall also prescribe procedures in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Virginia Department of Health to assist in ensuring the safety and well-being of election officials, officers of election, and voters. The Department of Elections shall partner with the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Medical Reserve Corps to train election officials on preventive actions to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and to provide support at polling locations.

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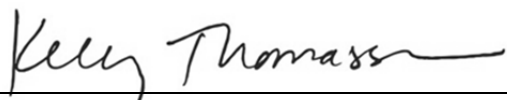
This Executive Order amends Executive Order 56 and shall be effective on April 13, 2020 and remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

NUMBER FIFTY-SEVEN (2020)

### LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

#### Importance of the Issue

The COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person that may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has spread throughout the Commonwealth. The number of cases of COVID-19 continues to increase within the Commonwealth and in neighboring states. It is anticipated that COVID-19 will result in increased demands on the Commonwealth's health professional workforce that will require additional personnel. Authorizing out-of-state licensed professionals, as well as residents, interns, and certain senior students to practice in the Commonwealth will assist in meeting that demand. In addition, permitting experienced nurse practitioners to practice without a practice agreement will increase the availability of primary care and hospital providers. Finally, expanding the use of telehealth will assist in the provision of needed health care services to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

#### Directive

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Virginia and §44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, during the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 51, I hereby order the following:

1. During the state of emergency declared by Executive Order 51, a license in good standing issued to a health care practitioner by another state shall be deemed to be an active license issued by the Commonwealth to provide health care or professional services as a health care practitioner of the same type for which such license is issued in another state, provided such health care practitioner is engaged by a hospital or an affiliate of such hospital where both share the same corporate parent, licensed nursing facility, dialysis facility, physicians' office, or other health care facility in the Commonwealth for the purpose of assisting that office or facility with public health and medical disaster response operations. Hospitals, licensed nursing facilities, dialysis facilities, physicians'

offices, and other health care facilities must submit to the applicable licensing board each out-of-state health care practitioner's name, license type, state of license, and license identification number within a reasonable time of such healthcare practitioner providing services for the health care facility or office in the Commonwealth. A health care facility includes assisted living facilities, congregate care settings, and any alternate care facility established in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

2. A clinical psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, and clinical social worker with an active license issued by another state may be issued a temporary license by endorsement as a health care practitioner of the same type for which such license is issued in another state upon submission of an application and information requested by the applicable licensing board and the board's verification that the applicant's license issued by another state is active in good standing and there are no current reports in the United States Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank. Such temporary license shall expire ninety (90) days after the state of emergency ends. During such time the practitioner may seek a full Virginia license or transition patients to Virginia-licensed practitioners.
3. Health care practitioners with an active license issued by another state may provide continuity of care to their current patients who are Virginia residents through telehealth services. Establishment of a relationship with a new patient requires a Virginia license unless pursuant to paragraphs 1 or 2 above.
4. A healthcare practitioner may use any non-public facing audio or remote communication product that is available to communicate with patients. This exercise of discretion applies to telehealth provided for any reason regardless of whether the telehealth service is related to the diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19.
5. Nurse practitioners licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, except those licensed in the category of certified registered nurse anesthetists, with two or more years of clinical experience may practice in the practice category in which they are certified and licensed and prescribe without a written or electronic practice agreement.
6. Interns, residents, and fellows with active temporary training licenses to practice medicine issued by the Virginia Board of Medicine may practice in a hospital, including a clinic or alternate care facility operated by a hospital. without the supervision of a licensed physician or fully licensed member of the applicable faculty program at all times. The level of supervision required for each intern, resident, and fellow shall be established by the training program in coordination with the hospital where practice is occurring.
7. Senior fourth year medical students may practice in a hospital, including a clinic or alternate care facility operated by a hospital. without the direct tutorial supervision by a

licensed physician member of the hospital staff. The level of supervision required for each student shall be established by the institution in coordination with the hospital where practice is occurring.

8. Individuals who have completed an accredited respiratory care program may practice respiratory therapy and for ninety (90) days thereafter or until the individual has passed the National Board on Respiratory Care licensure examination and been issued a license or has failed the examination, whichever occurs first.

Nothing in this order designates the healthcare practitioners above as agents of the Commonwealth.

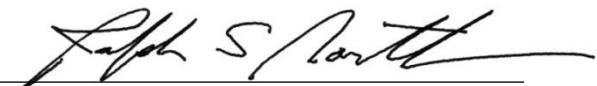
These actions are in concert with, and further the provisions of Executive Order 51 in marshalling all resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to respond to the emergency.

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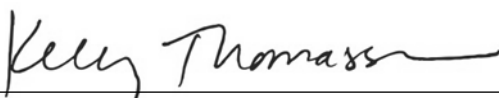
This Executive Order shall be effective April 17, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect until June 10, 2020 unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





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Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

AMENDED NUMBER FIFTY-SEVEN (2020)

### LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

#### **Importance of the Issue**

The COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person that may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has spread throughout the Commonwealth. The number of cases of COVID-19 continues to increase within the Commonwealth and in neighboring states. It is anticipated that COVID-19 will result in increased demands on the Commonwealth's health professional workforce that will require additional personnel. Authorizing out-of-state licensed professionals, as well as residents, interns, and certain senior students to practice in the Commonwealth will assist in meeting that demand. In addition, permitting experienced nurse practitioners to practice without a practice agreement will increase the availability of primary care and hospital providers. Finally, expanding the use of telehealth will assist in the provision of needed health care services to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

#### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Virginia and §44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, during the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 51, I hereby order the following:

1. During the state of emergency declared by Executive Order 51, a license in good standing issued to a health care practitioner by another state shall be deemed to be an active license issued by the Commonwealth to provide health care or professional services as a health care practitioner of the same type for which such license is issued in another state, provided such health care practitioner is engaged by a hospital or an affiliate of such hospital where both share the same corporate parent, licensed nursing facility, dialysis facility, physicians' office, or other health care facility in the Commonwealth for the purpose of assisting that office or facility with public health and medical disaster response operations. Hospitals, licensed nursing facilities, dialysis facilities, physicians'

offices, and other health care facilities must submit to the applicable licensing board each out-of-state health care practitioner's name, license type, state of license, and license identification number within a reasonable time of such healthcare practitioner providing services for the health care facility or office in the Commonwealth. A health care facility includes assisted living facilities, congregate care settings, and any alternate care facility established in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

2. A clinical psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, and clinical social worker with an active license issued by another state may be issued a temporary license by endorsement as a health care practitioner of the same type for which such license is issued in another state upon submission of an application and information requested by the applicable licensing board and the board's verification that the applicant's license issued by another state is active in good standing and there are no current reports in the United States Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank. Such temporary license shall expire ninety (90) days after the state of emergency ends. During such time the practitioner may seek a full Virginia license or transition patients to Virginia-licensed practitioners.
3. Health care practitioners with an active license issued by another state may provide continuity of care to their current patients who are Virginia residents through telehealth services. Establishment of a relationship with a new patient requires a Virginia license unless pursuant to paragraphs 1 or 2 above.
4. A healthcare practitioner may use any non-public facing audio or remote communication product that is available to communicate with patients. This exercise of discretion applies to telehealth provided for any reason regardless of whether the telehealth service is related to the diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19.
5. Nurse practitioners licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, except those licensed in the category of certified registered nurse anesthetists, with two or more years of clinical experience may practice in the practice category in which they are certified and licensed and prescribe without a written or electronic practice agreement.
6. Physician assistants licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia with two or more years of clinical experience may practice in their area of knowledge and expertise and may prescribe without a written or electronic practice agreement.
7. Interns, residents, and fellows with active temporary training licenses to practice medicine issued by the Virginia Board of Medicine may practice in a hospital, including a clinic or alternate care facility operated by a hospital without the supervision of a licensed physician or fully licensed member of the applicable faculty program at all times. The level of supervision required for each intern, resident, and fellow shall be

established by the training program in coordination with the hospital where practice is occurring.

8. Senior fourth year medical students may practice in a hospital, including a clinic or alternate care facility operated by a hospital without the direct tutorial supervision by a licensed physician member of the hospital staff. The level of supervision required for each student shall be established by the institution in coordination with the hospital where practice is occurring.
9. Individuals who have completed an accredited respiratory care program may practice respiratory therapy and for ninety (90) days thereafter or until the individual has passed the National Board on Respiratory Care licensure examination and been issued a license or has failed the examination, whichever occurs first.

Nothing in this order designates the healthcare practitioners above as agents of the Commonwealth.

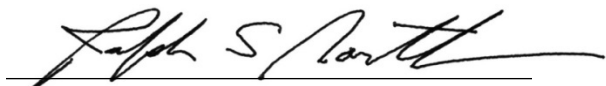
These actions are in concert with, and further the provisions of Executive Order 51 in marshalling all resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to respond to the emergency.

**Effective Date of this Amended Executive Order**

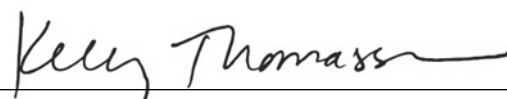
This Executive Order shall be effective April 17, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect until June 10, 2020 unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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## Executive Order

**SECOND AMENDED NUMBER FIFTY-SEVEN (2020)**

**LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS  
IN RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**EXTENSION OF CERTAIN WAIVERS**

### **Importance of the Issue**

It is anticipated that COVID-19 will continue to place increased demands on the Commonwealth's health professional workforce that will require additional personnel. Authorizing out-of-state licensed professionals to continue providing care to the citizens of the Commonwealth via telehealth will assist in meeting that demand. In addition, continuing to permit experienced nurse practitioners and physician assistants to practice without a practice agreement will extend the availability of primary care and hospital providers. Finally, continuing to expand the availability of telehealth will assist in the needed provision of health care services to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Virginia and §44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, during the state of emergency declared in Amended Executive Order 51, I hereby order the following:

1. During the state of emergency declared in Amended Executive Order 51, a license issued to a health care practitioner by another state, and in good standing with such state, shall be deemed to be an active license issued by the Commonwealth to provide health care or professional services as a health care practitioner of the same type for which such license is issued in another state, provided such health care practitioner is engaged by a hospital, or an affiliate of such hospital where both share the same corporate parent, licensed nursing facility, or dialysis facility in the Commonwealth for the purpose of assisting that facility with public health and medical disaster response operations. Hospitals, licensed nursing facilities, and dialysis facilities must submit to the applicable licensing authority each out-of-state health care practitioner's name, license type, state of license, and license

identification number within a reasonable time of such healthcare practitioner providing services at the applicable health care facility in the Commonwealth. Health care practitioners with active licenses issued by other states who notified the applicable licensing authority under this Executive Order and were engaged by a physician's office or other health care facility that is not a hospital, nursing facility, or dialysis facility may continue to practice in the Commonwealth for an additional 30 days from the date of this Order and may apply for licensure in the Commonwealth in order to continue providing services to patients located in Virginia.

2. A clinical psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, and clinical social worker with an active license issued by another state may be issued a temporary license by endorsement as a health care practitioner of the same type for which such license is issued in another state upon submission of an application and information requested by the applicable licensing board and the board's verification that the applicant's license issued by another state is active in good standing and there are no current reports in the United States Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank. Such temporary license shall expire September 8, 2020. During such time the practitioner may seek a full Virginia license or transition patients to Virginia-licensed practitioners.
3. Nurse practitioners licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, except those licensed in the category of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, with two or more years of clinical experience may continue to practice in the practice category in which they are certified and licensed and prescribe without a written or electronic practice agreement until September 8, 2020.
4. Health care practitioners with an active license issued by another state may provide continuity of care to their current patients who are Virginia residents through telehealth services for the duration of Amended Executive Order 51. Establishment of a relationship with a new patient requires a Virginia license unless pursuant to paragraphs 1 or 2 above.
5. Physician assistants licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia with two or more years of clinical experience may practice in their area of knowledge and expertise and may prescribe without a written or electronic practice agreement until September 8, 2020.
6. A healthcare practitioner may use any non-public facing audio or remote communication product that is available to communicate with patients for the duration of Amended Executive Order 51. This exercise of discretion applies to telehealth provided for any reason regardless of whether the telehealth service is related to the diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19.

Nothing in this order designates the healthcare practitioners above as agents of the Commonwealth.

These actions are in concert with, and further the provisions of Executive Order 51 in marshalling all resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to respond to the emergency.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective June 10, 2020 and shall remain in full force and in effect for the duration of the state of emergency as declared in Amended Executive Order 51 unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 10th day of June, 2020.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **THIRD AMENDED NUMBER FIFTY-SEVEN (2021)**

### **LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **FURTHER EXTENSION OF CERTAIN WAIVERS**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

It is anticipated that COVID-19 will continue to place increased demands on the Commonwealth's health professional workforce that will require additional personnel, **including for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines. Continuing both the authorization of out-of-state licensed professionals to provide care to the citizens of the Commonwealth and the availability of telehealth will assist in meeting that demand, as will allowing physician assistants to practice outside of a practice agreement and allowing licensed practical nurses to administer vaccines without supervision. Partnerships in vaccine administration between private and public entities will also expand our capacity to vaccinate. Allowing temporary nurse aides to qualify to transition into certified nurse aides will help address a key workforce need.**

#### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Virginia and §44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, during the state of emergency declared in Amended Executive Order 51, I hereby order the following:

1. **Notwithstanding any contrary provision in Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia**, a license issued to a health care practitioner by another state, and in good standing with such state, shall be deemed to be an active license issued by the Commonwealth to provide health care or professional services as a health care practitioner of the same type for which such license is issued in another state. Such license is permissible, provided the health care practitioner is engaged by a hospital (or an affiliate of such hospital where both share the same corporate parent), licensed nursing facility, dialysis facility, **the Virginia Department of Health (VDH)**, or a local or district health department for the

purpose of assisting that facility with public health and medical disaster response operations. Hospitals, licensed nursing facilities, dialysis facilities, **and health departments** must submit to the applicable licensing authority each out-of-state health care practitioner's name, license type, state of license, and license identification number within a reasonable time of such healthcare practitioner providing services at the applicable **facility in the Commonwealth**.

2. Health care practitioners with an active license issued by another state may provide continuity of care to their current patients who are Virginia residents through telehealth services. Establishment of a relationship with a new patient requires a Virginia license unless pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Order.
3. Physician assistants licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia with two or more years of clinical experience may practice in their area of knowledge and expertise and may prescribe without a written or electronic practice agreement.
4. A healthcare practitioner may use any non-public facing audio or remote communication product that is available to communicate with patients. This exercise of discretion applies to telehealth provided for any reason regardless of whether the telehealth service is related to the diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19.
5. **A licensed practical nurse may administer the COVID-19 vaccine without the supervision of a registered nurse or licensed medical practitioner.**
6. **Licensed health professionals of health systems or hospitals whose scope of practice includes administration of the vaccine and who have administered the COVID-19 vaccine in the health system or hospital setting may administer the COVID-19 vaccine at any point of distribution held in collaboration between the health system or hospital and a local health department without additional training.**
7. **A local health department may collaborate with a federal health facility, whether civilian or military, for the purpose of COVID-19 vaccine administration. Federal personnel whose scope of practice includes vaccination may serve with the Medical Reserve Corps after a training and skills assessment as required by VDH.**
8. **Temporary nurse aides practicing in long term care facilities under the federal Public Health Emergency 1135 Waiver may be deemed eligible by the Board of Nursing to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program examination upon submission of a completed application, the employer's written verification of competency and employment as a temporary nurse aide, and provided no other grounds exist under Virginia law to deny the application.**

**With the exception of healthcare practitioners volunteering with the Medical Reserve Corps**, nothing in this Order designates the healthcare practitioners above as agents of the Commonwealth.



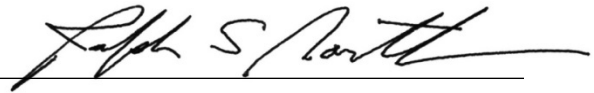
These actions are in concert with, and further the provisions of **Amended** Executive Order 51 in marshalling all resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures to respond to the emergency.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

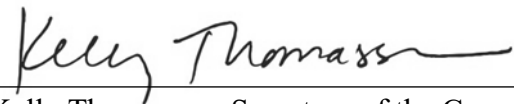
This Executive Order shall be effective **immediately** and shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the state of emergency as declared in Amended Executive Order 51 unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **11th** day of **March, 2021**.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

NUMBER FIFTY-EIGHT (2020)

### ACCESS TO MEDICAID-COVERED HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

#### **Importance of the Issue**

The COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person that may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic. This virus has spread throughout the Commonwealth. Based on information from the Virginia Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of cases of COVID-19 continues to increase within the Commonwealth and in neighboring states. It is anticipated that COVID-19 will result in increased demand for certain health care services, that, coupled with significant burden on the health care system, will require additional flexibilities for healthcare providers to ensure access to care for Medicaid and Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) members. Waiving copays for Medicaid and FAMIS members, suspending certain requirements for replacement durable medical equipment (DME), and ensuring new and updated information is immediately received by providers will assist in meeting beneficiary access to care needs. Extending allowable timeframes for certain background checks for personal care, respite services, and companion services will expand the availability of critical long term care providers.

#### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Virginia and § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and in furtherance of the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 51, I hereby order the following:

1. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) will suspend pre-admission screening pursuant to § 32.1-330 of the *Code of Virginia*. All new nursing facility admissions will be treated like exempted hospital discharges.

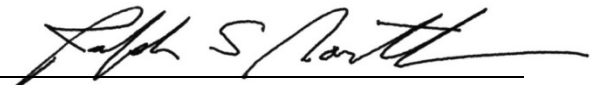
2. Copays required under § 32.1-351(C) of the *Code of Virginia* for Virginians receiving health insurance through the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan are waived.
3. Requirements pursuant to § 32.1-325(A)(14) of the *Code of Virginia* concerning certificates of medical necessity and any supporting verifiable documentation are waived with respect to replacement of durable medical equipment (DME). DMAS will also suspend enforcement of additional replacement requirements for DME, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies that are lost, destroyed, irreparably damaged, or otherwise rendered unusable, such that the face-to-face requirement, a new physician's order, and new medical necessity documentation are not required for replacement equipment.
4. Personal care, respite, and companion providers in the agency- or consumer-directed program, who are providing services to individuals over the age of 18, may work for up to 60 days, as opposed to the current 30-day limit in § 32.1-162.9:1 of the *Code Virginia*, while criminal background registries are checked. Consumer-directed Employers of Record must ensure that the attendant is adequately supervised while the criminal background registry check is processed. Agency providers must adhere to current reference check requirements and ensure that adequate training has occurred prior to the aide providing the services in the home. Agency providers shall conduct weekly supervisory visits through telehealth methods when the aide works prior to receiving criminal background registry results. This section does not apply to services provided to individuals under the age of 18, with the exception of parents of minor children in the consumer-directed program.
5. Requirements under § 2.2-4002.1 of the *Code Virginia* related to the 30-day advance public notice and comment period are waived as to DMAS only, so that the DMAS can issue Medicaid Memos to ensure that healthcare providers receive immediate information on flexibilities to ensure access to care for Medicaid members.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

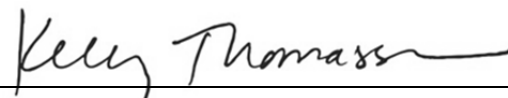
This Executive Order shall be effective April 23, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect until June 10, 2020 unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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## Executive Order

AMENDED NUMBER FIFTY-EIGHT (2020)

### ACCESS TO MEDICAID-COVERED HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

#### Importance of the Issue

**The Commonwealth of Virginia continues to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.** Therefore, cases of COVID-19 continue to result in increased demand for certain health care services, that, coupled with significant burden on the health care system, continue to require additional flexibilities for healthcare providers to ensure access to care for Medicaid and Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) members. Waiving copays for Medicaid and FAMIS members, suspending certain requirements for replacement durable medical equipment (DME), and ensuring new and updated information is immediately received by providers will continue to assist in meeting beneficiary access to care needs. Extending allowable timeframes for certain background checks for personal care, respite services, and companion services will continue to expand the availability of critical long term care providers.

#### Directive

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Virginia and § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and in furtherance of the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 51, I hereby order the following:

1. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) will suspend pre-admission screening pursuant to § 32.1-330 of the *Code of Virginia*. All new nursing facility admissions will be treated like exempted hospital discharges.
2. Copays required under § 32.1-351(C) of the *Code of Virginia* for Virginians receiving health insurance through the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan are waived.
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waived with respect to replacement of durable medical equipment (DME). DMAS will also suspend enforcement of additional replacement requirements for DME, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies that are lost, destroyed, irreparably damaged, or otherwise rendered unusable, such that the face-to-face requirement, a new physician's order, and new medical necessity documentation are not required for replacement equipment.

4. Personal care, respite, and companion providers in the agency- or consumer-directed program, who are providing services to individuals over the age of 18, may work for up to 60 days, as opposed to the current 30-day limit in § 32.1-162.9:1 of the *Code Virginia*, while criminal background registries are checked. Consumer-directed Employers of Record must ensure that the attendant is adequately supervised while the criminal background registry check is processed. Agency providers must adhere to current reference check requirements and ensure that adequate training has occurred prior to the aide providing the services in the home. Agency providers shall conduct weekly supervisory visits through telehealth methods when the aide works prior to receiving criminal background registry results. This section does not apply to services provided to individuals under the age of 18, with the exception of parents of minor children in the consumer-directed program.
5. Requirements under § 2.2-4002.1 of the *Code Virginia* related to the 30-day advance public notice and comment period are waived as to DMAS only, so that the DMAS can issue Medicaid Memos to ensure that healthcare providers receive immediate information on flexibilities to ensure access to care for Medicaid members.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective June 10, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect for the duration of the state of emergency as declared in Amended Executive Order 51 unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly Thomasson".  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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## Executive Order

### **NUMBER FIFTY-NINE (2020)**

#### **POSTPONING MAY 5, 2020 GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO MAY 19, 2020 DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth continues to respond to the threat posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The actions we take now will help protect the health and safety of our citizens for months to come. These actions include when to hold our elections. Voting is a fundamental right and no one should have to choose between their health and safety and their right to vote.

##### **Directive**

To continue with the Commonwealth's response to COVID-19 and in furtherance of Executive Order 51 (March 12, 2020), Amended Executive Order 53 (April 15, 2020), and Executive Order 55 (March 30, 2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 24.2-603.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, I order the following:

1. The provisions of this Order shall apply to the general and special elections scheduled to be held on May 5, 2020.
2. That the general and special elections scheduled for May 5, 2020, shall be held on May 19, 2020.
3. Only those candidates who qualified to have their names printed on the official ballot for the May 5, 2020 general and special elections shall be listed for those offices on the ballot at the May 19, 2020 general and special elections. No other person shall be entitled to qualify to have their name printed on the official ballot for any office that was scheduled to be elected at the general and special elections held on May 5, 2020.
4. Pursuant to § 24.2-603.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, only those voters duly registered to vote on the date of the original election shall be able to participate in the postponed election.



5. Pursuant to § 24.2-701(B)(1) of the *Code of Virginia*, the last day to vote absentee in person shall be May 16, 2020.
  - a. Pursuant to § 24.2-701(B)(2) of the *Code of Virginia*, qualified voters shall have until May 12, 2020 to request an absentee ballot using the “my disability or illness reason” by mail, e-mail, or fax.
  - b. Pursuant to § 24.2-709(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, the deadline for returning an absentee ballot shall be 7:00 p.m. on May 19, 2020, except as provided under § 24.2-709(B) of the *Code of Virginia*.
6. Pursuant to § 24.2-603.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Elections shall prescribe appropriate procedures to implement the provisions of this section. The Department of Elections shall also prescribe procedures in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Virginia Department of Health to assist in ensuring the safety and well-being of election officials, officers of election, and voters. The Department of Elections shall partner with the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Medical Reserve Corps to train election officials on preventive actions to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and to provide support at polling locations.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective on April 24, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.



Handwritten signature of Ralph S. Northam in black ink.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson in black ink.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER SIXTY (2020)**

#### **CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth of Virginia continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of confirmed cases, hospitalizations, and persons under investigation in Virginia has increased substantially. As testing increases, it is highly likely that these numbers will continue to rise. Hospitals and nursing homes across the Commonwealth are reporting large numbers of patients presenting with COVID-19 symptoms, which is putting significant stress on these facilities, as they were already dealing with a more severe seasonal influenza than usual. Healthcare providers are experiencing critical shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies. In some cases, they are being required to reuse PPE where possible and appropriate. Healthcare providers are not able to quickly resupply these critical resources due to severe supply chain disruptions as a result of increased equipment use in the worldwide COVID-19 response. In addition, staffing levels at hospitals are often strained by the inability to transfer patients with COVID-19 to other sites of care such as assisted living facilities, hospice facilities, and nursing homes because of the need to contain the spread of the virus. All of these difficulties are created by the effects of COVID-19 and present less than optimal conditions to deliver the healthcare indicated by conventional standards of care.

Response to the COVID-19 disaster will require both public and private healthcare providers and other persons to deliver care using personnel, supplies, and equipment in ways that would not be undertaken in conventional practices. Examples could include the need to use a single ventilator for multiple patients at the same time, reuse of PPE, and withholding healthcare services in certain situations. It is in the public interest to afford healthcare providers involved in the delivery of healthcare impacted by COVID-19 with adequate protection against liability for good faith actions or omissions taken in their efforts to combat this health emergency.

Sections 8.01-225.01 and 8.01-225.02 of the *Code of Virginia* provide certain liability protection to healthcare providers during a state of emergency.

Section 8.01-225.01 provides in relevant part:

A. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, any health care provider who responds to a disaster by delivering health care to persons injured in such disaster shall be immune from civil liability for any injury or wrongful death arising from abandonment by such health care provider of any person to whom such health care provider owes a duty to provide health care when (i) a state or local emergency has been or is subsequently declared; and (ii) the provider was unable to provide the requisite health care to the person to whom he owed such duty of care as a result of the provider's voluntary or mandatory response to the relevant disaster.

Section 8.01-225.02 in relevant part provides:

In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, any health care provider who responds to a disaster shall not be liable for any injury or wrongful death of any person arising from the delivery or withholding of health care when (i) a state or local emergency has been or is subsequently declared in response to such disaster, and (ii) the emergency and subsequent conditions caused a lack of resources, attributable to the disaster, rendering the health care provider unable to provide the level or manner of care that otherwise would have been required in the absence of the emergency and which resulted in the injury or wrongful death at issue.

It is apparent that in enacting these provisions, the General Assembly intended to afford healthcare providers immunity from certain liability in exactly the circumstances presented by the COVID-19 health crisis. And so, it is imperative that it is clear that the liability protections in these provisions are meant to protect healthcare providers providing healthcare in response to the COVID-19 health emergency.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* and in furtherance of Executive Order No. 51, I clarify the following with respect to my executive actions and §§ 8.01-225.01 and 8.01-225.02 of the *Code of Virginia*:

1. COVID-19 is a “communicable disease of public health threat” as defined in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia* that constitutes a “disaster” as defined in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.
2. Executive Order No. 51 declares a state emergency in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

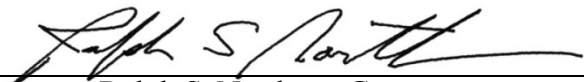
3. “Responds to a disaster” includes but is not limited to, pursuant to Order of Public Health Emergency Two as amended, temporary withholding of the provision of procedures, consultations or surgeries performed in an inpatient or outpatient surgical hospital licensed under 12 Va. Admin. Code § 5-410, free-standing emergency department or endoscopy center, physicians’ office, or dental, orthodontic, oral surgeon, or endodontic offices that require PPE, the delay of which was not anticipated to cause harm to the patient by negatively affecting the patient’s health outcomes, or leading to disability or death.
4. “Emergency and subsequent conditions caused a lack of resources, attributable to the disaster, rendering the health care provider unable to provide the level or manner of care that otherwise would have been required in the absence of the emergency” shall be deemed to include but is not limited to: (i) insufficient availability of PPE, ventilators, or other drugs, blood products, supplies or equipment; (ii) insufficient availability of trained staff; (iii) having licensed healthcare professionals deliver care that, while included in the scope of their licensure, exceeds the scope of their credentials at the hospital or other health care facility at which they deliver services or exceeds the scope of the services that they normally provide; (iv) implementation or execution of triage protocols or scarce resource allocation policies necessitated by healthcare provider declaration of crisis standards of care; and (v) using supplies or equipment in innovative ways that are different from the way that these supplies and equipment are normally used.
5. Nothing in this Executive Order shall affect the right or ability to claim immunity from liability for any cause of action under any other federal or state law, regulation, rule, or order or any theory of common law immunity nor the right of any person to receive benefits to which he would otherwise be entitled under law nor the right of any such person to receive any benefits or compensation under any act of the General Assembly or United States Congress.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**


This Executive Order shall be effective until the expiration of Executive Order 51 unless sooner amended or rescinded.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 28th day of April, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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Office of the Governor

## *Executive Order*

### **AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY (2020)**

#### **FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth of Virginia continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of confirmed cases, hospitalizations, and persons under investigation in Virginia has increased substantially. As testing increases, it is highly likely that these numbers will continue to rise. Hospitals and nursing homes across the Commonwealth are reporting large numbers of patients presenting with COVID-19 symptoms, which is putting significant stress on these facilities, as they were already dealing with a more severe seasonal influenza than usual. Healthcare providers are experiencing critical shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies. In some cases, they are being required to reuse PPE where possible and appropriate. Healthcare providers are not able to resupply quickly these critical resources due to severe supply chain disruptions. In addition, staffing levels at hospitals are often strained by the inability to transfer patients with COVID-19 to other sites of care such as assisted living facilities, hospice facilities, and nursing homes because of the need to contain the spread of the virus. The effects of COVID-19 create these difficulties and present less than optimal conditions to deliver the healthcare indicated by conventional standards of care.

**With the possibility that a vaccine may soon be available, Virginia must prepare for its safe and efficient use, distribution, and storage. Further, it is critical that** both public and private healthcare providers and other persons **who** deliver care **continue to** use personnel, supplies, and equipment in ways that would not be undertaken in conventional practices. Examples could include the need to use a single ventilator for multiple patients at the same time, reuse of PPE, withholding healthcare services in certain situations, **and the storage, distribution, prescription, dispensation, administration, or research of vaccines or other countermeasures under an Emergency Use Authorization.** It is in the public interest to afford healthcare providers **and others** involved in the delivery of healthcare impacted by COVID-19 with adequate protection against liability for good-faith actions or omissions taken in their efforts to combat this health emergency.

Sections 8.01-225.01 and 8.01-225.02 of the *Code of Virginia* provide certain liability protection to healthcare providers during a state of emergency.

Section 8.01-225.01 provides in relevant part:

A. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, any health care provider who responds to a disaster by delivering health care to persons injured in such disaster shall be immune from civil liability for any injury or wrongful death arising from abandonment by such health care provider of any person to whom such health care provider owes a duty to provide health care when (i) a state or local emergency has been or is subsequently declared; and (ii) the provider was unable to provide the requisite health care to the person to whom he owed such duty of care as a result of the provider's voluntary or mandatory response to the relevant disaster.

Section 8.01-225.02 in relevant part provides:

In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, any health care provider who responds to a disaster shall not be liable for any injury or wrongful death of any person arising from the delivery or withholding of health care when (i) a state or local emergency has been or is subsequently declared in response to such disaster, and (ii) the emergency and subsequent conditions caused a lack of resources, attributable to the disaster, rendering the health care provider unable to provide the level or manner of care that otherwise would have been required in the absence of the emergency and which resulted in the injury or wrongful death at issue.

**Section 8.01-225.03 of the *Code of Virginia* provides similar liability protection to other providers of healthcare services, including hospices, home care organizations, private providers, assisted living facilities, and adult day care centers during the public health emergency related to the COVID-19 virus. Section 8.01-225.03 in relevant part provides:**

**In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, any (i) hospice licensed pursuant to § 32.1-162.3, (ii) home care organization licensed pursuant to § 32.1-162.9, (iii) private provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 37.2, (iv) assisted living facility licensed pursuant to § 63.2-1701, or (v) adult day care center licensed pursuant to § 63.2-1701 that delivers care to or withholds care from a patient, resident, or person receiving services who is diagnosed as being or is believed to be infected with the COVID-19 virus shall not be liable for any injury or wrongful death of such patient, resident, or person receiving services arising from the delivery or withholding of care when the emergency and**

subsequent conditions caused by the emergency result in a lack of resources, attributable to the disaster, that render such hospice, home care organization, private provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, assisted living facility, or adult day care center unable to provide the level or manner of care that otherwise would have been required in the absence of the emergency and that resulted in the injury or wrongful death at issue.

Section 44-146.23 of the *Code of Virginia* provides certain liability protection to public and private agencies and their employees engaged in emergency services activities, which include medical and health services. Section 44-146.23 in relevant part provides:

Neither the Commonwealth, nor any political subdivision thereof, nor federal agencies, nor other public or private agencies, nor, except in cases of willful misconduct, public or private employees, nor representatives of any of them, engaged in any emergency services activities, while complying with or attempting to comply with this chapter or any rule, regulation, or executive order promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, shall be liable for the death of, or any injury to, persons or damage to property as a result of such activities. The provisions of this section shall not affect the right of any person to receive benefits to which he would otherwise be entitled under this chapter, or under the Workers' Compensation Act (§ 65.2-100 et seq.), or under any pension law, nor the right of any such person to receive any benefits or compensation under any act of Congress. For the purposes of the immunity conferred by this subsection, representatives of public or private employees shall include, but shall not be limited to, volunteers in state and local services who are persons who serve in a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit or on a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Section 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia* defines "Emergency services" as:

[T]he preparation for and the carrying out of functions, other than functions for which military forces are primarily responsible, to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and damage resulting from disasters, together with all other activities necessary or incidental to the preparation for and carrying out of the foregoing functions. These functions include, without limitation, firefighting services, police services, medical and health services, rescue, engineering, warning services, communications, radiological, chemical, and other special weapons defense, evacuation of persons from stricken areas, emergency welfare services, emergency transportation, emergency resource management, existing or properly assigned functions of plant protection, temporary restoration of public utility services, and other functions related to civilian protection. These functions also include



**the administration of approved state and federal disaster recovery and assistance programs.**

It is apparent that in enacting these provisions, the General Assembly intended to afford immunity from certain liability in exactly the circumstances presented by the COVID-19 health crisis. Therefore, it is imperative that it is clear that the liability protections in these provisions protect healthcare providers **and other persons and entities involved in the delivery of healthcare, including any COVID-19 vaccine or countermeasure**, in response to the COVID-19 health emergency.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* and in furtherance of **Amended** Executive Order No. 51, I clarify the following with respect to my executive actions and §§ 8.01-225.01, 8.01-225.02, **8.01-225.03, 44-146.23, and 44-146.16** of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Directive**

1. COVID-19 is a “communicable disease of public health threat” as defined in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia* that constitutes a “disaster” as defined in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.
2. **Amended** Executive Order No. 51 declares a state emergency in response to the COVID-19 disaster.
3. “Responds to a disaster” includes but is not limited to, **(i)** pursuant to Order of Public Health Emergency Two as amended, temporary withholding of the provision of procedures, consultations or surgeries performed in an inpatient or outpatient surgical hospital licensed under 12 Va. Admin. Code § 5-410, free-standing emergency department or endoscopy center, physicians’ office, or dental, orthodontic, oral surgeon, or endodontic offices that require PPE, the delay of which was not anticipated to cause harm to the patient by negatively affecting the patient’s health outcomes, or leading to disability or death; and **(ii) pursuant to federal or state programs or direction, withholding of the prescription, dispensation, or administration of any COVID-19 vaccine or other countermeasure with an Emergency Use Authorization or other approval issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.**
4. **For purposes of §§ 8.01-225.01, 8.01-225.02, and 8.01-225.03, “[e]mergency and subsequent conditions caused a lack of resources, attributable to the disaster, rendering the health care provider, hospice, home care organization, private provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, assisted living facility, or adult day care center unable to provide the level or manner of care that otherwise would have been required in the absence of the emergency” shall be deemed to include but is not limited to: (i) insufficient availability of PPE, ventilators, the COVID-19 vaccine or other countermeasure**


- with an Emergency Use Authorization or other approval issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or other drugs, blood products, supplies or equipment;** (ii) insufficient availability of trained staff; (iii) having licensed healthcare professionals deliver care that, while included in the scope of their licensure, exceeds the scope of their credentials at the hospital or other health care facility at which they deliver services or exceeds the scope of the services that they normally provide; (iv) implementation or execution of triage protocols or scarce resource allocation policies necessitated by healthcare provider declaration of crisis standards of care; (v) using supplies or equipment in innovative ways that are different from the way that these supplies and equipment are normally used.
5. **For purposes of § 44-146.23, and this Order “public or private agencies” and “public or private employees” shall be deemed to include any “health care provider” as that term is defined in § 8.01-581.1, any (i) hospice licensed pursuant to § 32.1-162.3, (ii) home care organization licensed pursuant to § 32.1-162.9, (iii) private provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 *et seq.*) of Chapter 4 of Title 37.2, (iv) assisted living facility licensed pursuant to § 63.2-1701, and (v) adult day care center licensed pursuant to § 63.2-1701. Any employees of any of the forgoing shall be deemed “public or private employees” for purposes of this Order.**
  6. **For purposes of § 44-146.16, “emergency services” shall be deemed to include the distribution, storage, prescription, dispensation, administration, or research of any COVID-19 vaccine or other countermeasure with an Emergency Use Authorization or other approval issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those functions minimize, and repair injury and damage resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.**
  7. Nothing in this Order shall affect the right or ability to claim immunity from liability for any cause of action under any other federal or state law, regulation, rule, or order or any theory of common law immunity nor the right of any person to receive benefits to which he would otherwise be entitled under law nor the right of any such person to receive any benefits or compensation under any act of the General Assembly or United States Congress **nor the right of any person to make a claim pursuant to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program or Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program.**
  8. **This Order shall only apply to causes of action arising (a) out of the emergency declared in Amended Executive Order 51 and (b) prior to Amended Executive Order 51’s expiration.**

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

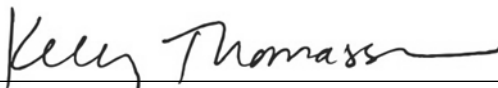
This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and remain in full force and effect until the expiration of **Amended** Executive Order 51 unless sooner amended or rescinded.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **11th day of December, 2020**.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER SIXTY-ONE (2020)**

**AND**

**ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THREE**

**PHASE ONE EASING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

On March 12, 2020, I declared a state of emergency existed in the Commonwealth due to the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a communicable disease of public health threat. In that Order, I banned out-of-state travel for state employees, with some limited exceptions. The next day, I closed all K-12 schools for two weeks. Two days later, I ordered a statewide ban on public events of more than 100 people according to guidance from the Center on Disease Control and Prevention. On March 17, 2020, the State Health Commissioner and I issued Order of Public Health Emergency One (Health Order No. 1), later amended, which limited restaurants, fitness centers, and theaters to 10 or fewer patrons.

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The objective of these actions was to slow the spread of this virulent and deadly disease. These extreme measures were necessary to save lives. By issuing the Stay at Home Order, encouraging physical distancing and teleworking, restricting businesses and gatherings, we lowered transmission rates. These measures also prevented our healthcare systems from being overwhelmed—affording our healthcare systems and healthcare providers time to acquire the tools and resources necessary to respond to the virus. Equally as important, these measures were also

necessary to prepare Virginians for the new normal of living and working in the midst of a pandemic.

Now, we must set the path forward. While Virginia's efforts and sacrifices seem to have slowed the spread of the virus, we know it is still present. It is critical that as we begin to ease some of the restrictions in the next phase of our response, we remain vigilant, cautious, and measured. We cannot race back to the lives we led before the pandemic. The path forward will not be business as usual. We must remember to continue to practice physical distancing, to continue teleworking, whenever possible, to wash our hands frequently, to not touch our faces, and to wear face covering whenever possible. These measures, as well as the ones outlined below, are meant to make necessary ventures outside of your home *safer*, but everyone, especially those who may be more vulnerable to the virus, must understand we are all *safer at home*.

## **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Executive Order 51, and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

### **A. EASING OF BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS**

#### **1. All Businesses**

Any businesses, not listed in this section, should adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

#### **2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms**

Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may operate delivery, take-out, and outdoor dining and beverage services only, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Occupancy may not exceed the 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable.
- b. No more than 10 patrons may be seated as a party.
- c. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart.

- d. No self-service of food (except beverages), including condiments. Condiments should be removed from tables and dispensed by employees upon the request of a customer. Buffets must be staffed by servers. For self-service beverage areas, use beverage equipment designed to dispense by a contamination-free method.
- e. Bar seats and congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in an outdoor bar area may be used for customer seating as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.
- f. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- g. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes during operation. Tabletops, chairs, and credit card/bill folders must be cleaned in between patrons.
- h. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **3. Farmers Markets**

Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, farmers markets may reopen, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. On-site shopping is allowed, as long as physical distancing guidelines are followed. Configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
- b. Employees and vendors in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Vendors must supply hand sanitizer stations or hand washing stations for patrons and employees.
- d. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **4. Brick And Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed In Section C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)**

Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section C, paragraph 1 may continue to operate, provided such businesses

comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidance for brick and mortar retail expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Occupancy must be limited to no more than 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may reopen for outdoor activities only. Indoor activities are prohibited. Outdoor activities may be conducted provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities.
- b. Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features must be closed.
- c. Outdoor swimming pools may be open for lap swimming only and must be limited to one person per lane.
- d. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- e. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared equipment after each use.
- f. Facilities shall prohibit the use of any equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected between uses (e.g., climbing rope, exercise bands, etc.).
- g. Businesses must supply hand sanitizer stations or hand washing stations for patrons, members, and guests.
- h. All group outdoor activities may not have more than 10 guests, patrons, or members.
- i. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may reopen, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Occupancy may not exceed 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy with at least six feet of physical distancing between work stations and only one appointment per service provider at a time.
- b. Service providers and employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Provide face coverings for clients or ask that clients bring a face covering with them, which they must wear during the service. Limit services to only those that can be completed without clients removing their face covering.
- d. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes in operations, while cleaning and disinfecting all personal care and personal grooming tools after each use. If that is not possible such items must be discarded.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **7. Campgrounds**

Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, privately-owned campgrounds, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may reopen, provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. A minimum of 20 feet must be maintained between units for all lots rented for short-term stays of less than 14 nights (and not owned by individuals).
- b. Employees working in public-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. It is recommended that campgrounds must strongly encourage customers to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth.
- d. The provision of hand washing in bath houses and sanitizing stations for guests and employees.



- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **8. Indoor Shooting Ranges**

Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, indoor shooting ranges may reopen, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Occupancy must be limited to 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy with at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals at all times. Use every other lane to achieve six feet of physical distancing.
- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces every 60 minutes in operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. Either thoroughly clean shared or borrowed equipment in between uses, or only allow the use of personal equipment at the range.
- e. It is recommended that facilities strongly encourage patrons, members, and guests to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while in the facility.
- f. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **9. Enforcement**

Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia* is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section A may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.

## **B. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

### **1. Certain Recreational and Entertainment Businesses**

All public access to recreational and entertainment businesses set forth below shall remain closed:

- a. Theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, museums, and other indoor entertainment centers;
- b. Racetracks and historic horse racing facilities; and
- c. Bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, arts and craft facilities, aquariums, zoos, escape rooms, public and private social clubs, and all other places of indoor public amusement.

### **2. All Public And Private In-Person Gatherings**

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 10 individuals are prohibited. The presence of more than 10 individuals performing functions of their employment is not a “gathering.” A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors.

This restriction does not apply to the gathering of family members living in the same residence. “Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

- a. Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, individuals may attend religious services subject to the following requirements:
  - i. Religious services must be limited to no more than 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy of the room or facility in which the religious services are conducted.
  - ii. Individuals attending religious services must be at least six feet apart when seated and must practice proper physical distancing at all times. Family members, as defined above, may be seated together.
  - iii. Mark seating in six-foot increments and in common areas where attendees may congregate.
  - iv. Persons attending religious services must strongly consider wearing face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.

- v. No items can be passed to or between attendees, who are not family members, as defined above.
- vi. Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable, used only once, and discarded.
- vii. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted prior to and following any religious service.
- viii. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted in the establishment.
- ix. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding social distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
- x. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section B, paragraph 2. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

### **3. K-12 Schools**

K-12 schools, public and private, will continue to be closed for in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Those facilities providing child care services may remain open.

### **4. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall continue to cease all in-person classes and instruction, and cancel all gatherings of more than ten individuals. For purposes of facilitating remote learning, performing critical research, or performing essential functions, institutions of higher education may continue to operate, provided that social distancing requirements are maintained.

### **5. Public Beaches**

Continued closure of all public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* for all activity, except exercising and fishing. Physical distancing requirements must be followed.

## 6. Overnight Summer Camps

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, must cease.

## 7. Enforcement

Violations of section B paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

# C. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION

## 1. Essential Retail Businesses

Essential retail businesses as set out below may remain open during their normal business hours. They should comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by referenced and linked [here](#), as *best practices*. Employers are required to provide face coverings to employees.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and

m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

## **2. State Agencies**

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

## **3. Face Coverings**

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Executive Order 51 declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Executive Order 51 remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020.

## **4. Large State Events**

Continued cancellation of all specially-scheduled state conferences and large events.

## **5. State Travel**

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## **6. Exceptions**

Nothing in the Order shall limit: (a) the provision of health care or medical services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operation of government.

## **7. Expiration of Order**

Amended Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency, Order of Public Health Emergency One shall expire on at 11:59 p.m., on May 14, 2020.

### **Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order shall be effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020. This Order further amends Executive Order 55 (2020). Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, this Executive

Order shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



Handwritten signature of M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA.

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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Ralph S. Northam.

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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson.

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-ONE (2020)**

**AND**

**AMENDED ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THREE**

**PHASE ONE EASING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**Expansion of Permitted Activities at  
Beaches in the City of Virginia Beach**

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## **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Executive Order 51, and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

### **A. EASING OF BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS**

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Any businesses, not listed in this section, should adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

#### **2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms**

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- a. On-site shopping is allowed, as long as physical distancing guidelines are followed. Configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
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#### **5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may reopen for outdoor activities only. Indoor activities are prohibited. Outdoor activities may be conducted provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities.
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- d. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- e. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared equipment after each use.
- f. Facilities shall prohibit the use of any equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected between uses (e.g., climbing rope, exercise bands, etc.).
- g. Businesses must supply hand sanitizer stations or hand washing stations for patrons, members, and guests.

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## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

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- c. Provide face coverings for clients or ask that clients bring a face covering with them, which they must wear during the service. Limit services to only those that can be completed without clients removing their face covering.
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## **7. Campgrounds**

Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, privately-owned campgrounds, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may reopen, provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. A minimum of 20 feet must be maintained between units for all lots rented for short-term stays of less than 14 nights (and not owned by individuals).
- b. Employees working in public-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.

- c. It is recommended that campgrounds must strongly encourage customers to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth.
- d. The provision of hand washing in bath houses and sanitizing stations for guests and employees.
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## **8. Indoor Shooting Ranges**

Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, indoor shooting ranges may reopen, provided they comply with the following requirements:

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- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces every 60 minutes in operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. Either thoroughly clean shared or borrowed equipment in between uses, or only allow the use of personal equipment at the range.
- e. It is recommended that facilities strongly encourage patrons, members, and guests to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while in the facility.
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## **9. Enforcement**

Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia* is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section A may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.

## **B. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

### **1. Certain Recreational and Entertainment Businesses**

All public access to recreational and entertainment businesses set forth below shall remain closed:

- a. Theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, museums, and other indoor entertainment centers;
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- c. Bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, arts and craft facilities, aquariums, zoos, escape rooms, public and private social clubs, and all other places of indoor public amusement.

### **2. All Public And Private In-Person Gatherings**

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 10 individuals are prohibited. The presence of more than 10 individuals performing functions of their employment is not a “gathering.” A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors.

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- a. Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, individuals may attend religious services subject to the following requirements:
  - i. Religious services must be limited to no more than 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy of the room or facility in which the religious services are conducted.
  - ii. Individuals attending religious services must be at least six feet apart when seated and must practice proper physical distancing at all times. Family members, as defined above, may be seated together.
  - iii. Mark seating in six-foot increments and in common areas where attendees may congregate.
  - iv. Persons attending religious services must strongly consider wearing face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.

- v. No items can be passed to or between attendees, who are not family members, as defined above.
- vi. Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable, used only once, and discarded.
- vii. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted prior to and following any religious service.
- viii. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted in the establishment.
- ix. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding social distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
- x. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section B, paragraph 2. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

### **3. K-12 Schools**

K-12 schools, public and private, will continue to be closed for in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Those facilities providing child care services may remain open.

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Institutions of higher education shall continue to cease all in-person classes and instruction, and cancel all gatherings of more than ten individuals. For purposes of facilitating remote learning, performing critical research, or performing essential functions, institutions of higher education may continue to operate, provided that social distancing requirements are maintained.

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**With the exception of the City of Virginia Beach, the** continued closure of all public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* for all activity, except exercising and fishing. Physical distancing requirements must be followed.

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**the City of Virginia Beach may open its beaches to individual and family recreational activity, in addition to exercise and fishing.**

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Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, must cease.

**7. Enforcement**

Violations of section B paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 5 (**with the exception of the City of Virginia Beach**), and 6 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**C. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION**

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Continued cancellation of all specially-scheduled state conferences and large events.

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Amended Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency, Order of Public Health Emergency One shall expire at 11:59 p.m., on May 14, 2020.

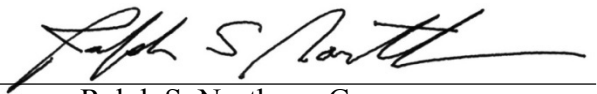


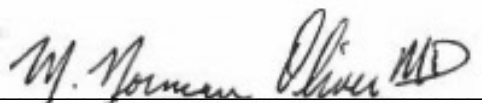
**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

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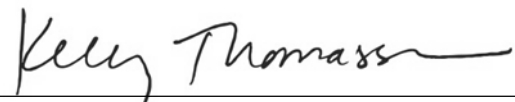
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**SECOND AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-ONE (2020)**

**AND**

**SECOND AMENDED ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THREE**

**PHASE ONE EASING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

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- a. Require beachgoers to practice physical distancing of at least six feet between each person unless they are with members of the same household.**
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- c. Prohibit group sports, alcohol, tents, groupings of umbrellas, and other activities and items that attract gatherings.**
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- g. Establish, train, and deploy a team to educate and promote compliance with beach rules and refer cases of noncompliance to public safety personnel, if appropriate.**
- h. Establish procedures for temporary beach closure or access limitations in the event of overcrowding.**
- i. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.**
- j. Perform a disinfectant-level cleaning of all public restrooms every two hours with an EPA-approved disinfectant by staff or volunteers trained to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on cleaning and disinfecting.**
- k. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintaining at least six feet of distance between groups, and to clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.**
- l. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to location.**
- m. Locality shall provide daily metrics to its local health department to include beach closures, complaint incidents, police reports of violence related to enforcement, and number of reports of noncompliance to be submitted each Monday.**
- n. All employees and contract workers must wear a cloth face covering when not able to practice physical distancing following CDC Use of Face Cloth Coverings guidance.**



- o. Employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.**
- p. Locality shall require all employees and contract workers to take their temperature before reporting to work and direct such employees not to report to work if they have a fever of over 100.4 degrees, have experienced chills, or have been feverish in the last 72 hours.**
- q. Follow enhanced workplace safety best practices outlined in the Virginia Safer At Home Guidelines for All Business Sectors.**

**Public beaches in the City of Virginia Beach may continue to operate provided activities on the public beaches are conducted in compliance with the requirements linked [here](#) and [here](#).**

## **10. Race tracks**

**Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 29, 2020, racetracks may open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein and linked [here](#) and [here](#). Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:**

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e. barriers and gating that would preclude the general public from accessing the event).**
- b. No tailgating and camping is allowed during these events, including staff or race participants.**
- c. Entrances and exits must be staffed.**
- d. No spectators or members of the public are permitted to attend the event. This includes owners, family (unless the guardian of a minor child), as well as outside vendors. Only individuals essential to the operation of the event are permitted to attend.**
- e. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between themselves and other participants. If that is not possible, individuals must ensure the greatest amount of physical distancing possible.**
- f. Prior to each race event, participants must self-monitor their symptoms by taking their temperature to check for fever.**

- g. No public-facing amenities will be provided, including concessions, food sales, merchandise sales, hospitality, camping or loitering on the property, or fan experiences.**

## **11. Enforcement**

Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia* is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section A may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.

## **B. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

### **1. Certain Recreational and Entertainment Businesses**

All public access to recreational and entertainment businesses set forth below shall remain closed:

- a. Theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, museums, and other indoor entertainment centers;
- b. Historic horse racing facilities; and
- c. Bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, arts and craft facilities, aquariums, zoos, escape rooms, public and private social clubs, and all other places of indoor public amusement.

### **2. All Public And Private In-Person Gatherings**

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 10 individuals are prohibited. The presence of more than 10 individuals performing functions of their employment is not a “gathering.” A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors.

This restriction does not apply to the gathering of family members living in the same residence. “Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

- a. Effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, individuals may attend religious services subject to the following requirements:
  - i. Religious services must be limited to no more than 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy of the room or facility in which the religious services are conducted.
  - ii. Individuals attending religious services must be at least six feet apart when seated and must practice proper physical distancing at all times. Family members, as defined above, may be seated together.
  - iii. Mark seating in six-foot increments and in common areas where attendees may congregate.
  - iv. Persons attending religious services must strongly consider wearing face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
  - v. No items can be passed to or between attendees, who are not family members, as defined above.
  - vi. Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable, used only once, and discarded.
  - vii. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted prior to and following any religious service.
  - viii. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted in the establishment.
  - ix. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding social distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
  - x. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section B, paragraph 2. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

### **3. K-12 Schools**

K-12 schools, public and private, will continue to be closed for in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Those facilities providing child care services may remain open.

#### **4. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall continue to cease all in-person classes and instruction, and cancel all gatherings of more than ten individuals. For purposes of facilitating remote learning, performing critical research, or performing essential functions, institutions of higher education may continue to operate, provided that social distancing requirements are maintained.

#### **5. Overnight Summer Camps**

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, must cease.

#### **6. Enforcement**

Violations of section B paragraphs 1, 2, 4, **and 5** of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

### **C. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION**

#### **1. Essential Retail Businesses**

Essential retail businesses as set out below may remain open during their normal business hours. They should comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#), as *best practices*. Employers are required to provide face coverings to employees.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;

- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

## **2. State Agencies**

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

## **3. Face Coverings**

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Executive Order 51 declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Executive Order 51 remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020.

## **4. Large State Events**

Continued cancellation of all specially-scheduled state conferences and large events.

## **5. State Travel**

Continued cessation of all official travel outside of Virginia by state employees, with increased flexibility for inter-state commuters and essential personnel.

## **6. Exceptions**

Nothing in the Order shall limit: (a) the provision of health care or medical services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operation of government.

**7. Expiration of Order**

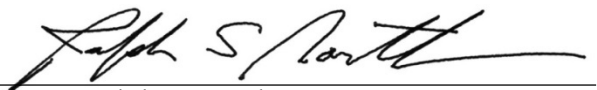
Amended Order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner Declaration of Public Health Emergency, Order of Public Health Emergency One shall expire at 11:59 p.m., on May 14, 2020.

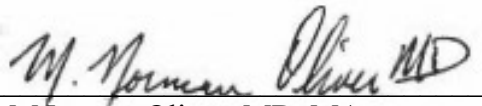
**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order shall be effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020. This Order further amends Executive Order 55 (2020). Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, this Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

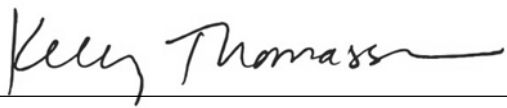
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.**



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER SIXTY-TWO (2020)**

**AND**

**ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOUR**

**JURISDICTIONS TEMPORARILY DELAYED FROM ENTERING PHASE ONE IN  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 61 AND PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN PHASE ZERO  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGION**

### **Importance of the Issue**

Executive Order 61, issued on May 8, 2020, and effective at 12:00 a.m., May 15, 2020, eased certain restrictions imposed under Second Amended Executive Order 53 and Executive Order 55 (both Orders are collectively referred to as Phase Zero). Executive Order 61 sets out the Commonwealth of Virginia's path into Phase One. The easing of the Phase Zero restrictions was premised, in part, on the Commonwealth's achievement of certain metrics in responding to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The easing of those restrictions is meant to be a floor, and not a ceiling. As previously acknowledged, some regions may need to move into Phase One more slowly than the rest of the Commonwealth. Prior to issuing Executive Order 61, I advised that any locality unready to move into Phase One, upon my review and approval of their request to remain in Phase Zero, could do so.

On May 9, 2020, local officials from the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William, and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, as well as the Towns of Dumfries, Herndon, Leesburg, and Vienna (Northern Virginia Region) requested to remain in Phase Zero. Data provided in connection with that request reveals that with respect to hospitalizations, percent positivity, and case numbers, the Northern Virginia Region faces unique challenges when compared to the rest of the Commonwealth. The Northern Virginia Region is substantially higher than the rest of the Commonwealth in percentage of positive tests for COVID-19. The Northern Virginia Region has about a 25% positivity rate, while the rest of the Commonwealth is closer to 10%. Further, in the last 24 hours, the Northern Virginia Region reported over 700 cases, while the rest of the Commonwealth reported approximately 270. On any given day, 70% of the Commonwealth's positive cases are attributable to the Northern Virginia Region.

In addition, while personal protective equipment (PPE) for hospitals appears to be adequate at this time, the Northern Virginia Region asserts PPE for outpatient facilities continues to be a challenge. Similarly, although the number of deaths in the Northern Virginia Region appear to be trending downward, COVID-19 patients in the Northern Virginia Region make up a significantly larger portion of the region's hospital bed capacity, when compared to COVID hospitalizations in the rest of the Commonwealth. Consequently, after considering the Northern Virginia Region's request and the relevant data, I find the request to delay entering Phase One and to remain in Phase Zero appropriate.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Executive Order 51, and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, I grant the Northern Virginia Region's request to remain in Phase Zero. Accordingly, as to the Northern Virginia Region, the following measures are extended effective 12:00 a.m. Friday, May 15, 2020:

1. Continued closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers markets. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers markets may continue to offer delivery and take-out services.
2. Continued closure of all public access to recreational and entertainment businesses, as set forth below:
  - a. Theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, museums, and other indoor entertainment centers;
  - b. Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, and indoor exercise facilities;
  - c. Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage parlors, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed that would not allow compliance with physical distancing guidelines to remain six feet apart;
  - d. Racetracks and historic horse racing facilities; and
  - e. Bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, arts and craft facilities, aquariums, zoos, escape rooms, indoor shooting ranges, public and private social clubs, and all other places of indoor public amusement.



3. Essential retail businesses may remain open during their normal business hours. Such businesses are:
  - a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
  - b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
  - c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
  - d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
  - e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
  - f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
  - g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
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  - i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
  - j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
  - k. Pet and feed stores;
  - l. Printing and office supply stores; and
  - m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

Employers are required to provide face coverings to employees.

4. Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in paragraph 3 may continue to operate but must limit all in-person shopping to no more than 10 patrons per establishment. If any such business cannot adhere to the 10 patron limit with proper physical distancing requirements, it must close. Brick and mortar retail business not listed in paragraph 3 are encouraged to follow the Guidelines for All Business Sectors as best practices linked [here](#).
5. All businesses are encouraged to follow the Guidelines for All Business Sectors as best practices linked [here](#) and other appropriate workplace guidance from state and federal authorities while in operation.

6. Although business operations offering professional rather than retail services may remain open, they should utilize teleworking as much as possible. Where telework is not feasible, such business must adhere to physical distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and apply the relevant workplace guidance from state and federal authorities.
7. All individuals in Northern Virginia Region shall remain at their place of residence, except as provided below by this Order. To the extent individuals use shared or outdoor spaces, whether on land or on water, they must at all times maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any other person, with the exception of family members, as defined below, or caretakers. Individuals may leave their residences for the purpose of:
  - a. Obtaining food, beverages, goods, or services as permitted in this Order;
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  - c. Taking care of other individuals, animals, or visiting the home of a family member;
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  - i. Leaving one's residence due to a reasonable fear for health or safety, at the direction of law enforcement, or at the direction of another government agency.
8. All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 10 individuals are prohibited. The presence of more than 10 individuals performing functions of their employment is not a "gathering." A "gathering" includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors. This restriction does not apply to the gathering of family members living in the same residence. "Family members" include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

9. Continued cessation of all in-person instruction at K-12 schools, public and private, for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Facilities providing child care services may remain open.
10. Institutions of higher education shall continue to cease all in-person classes and instruction, and cancel all gatherings of more than ten individuals. For purposes of facilitating remote learning, performing critical research, or performing essential functions, institutions of higher education may continue to operate, provided that physical distancing requirements are maintained.
11. Continued cessation of all reservations for overnight stays of less than 14 nights at all privately-owned campgrounds, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*.
12. Continued closure of all public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* for all activity, except exercising and fishing. Physical distancing requirements must be followed.
13. Nothing in this Order shall limit: (a) the provision of health care or medical services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operation of government.
14. The continued waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Executive Order 51 declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Executive Order 51 is so further amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020.

Violation of paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The Northern Virginia Region's entrance into Phase One will be delayed and the restrictions above shall remain in place until 11:59 p.m., May 28, 2020.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order shall be effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020 and further amends Executive Order 55. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, this Order shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-TWO (2020)**

**AND**

**AMENDED ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOUR**

**JURISDICTIONS TEMPORARILY DELAYED FROM ENTERING PHASE ONE IN  
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**PHASE ZERO JURISDICTIONS**

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**On May 14, 2020, the City of Richmond and the County of Accomack requested to delay implementation of Phase One. Unlike many jurisdictions in the Commonwealth, the City of Richmond's percent positivity of COVID-19 cases has failed to decrease over the past two weeks. Further, its total case count grew. Although Accomack's population is .39% of the Commonwealth, its positive cases represent 2.14% of the statewide totals. Similarly, the number of COVID-19 cases in the County of Accomack continues to increase. Local health officials opine that the County of Accomack's total positive cases could increase by over fifty percent in a matter of days. After considering the City of Richmond's and the County of Accomack's requests and the relevant data, I find the requests to delay entering Phase One and to remain in Phase Zero appropriate.**

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Executive Order 51, and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, I grant the Northern Virginia Region's, the City of Richmond's, and the County of Accomack's requests to remain in Phase Zero. Accordingly, as to the Northern Virginia Region, **the City of Richmond, and the County of Accomack, including all towns and political subdivisions contained therein (collectively, Phase Zero Jurisdictions)**, the following measures are extended effective 12:00 a.m. Friday, May 15, 2020:

1. Continued closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers markets. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers markets may continue to offer delivery and take-out services.
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7. All individuals in **Phase Zero Jurisdictions** shall remain at their place of residence, except as provided below by this Order. To the extent individuals use shared or outdoor spaces, whether on land or on water, they must at all times maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any other person, with the exception of family members, as defined below, or caretakers. Individuals may leave their residences for the purpose of:
  - a. Obtaining food, beverages, goods, or services as permitted in this Order;
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  - d. Traveling required by court order or to facilitate child custody, visitation, or child care;
  - e. Engaging in outdoor activity, including exercise, provided individuals comply with physical distancing requirements;
  - f. Traveling to and from one's residence, place of worship, or work;
  - g. Traveling to and from an educational institution;



- h. Volunteering with organizations that provide charitable or social services; and
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- 8. All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 10 individuals are prohibited. The presence of more than 10 individuals performing functions of their employment is not a "gathering." A "gathering" includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors. This restriction does not apply to the gathering of family members living in the same residence. "Family members" include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.
- 9. Continued cessation of all in-person instruction at K-12 schools, public and private, for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Facilities providing child care services may remain open.
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- 12. Continued closure of all public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* for all activity, except exercising and fishing. Physical distancing requirements must be followed.
- 13. Nothing in this Order shall limit: (a) the provision of health care or medical services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operation of government.
- 14. The continued waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Executive Order 51 declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Executive Order 51 is so further amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020.

Violation of paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

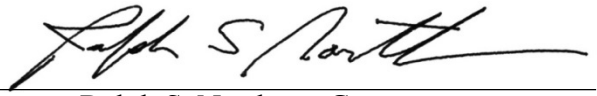
The **Phase Zero Jurisdictions'** entrance into Phase One will be delayed and the restrictions above shall remain in place until 11:59 p.m., May 28, 2020.

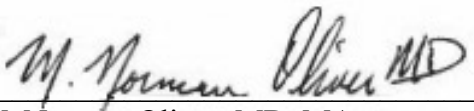
**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order shall be effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020 and further amends Executive Order 55. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, this Order shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

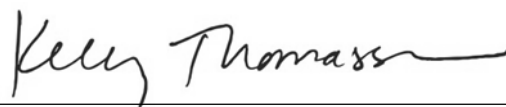
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**NUMBER 63 (2020)**

### **ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FIVE**

### **REQUIREMENT TO WEAR FACE COVERING WHILE INSIDE BUILDINGS**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth of Virginia continues to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Measures undertaken over the last ten weeks have slowed the spread of the virus; however, its transmission continues to threaten our communities. We must remain vigilant. In fact, as we reopen Virginia, it is critical that we become even more vigilant. Studies of the virus show that a substantial number of individuals with coronavirus are asymptomatic. In addition, individuals who contract the virus may still transmit the virus to others before ever showing symptoms. Therefore, a person with no symptoms of the virus could spread it by speaking, coughing, or sneezing. As more people venture back to businesses, employees are put in a vulnerable position when patrons come in without a face covering. We must make sure workers are safe as they interact with customers. Science shows us that face coverings can help stop the spread of the virus. That is why the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends wearing cloth face coverings, even those made from household items or common materials in public settings. I strongly urge all Virginians to wear face coverings when leaving their homes. But as to indoor settings to which the public has access, mere encouragement is not enough to protect the health and safety of Virginians.

#### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51, and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## **A. Face Coverings Required-Patrons**

All patrons in the Commonwealth aged ten and over shall when entering, exiting, traveling through, and spending time inside the settings listed below cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC:

1. Personal care and personal grooming businesses, including but not limited to, beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are provided.
2. All brick and mortar retail businesses, including both essential and non-essential brick and mortar retail businesses, as delineated in Amended Executive Order 61 and Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Three (2020).
3. Food and beverage establishments, including but not limited to, restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers markets, when permitted to reopen for indoor dining.
4. Entertainment or recreation businesses, including but not limited to, racetracks, historic horse racing facilities, theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, museums, and other indoor entertainment centers, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, arts and craft facilities, aquariums, zoos, escape rooms, public and private social clubs, and all other places of indoor public amusement, once permitted to reopen to the public. Face coverings shall also be required when patrons are outdoors at these businesses if a distance of six feet from every other person cannot be maintained.
5. Train stations, bus stations, and intrastate public transportation, including buses, rideshares, trains, taxis, and cars for hire, as well as any waiting or congregating areas associated with boarding public transportation. This requirement shall not apply in any area under federal jurisdiction or control.
6. Any other indoor place shared by groups of people who are in close proximity to each other. This restriction does not apply to persons while inside their residence or the personal residence of another. Face coverings may be removed to participate in a religious ritual.
7. State or local government buildings when accessed for the purpose of securing public services, with the exception of students in daycare centers or participating in-person classes in K-12 education or institutions of higher education.

## **B. Face Coverings Required-Employees of Essential Retail Businesses**

All employees of essential retail businesses as listed in Amended Executive Order 61 and Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Three (2020), section C, paragraph 1 shall wear a

face covering whenever working in customer facing areas. Amended Executive Order 61 and Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Three (2020) is so further amended.

### **C. Enforcement**

The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. No minor shall be subject to criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering. Adults accompanying minors should use the adult's best judgment with respect to placing face coverings on a minor between the ages of two through nine while inside the public areas noted above. Adults accompanying minors age 10 through 18 shall use reasonable efforts to prompt the minor to wear face coverings while inside the public areas noted above.

Medical-grade masks and personal protective equipment should be reserved for medical personnel. The use of cloth face coverings does not replace the need to maintain six feet of physical social distancing, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces routinely in all public settings, stay home when sick, and practice frequent handwashing.

### **D. Exceptions**

The requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to following:

1. While eating or drinking;
2. Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
3. Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance;
4. Any person seeking to communicate with the hearing impaired and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
5. When temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to secure government or medical services; and
6. Persons with health conditions that prohibit wearing a face covering. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a face covering by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition.

Any person who declines to wear a face covering because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

## **E. Department of Labor and Industry**

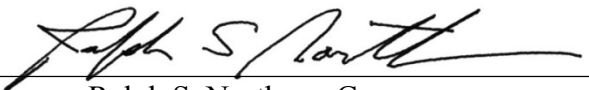
Except for paragraph B above, this Order does not apply to employees, employers, subcontractors, or other independent contractors in the workplace. The Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry shall promulgate emergency regulations and standards to control, prevent, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. The regulations and standards adopted in accordance with §§ 40.1-22(6a) or 2.2-4011 of the *Code of Virginia* shall apply to every employer, employee, and place of employment within the jurisdiction of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health program as described in 16 Va. Admin. Code § 25-60-20 and Va. Admin. Code § 25-60-30. These regulations and standards must address personal protective equipment, respiratory protective equipment, and sanitation, access to employee exposure and medical records and hazard communication. Further, these regulations and standards may not conflict with requirements and guidelines applicable to businesses set out and incorporated into Amended Executive Order 61 and Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Three.

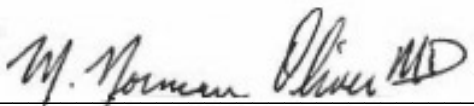
**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order is in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) and Amended Executive Order 61 and Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Three (2020). Further, this Order shall be effective 12:00 a.m., Friday, May 29, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

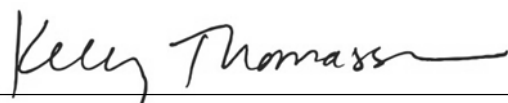
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### AMENDED NUMBER 63 (2020)

#### AMENDED ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FIVE REQUIREMENT TO WEAR FACE COVERING WHILE INSIDE BUILDINGS

##### Importance of the Issue

The Commonwealth of Virginia continues to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We must remain vigilant. Science shows us that face coverings can help stop the spread of the virus. That is why the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends wearing cloth face coverings, even those made from household items or common materials in public settings. I strongly urge all Virginians to wear face coverings when leaving their homes. But as to indoor settings to which the public has access, mere encouragement is not enough to protect the health and safety of Virginians. **Therefore, Executive Order 63, issued in May, required face coverings to be worn in certain indoor public spaces. Now, as we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our students, educators, and school staff, additional requirements to wear face coverings are necessary.**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51, and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

##### Directive

###### **A. Face Coverings Required-Patrons and Visitors**

All individuals in the Commonwealth aged **five** and over shall, when entering, exiting, traveling through, and spending time inside the settings listed below, cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC:



1. Personal care and personal grooming businesses, including but not limited to, beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are provided.
2. All brick and mortar retail businesses, including both essential and non-essential brick and mortar retail businesses, as delineated in **Sixth Amended Executive Order 67 and Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Seven (2020)**.
3. Food and beverage establishments, including but not limited to, restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, and farmers' markets.
4. Entertainment or recreation businesses, including but not limited to, racetracks, historic horse racing facilities, theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, museums, and other indoor entertainment centers, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, arts and craft facilities, aquariums, zoos, escape rooms, public and private social clubs, and all other places of indoor public amusement. Face coverings shall also be required when patrons are outdoors at these businesses if a distance of six feet from every other person cannot be maintained.
5. Train stations, bus stations, and intrastate public transportation, including buses, rideshares, trains, taxis, and cars for hire, as well as any waiting or congregating areas associated with boarding public transportation. This requirement shall not apply in any area under federal jurisdiction or control.
6. Any other indoor place shared by groups of people who are in close proximity to each other. This restriction does not apply to persons while inside their residence or the personal residence of another. Face coverings may be removed to participate in a religious ritual.
7. State or local government buildings when accessed for the purpose of securing public services.

## **B. Face Coverings Required-Employees of Essential Retail Businesses**

All employees of essential retail businesses as listed in **Sixth Amended Executive Order 67 and Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Seven (2020)**, Section C, paragraph 1 shall wear a face covering whenever working in customer facing areas. **Sixth Amended Executive Order 67 and Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Seven (2020)** is so further amended.

## **C. Enforcement**

The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code*

of Virginia. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. No minor shall be subject to criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering. Adults accompanying minors should use the adult's best judgment with respect to placing face coverings on a minor between the ages of two through **four** while inside the public areas noted above. Adults accompanying minors age **five** through 18 shall use reasonable efforts to prompt the minor to wear face coverings while inside the public areas noted above.

Medical-grade masks and personal protective equipment should be reserved for medical personnel. The use of cloth face coverings does not replace the need to maintain six feet of physical social distancing, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces routinely in all public settings, stay home when sick, and practice frequent handwashing.

#### **D. Exceptions**

The requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to the following:

1. While eating or drinking;
2. Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
3. **Any person who is playing a musical instrument, when wearing a mask or face covering would inhibit the playing of the instrument (e.g. wind instrument), if at least 10 feet of physical distancing can be maintained from other persons, whether the rehearsal or performance is indoors or outdoors.**
4. Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance;
5. Any person seeking to communicate with the hearing impaired and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
6. When temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to secure government, or medical services;
7. Persons with health conditions **or disabilities** that prohibit wearing a face covering. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a face covering by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. **Adaptations and alternatives for individuals with health conditions or disabilities should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a mask or to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.**

Any person who declines to wear a face covering because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

## **E. Department of Labor and Industry**

Except for paragraph B above, this Order does not apply to employees, employers, subcontractors, or other independent contractors in the workplace. The Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry shall promulgate emergency regulations and standards to control, prevent, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. The regulations and standards adopted in accordance with §§ 40.1-22(6a) or 2.2-4011 of the *Code of Virginia* shall apply to every employer, employee, and place of employment within the jurisdiction of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health program as described in 16 Va. Admin. Code § 25-60-20 and Va. Admin. Code § 25-60-30. These regulations and standards must address personal protective equipment, respiratory protective equipment, and sanitation, access to employee exposure and medical records and hazard communication. Further, these regulations and standards may not conflict with requirements and guidelines applicable to businesses set out and incorporated into **Sixth Amended Executive Order 67 and Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Seven.**

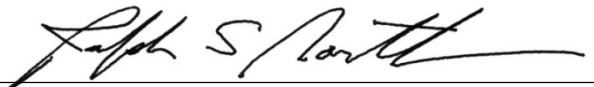
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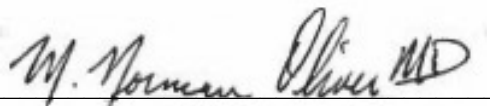
This Order is in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) and **Sixth Amended Executive Order 67 and Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Seven (2020)**.

Further, this Order shall be effective 12:00 a.m., Monday, November 16, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

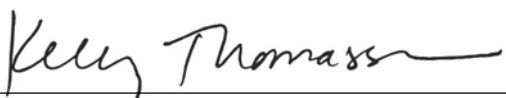
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 13th day of November, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **NUMBER SIXTY-FOUR (2020)**

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO CIVIL UNREST AND INSTITUTION OF A CURFEW IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this day, May 31, 2020, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to past and potential future civil unrest that poses a danger to public safety. The Commonwealth of Virginia has experienced significant events in the past 48 hours that have required intervention to restore order, ensure the safety of protestors and the public, protect property, and provide additional resources to support our local and state partners. In the past 24 hours alone, there have been numerous instances of unlawful activity resulting in injuries to peaceful protestors and first responders, significant property damage, and continued escalation of violent events. Specific incidents include unlawful assemblies declared in the City of Richmond, Prince William County, and Roanoke, extensive property damage in the City of Richmond including the burning of two buildings, vehicle fires, debris and dumpster fires, vandalism, looting, and the damage to law enforcement vehicles.

The Commonwealth has a compelling interest to maintain peace and order in the face of escalating tension. The effects of this civil unrest constitute an emergency wherein human lives and public and private property are imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Action is necessary to preserve life and property and to alleviate the conditions caused by this situation.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, and as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and respond to this situation, to

alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- D. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
- E. Authorization of a maximum of \$350,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$250,000 for the Department of Military Affairs.

Further, I declare that the City of Richmond shall be under a curfew between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. beginning May 31, 2020, and ending June 3, 2020. Unless extended by further executive order, the curfew shall end at 6 a.m., June 3, 2020. While the curfew is in place no person shall be present on any street, road, alley, avenue, park, or other public place in the City of Richmond with the following exceptions:

- Persons traveling to and from home, work, or places of worship;
- Hospital personnel;
- Members of the press;
- State and City of Richmond employees and volunteers;
- Military personnel including but not limited to national guard troops;

- Private emergency medical transport workers;
- Persons seeking emergency services; and
- Other emergency workers

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to prohibit or restrict travel to a hospital in the event of a medical emergency, nor shall such travel be considered in violation of this Order.

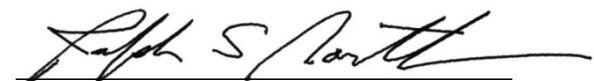
Violation of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**


This Order shall be effective immediately and with the exception to the provisions instituting a curfew, shall remain in full force and effect until June 29, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 31st day of May, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-FOUR (2020)**

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
DUE TO CIVIL UNREST AND INSTITUTION OF A CURFEW  
IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND AND THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH**

### **Importance of the Issue**

On this day, May 31, 2020, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to past and potential future civil unrest that poses a danger to public safety. The Commonwealth of Virginia has experienced significant events in the past 48 hours that have required intervention to restore order, ensure the safety of protestors and the public, protect property, and provide additional resources to support our local and state partners. In the past 24 hours alone, there have been numerous instances of unlawful activity resulting in injuries to peaceful protestors and first responders, significant property damage, and continued escalation of violent events. Specific incidents include unlawful assemblies declared in the City of Richmond, Prince William County, and Roanoke, extensive property damage in the City of Richmond **and the City of Virginia Beach** including the burning of two buildings, vehicle fires, debris and dumpster fires, vandalism, looting, and the damage to law enforcement vehicles.

The Commonwealth has a compelling interest to maintain peace and order in the face of escalating tension. The effects of this civil unrest constitute an emergency wherein human lives and public and private property are imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Action is necessary to preserve life and property and to alleviate the conditions caused by this situation.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, and as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and respond to this situation, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as



possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- D. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
- E. Authorization of a maximum of \$350,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$250,000 for the Department of Military Affairs.

Further, I declare that the City of Richmond and **the City of Virginia Beach** shall be under a curfew between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. **With respect to the City of Richmond, the curfew shall begin** on May 31, 2020, and end June 3, 2020. Unless extended by further executive order, that curfew shall end at 6 a.m., June 3, 2020. **With respect to the City of Virginia Beach, the curfew shall begin on June 1, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. and end on June 4, 2020, at 6:00 a.m. unless extended by further executive order.** While the curfew is in place no person shall be present on any street, road, alley, avenue, park, or other public place in the City of Richmond **and the City of Virginia Beach** with the following exceptions:

- Persons traveling to and from home, work, or places of worship;
- Hospital personnel;
- Members of the press;
- State, City of Richmond, **and City of Virginia Beach** employees and volunteers;
- Military personnel including but not limited to national guard troops;

- Private emergency medical transport workers;
- Travel to and from public meetings City of Virginia Beach City Council and School Board;
- Persons seeking emergency services; and
- Other emergency workers

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to prohibit or restrict travel to a hospital in the event of a medical emergency, nor shall such travel be considered in violation of this Order.


Violation of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

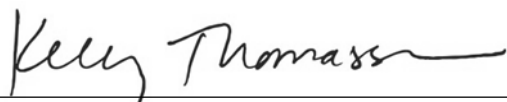
This Order shall be effective immediately and with the exception to the provisions instituting a curfew, shall remain in full force and effect until June 29, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this **1st day of June, 2020**.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:



Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **SECOND AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-FOUR (2020)**

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO CIVIL UNREST AND INSITUATION OF A CURFEW IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND, THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH AND THE CITY OF HAMPTON**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this day, May 31, 2020, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to past and potential future civil unrest that poses a danger to public safety. The Commonwealth of Virginia has experienced significant events in the past 48 hours that have required intervention to restore order, ensure the safety of protestors and the public, protect property, and provide additional resources to support our local and state partners. In the past 24 hours alone, there have been numerous instances of unlawful activity resulting in injuries to peaceful protestors and first responders, significant property damage, and continued escalation of violent events. Specific incidents include unlawful assemblies declared in the City of Richmond, Prince William County, and Roanoke, extensive property damage in the City of Richmond, the City of Virginia Beach, **and the City of Hampton** including the burning of two buildings, vehicle fires, debris and dumpster fires, vandalism, looting, and the damage to law enforcement vehicles.

The Commonwealth has a compelling interest to maintain peace and order in the face of escalating tension. The effects of this civil unrest constitute an emergency wherein human lives and public and private property are imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Action is necessary to preserve life and property and to alleviate the conditions caused by this situation.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, and as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and respond to this situation, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation

operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- D. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
- E. Authorization of a maximum of \$350,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$250,000 for the Department of Military Affairs.

Further, I declare that the City of Richmond, the City of Virginia Beach, **and the City of Hampton** shall be under a curfew between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. With respect to the City of Richmond, the curfew shall begin on May 31, 2020, and end June 3, 2020. Unless extended by further executive order, that curfew shall end at 6 a.m., June 3, 2020. With respect to the City of Virginia Beach, the curfew shall begin on June 1, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. and end on June 4, 2020, at 6:00 a.m. unless extended by further executive order. **With respect to the City of Hampton, the curfew shall begin on June 3, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. and end on June 6, 2020, at 6:00 a.m. unless extended by further executive order.** While the curfew is in place no person shall be present on any street, road, alley, avenue, park, or other public place in the City of Richmond, the City of Virginia Beach, **and the City of Hampton** with the following exceptions:

- Persons traveling to and from home, work, or places of worship;
- Hospital personnel;
- Members of the press;

- State, City of Richmond, City of Virginia Beach, **and the City of Hampton** employees and volunteers;
- Military personnel including but not limited to national guard troops;
- Private emergency medical transport workers;
- Travel to and from public meetings City of Virginia Beach City Council and School Board;
- Persons seeking emergency services; and
- Other emergency workers

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to prohibit or restrict travel to a hospital in the event of a medical emergency, nor shall such travel be considered in violation of this Order.

Violation of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order shall be effective immediately and with the exception to the provisions instituting a curfew, shall remain in full force and effect until June 29, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this **3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020**.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **THIRD AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-FOUR (2020)**

#### **EXTENDED DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO CIVIL UNREST IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On May 31, 2020, I declared that a state of emergency existed in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to past and potential future civil unrest that posed a danger to public health and safety. Over the last 30 days, that unrest has continued in parts of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The City of Richmond continues to experience and address daily protests, rallies, marches, and other public demonstrations. Often, peaceful demonstrations evolve into conflicts with law enforcement during late night and early morning hours. These events have required significant intervention to ensure the safety of protestors and the public, protect property, and provide additional resources to support our local and state partners.

The Commonwealth continues to have a compelling interest to maintain peace and order. The effects of this civil unrest constitute an emergency wherein human lives and public and private property are imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Action remains necessary to preserve life and property and to alleviate the conditions caused by this situation.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, and as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim that a state of emergency continues to exist in the City of Richmond. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and respond to this situation, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I continue to order the following actions:


- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- D. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
- E. Authorization of a maximum of \$350,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$250,000 for the Department of Military Affairs.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

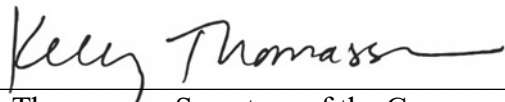
This Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until July 30, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **FOURTH AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-FOUR (2020)**

#### **EXTENDED DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO CIVIL UNREST IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On May 31, 2020, I declared that a state of emergency existed in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to past and potential future civil unrest that posed a danger to public health and safety in the City of Richmond. **On June 29, 2020, I extended that Order. In a July 29, 2020 letter, the Mayor of the City of Richmond requested that I further extend the May 31, 2020 Order as the City continues to experience and address daily protests, rallies, marches, and other public demonstrations.** These events have required significant intervention to ensure the safety of protestors and the public, protect property, and provide additional resources to support our local and state partners.

The Commonwealth continues to have a compelling interest to maintain peace and order. The effects of this civil unrest constitute an emergency wherein human lives and public and private property are imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Action remains necessary to preserve life and property and to alleviate the conditions caused by this situation.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, and as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim that a state of emergency continues to exist in the City of Richmond. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and respond to this situation, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I continue to order the following actions:


- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- D. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
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**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

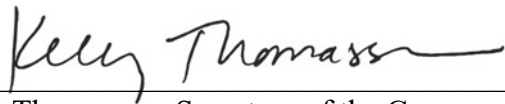
This Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until **August 30, 2020**, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this **30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020**.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER SIXTY-FIVE (2020)**

**AND**

**ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY SIX**

**PHASE TWO EASING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**Excluding the City of Richmond and the Northern Virginia Region**

### **Importance of the Issue**

On May 8, 2020, Executive Order 61 and Order of Public Health Emergency Three began easing business, gathering, and traveling restrictions originally imposed by Executive Order 53 and Executive Order 55 issued in March of 2020. We did this because our health data metrics showed that we were increasing testing availability, we have adequate supply of personal protective equipment and hospital bed supply, the percentage of positive tests, hospitalizations, and positive tests were trending downward. The health data metrics for some jurisdictions, however, still presented sharper challenges. Therefore, pursuant to Executive Order 62 and Order of Public Health Emergency Four (2020), later amended, the Northern Virginia Region (as defined by that Order), the County of Accomack, and the City of Richmond remained in Phase Zero. On May 29, 2020, those jurisdictions moved into Phase One.

During the weeks that the majority of Virginia has been in Phase One, the public health metrics have continued to show the same trends. Our testing is increasing, our supply of personal protective equipment is steady, our hospital bed capacity remains steady, our hospitalizations statewide have a slight downward trend, and the percentage of positive tests continue to trend downward.

Now under this Order, the majority of the Commonwealth will move into Phase Two. The Northern Virginia Region and the City of Richmond will remain in Phase One under Third Amended Executive Order 61 and Third Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Three (2020). We have made remarkable progress over the past several weeks. As we move forward, we will remain vigilant, cautious, and measured. We will continue teleworking, whenever possible, to wash our hands frequently, to not touch our faces, and to wear face coverings. Through these

efforts, we will continue to protect ourselves, our families, and our fellow Virginians as we respond to this emergency.

## **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

### **A. EASING OF BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS**

#### **1. All Businesses**

Any businesses, not listed in this section, should adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

#### **2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms**

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor dining and beverage services, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Occupancy may not exceed the 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable.
- b. All parties, whether seated together or across multiple tables, must be limited to 50 patrons or less.
- c. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart.
- d. No self-service of food (except beverages), including condiments. Condiments should be removed from tables and dispensed by employees upon the request of a customer. Buffets must be staffed by servers. For self-service beverage areas, use beverage equipment designed to dispense by a contamination-free method.

- e. Bar seats and congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in a bar area may be used for customer seating as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.
- f. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- g. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes during operation. Tabletops, chairs, and credit card/bill folders must be cleaned in between patrons.
- h. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **3. Farmers Markets**

Farmers markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. On-site shopping is allowed, as long as physical distancing guidelines are followed. Configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
- b. Employees and vendors in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Vendors must supply hand sanitizer stations or hand washing stations for patrons and employees.
- d. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **4. Brick And Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed In Section C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)**

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section C, paragraph 1 may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidance for brick and mortar retail expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Occupancy must be limited to no more than 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.

- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may reopen for indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities.
- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes must maintain at least ten feet of physical distancing between each other at all times.
- c. The total number of attendees (including both participants and instructors) in all group exercise and fitness classes cannot exceed the lesser of 30% of the minimum occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or 50 patrons, members, and guests.
- d. Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features must be closed.
- e. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open for lap swimming, diving, exercise, and instruction only and must be limited to no more than three persons per lane with ten feet of physical distance per swimmer.
- f. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- g. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared equipment after each use.
- h. Facilities shall prohibit the use of any equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected between uses (e.g., climbing rope, exercise bands, etc.).
- i. Businesses must supply hand sanitizer stations or hand washing stations for patrons, members, and guests.
- j. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Occupancy may not exceed 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy with at least six feet of physical distancing between work stations and no more than two appointments per service provider at a time.
- b. Service providers and employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Provide face coverings for clients or ask that clients bring a face covering with them, which they must wear during the service. Limit services to only those that can be completed without clients removing their face covering.
- d. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes in operations, while cleaning and disinfecting all personal care and personal grooming tools after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 7. Campgrounds

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate, provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. A minimum of 20 feet must be maintained between units for all lots rented for short-term stays of less than 14 nights (and not owned by individuals).
- b. Employees working in public-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. It is recommended that campgrounds must strongly encourage customers to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth.
- d. The provision of hand washing in bath houses and sanitizing stations for guests and employees.



- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **8. Indoor Shooting Ranges**

Indoor shooting ranges may operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Occupancy must be limited to 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy with at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals at all times. Use every other lane to achieve six feet of physical distancing.
- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces every 60 minutes in operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. Either thoroughly clean shared or borrowed equipment in between uses, or only allow the use of personal equipment at the range.
- e. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **9. Public Beaches**

All public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* may remain open to individual and family recreational activity, in addition to exercise and fishing. All such public beaches, with the exception of the beaches in the City of Virginia Beach, must comply with the requirements below.

- a. Require beachgoers to practice physical distancing of at least six feet between each person unless they are with members of the same household.
- b. Prohibit gatherings of more than 50 people.
- c. Prohibit group sports, alcohol, tents, groupings of umbrellas, and other activities and items that attract gatherings.
- d. Prohibit entertainment and programming that generate gatherings.
- e. All common areas that encourage gatherings, such as pavilions, gazebos, playsets, and picnic areas must remain closed. This does not apply to fishing piers.

- f. Implement a cleaning schedule for all high-touch surfaces made of plastic or metal such as benches and railings that includes cleaning at least every two hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- g. Establish, train, and deploy a team to educate and promote compliance with beach rules and refer cases of noncompliance to public safety personnel, if appropriate.
- h. Establish procedures for temporary beach closure or access limitations in the event of overcrowding.
- i. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.
- j. Perform a disinfectant-level cleaning of all public restrooms every two hours with an EPA-approved disinfectant by staff or volunteers trained to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on cleaning and disinfecting.
- k. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintaining at least six feet of distance between groups, and to clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.
- l. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to location.
- m. Locality shall provide daily metrics to its local health department to include beach closures, complaint incidents, police reports of violence related to enforcement, and number of reports of noncompliance to be submitted each Monday.
- n. All employees and contract workers must wear a cloth face covering when not able to practice physical distancing following CDC Use of Face Cloth Coverings guidance.
- o. Employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.
- p. Locality shall require all employees and contract workers to take their temperature before reporting to work and direct such employees not to report to work if they have a fever of over 100.4 degrees, have experienced chills, or have been feverish in the last 72 hours.

- q. Follow enhanced workplace safety best practices outlined in the Guidelines for All Business Sectors.

Public beaches in the City of Virginia Beach may continue to operate provided activities on the public beaches are conducted in compliance with the requirements linked [here](#) and [here](#).

## **10. Racetracks**

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein and linked [here](#) and [here](#). Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e. barriers and gating that would preclude the general public from accessing the event).
- b. No tailgating and camping is allowed during these events, including staff or race participants.
- c. Entrances and exits must be staffed.
- d. No spectators or members of the public are permitted to attend the event. This includes owners, family (unless the guardian of a minor child), as well as outside vendors. Only individuals essential to the operation of the event are permitted to attend.
- e. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between themselves and other participants.
- f. Prior to each race event, participants must self-monitor their symptoms by taking their temperature to check for fever.
- g. No public-facing amenities will be provided, including concessions, food sales, merchandise sales, hospitality, or loitering on the property, or fan experiences.

## **11. Recreational and Entertainment Businesses**

Outdoor performing arts venues, outdoor concert venues, outdoor sports venues, outdoor movie theaters, museums, aquariums, zoos, and botanical gardens may reopen, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirement:

- a. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the occupancy load of the venue, if applicable, or 50 persons.
- b. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- c. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- d. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces including digital ordering devices, check presenters, self-service areas, tabletops, bathroom surfaces, and other common touch areas every 60 minutes during operation.
- e. Where possible, install sneeze guards in front of commonly used point-of-sale or guest service stations.
- f. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth.
- g. Provide hand washing or sanitizing stations for guests and employees.
- h. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **12. Public and private social clubs**

Public and private social clubs may reopen, provided such establishments abide by the gathering ban in section B, paragraph 2 of this Order and comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for public and private social clubs expressly incorporated by reference herein.

## **13. Recreational Sports**

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for recreational sports expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Ten feet of physical distance must be maintained by all instructors, participants, and spectators, with the exception of incidental contact or contact between members of the same household. This applies during instruction and practice and during competitive events. Competition that involves close contact with other athletes must be avoided.

- b. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) of outdoor recreational sports cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the occupancy load of the venue, if applicable, or 50 persons. For sports played on a field, attendees are limited to 50 persons per field.
- c. The total number of attendees for indoor recreational sports cannot exceed the lesser of 30% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or 50 persons. For sports played on a field, attendees are limited to 50 persons per field.
- d. For indoor recreational sports, spectators may not be present except parents, guardians, or caretakers who are supervising children.

#### **14. Enforcement**

Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section A may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.

### **B. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

#### **1. Certain Recreational and Entertainment Businesses**

All public access to recreational and entertainment businesses set forth below shall remain closed:

- a. Indoor theaters, Indoor performing arts centers, indoor concert venues, and other indoor entertainment centers;
- b. Historic horse racing facilities; and
- c. Bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, carnivals, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, and other places of indoor public amusement.

#### **2. All Public And Private In-Person Gatherings**

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 50 individuals are prohibited. The presence of more than 50 individuals performing functions of their employment is

not a “gathering.” A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors.

This restriction does not apply to the gathering of family members living in the same residence. “Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

- a. Individuals may attend religious services subject to the following requirements:
  - i. Religious services must be limited to no more than 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy of the room or facility in which the religious services are conducted.
  - ii. Individuals attending religious services must be at least six feet apart when seated and must practice proper physical distancing at all times. Family members, as defined above, may be seated together.
  - iii. Mark seating in six-foot increments and in common areas where attendees may congregate.
  - iv. Attendees shall not pass items to other attendees, who are not family members, as defined above.
  - v. Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable, used only once, and discarded.
  - vi. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted prior to and following any religious service.
  - vii. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted in the establishment.
  - viii. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding social distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
  - ix. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

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Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-FIVE (2020)**

**AND**

**AMENDED ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY SIX**

**PHASE TWO EASING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

On May 8, 2020, Executive Order 61 and Order of Public Health Emergency Three began easing business, gathering, and traveling restrictions originally imposed by Executive Order 53 and Executive Order 55 issued in March of 2020. We did this because our health data metrics showed that we were increasing testing availability, we have adequate supply of personal protective equipment and hospital bed supply, the percentage of positive tests, hospitalizations, and positive tests were trending downward. The health data metrics for some jurisdictions, however, still presented sharper challenges. Therefore, pursuant to Executive Order 62 and Order of Public Health Emergency Four (2020), later amended, the Northern Virginia Region (as defined by that Order), the County of Accomack, and the City of Richmond remained in Phase Zero. On May 29, 2020, those jurisdictions moved into Phase One.

During the weeks that the majority of Virginia has been in Phase One, the public health metrics have continued to show the same trends. Our testing is increasing, our supply of personal protective equipment is steady, our hospital bed capacity remains steady, our hospitalizations statewide have a slight downward trend, and the percentage of positive tests continue to trend downward.

Now under this Order, the majority of the Commonwealth will move into Phase Two. The Northern Virginia Region and the City of Richmond will remain in Phase One under Third Amended Executive Order 61 and Third Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Three (2020). We have made remarkable progress over the past several weeks. As we move forward, we will remain vigilant, cautious, and measured. We will continue teleworking, whenever possible, to wash our hands frequently, to not touch our faces, and to wear face coverings. Through these

efforts, we will continue to protect ourselves, our families, and our fellow Virginians as we respond to this emergency.

**Effective Friday, 12:00 a.m., June 12, 2020, the Northern Virginia Region and the City of Richmond shall enter into Phase Two.**

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

#### **A. EASING OF BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS**

##### **1. All Businesses**

Any businesses, not listed in this section, should adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

##### **2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms**

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor dining and beverage services, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Occupancy may not exceed the 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable.
- b. All parties, whether seated together or across multiple tables, must be limited to 50 patrons or less.
- c. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart.
- d. No self-service of food (except beverages), including condiments. Condiments should be removed from tables and dispensed by employees upon the request of a customer. Buffets must be staffed by servers. For self-service beverage areas, use beverage equipment designed to dispense by a contamination-free method.

- e. Bar seats and congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in a bar area may be used for customer seating as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.
- f. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- g. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes during operation. Tabletops, chairs, and credit card/bill folders must be cleaned in between patrons.
- h. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **3. Farmers Markets**

Farmers markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. On-site shopping is allowed, as long as physical distancing guidelines are followed. Configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
- b. Employees and vendors in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
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### **4. Brick And Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed In Section C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)**

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section C, paragraph 1 may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidance for brick and mortar retail expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Occupancy must be limited to no more than 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.

- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may reopen for indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities.
- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes must maintain at least ten feet of physical distancing between each other at all times.
- c. The total number of attendees (including both participants and instructors) in all group exercise and fitness classes cannot exceed the lesser of 30% of the minimum occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or 50 patrons, members, and guests.
- d. Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features must be closed.
- e. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open for lap swimming, diving, exercise, and instruction only and must be limited to no more than three persons per lane with ten feet of physical distance per swimmer.
- f. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- g. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared equipment after each use.
- h. Facilities shall prohibit the use of any equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected between uses (e.g., climbing rope, exercise bands, etc.).
- i. Businesses must supply hand sanitizer stations or hand washing stations for patrons, members, and guests.
- j. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Occupancy may not exceed 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy with at least six feet of physical distancing between work stations and no more than two appointments per service provider at a time.
- b. Service providers and employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Provide face coverings for clients or ask that clients bring a face covering with them, which they must wear during the service. Limit services to only those that can be completed without clients removing their face covering.
- d. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes in operations, while cleaning and disinfecting all personal care and personal grooming tools after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **7. Campgrounds**

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate, provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. A minimum of 20 feet must be maintained between units for all lots rented for short-term stays of less than 14 nights (and not owned by individuals).
- b. Employees working in public-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. It is recommended that campgrounds must strongly encourage customers to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth.

- d. The provision of hand washing in bath houses and sanitizing stations for guests and employees.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **8. Indoor Shooting Ranges**

Indoor shooting ranges may operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Occupancy must be limited to 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy with at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals at all times. Use every other lane to achieve six feet of physical distancing.
- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces every 60 minutes in operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. Either thoroughly clean shared or borrowed equipment in between uses, or only allow the use of personal equipment at the range.
- e. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **9. Public Beaches**

All public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* may remain open to individual and family recreational activity, in addition to exercise and fishing. All such public beaches, with the exception of the beaches in the City of Virginia Beach, must comply with the requirements below.

- a. Require beachgoers to practice physical distancing of at least six feet between each person unless they are with members of the same household.
- b. Prohibit gatherings of more than 50 people.
- c. Prohibit group sports, alcohol, tents, groupings of umbrellas, and other activities and items that attract gatherings.
- d. Prohibit entertainment and programming that generate gatherings.

- e. All common areas that encourage gatherings, such as pavilions, gazebos, playsets, and picnic areas must remain closed. This does not apply to fishing piers.
- f. Implement a cleaning schedule for all high-touch surfaces made of plastic or metal such as benches and railings that includes cleaning at least every two hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- g. Establish, train, and deploy a team to educate and promote compliance with beach rules and refer cases of noncompliance to public safety personnel, if appropriate.
- h. Establish procedures for temporary beach closure or access limitations in the event of overcrowding.
- i. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.
- j. Perform a disinfectant-level cleaning of all public restrooms every two hours with an EPA-approved disinfectant by staff or volunteers trained to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on cleaning and disinfecting.
- k. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintaining at least six feet of distance between groups, and to clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.
- l. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to location.
- m. Locality shall provide daily metrics to its local health department to include beach closures, complaint incidents, police reports of violence related to enforcement, and number of reports of noncompliance to be submitted each Monday.
- n. All employees and contract workers must wear a cloth face covering when not able to practice physical distancing following CDC Use of Face Cloth Coverings guidance.
- o. Employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.
- p. Locality shall require all employees and contract workers to take their temperature before reporting to work and direct such employees not to report to



work if they have a fever of over 100.4 degrees, have experienced chills, or have been feverish in the last 72 hours.

- q. Follow enhanced workplace safety best practices outlined in the Guidelines for All Business Sectors.

Public beaches in the City of Virginia Beach may continue to operate provided activities on the public beaches are conducted in compliance with the requirements linked [here](#) and [here](#).

## **10. Racetracks**

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein and linked [here](#) and [here](#). Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e. barriers and gating that would preclude the general public from accessing the event).
- b. No tailgating and camping is allowed during these events, including staff or race participants.
- c. Entrances and exits must be staffed.
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- e. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between themselves and other participants.
- f. Prior to each race event, participants must self-monitor their symptoms by taking their temperature to check for fever.
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- a. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the occupancy load of the venue, if applicable, or 50 persons.
- b. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- c. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
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## **12. Public and private social clubs**

Public and private social clubs may reopen, provided such establishments abide by the gathering ban in section B, paragraph 2 of this Order and comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for public and private social clubs expressly incorporated by reference herein.

## **13. Recreational Sports**

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for recreational sports expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

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#### **14. Enforcement**

Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section A may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.

### **B. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

#### **1. Certain Recreational and Entertainment Businesses**

All public access to recreational and entertainment businesses set forth below shall remain closed:

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- b. Historic horse racing facilities; and

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  - ii. Individuals attending religious services must be at least six feet apart when seated and must practice proper physical distancing at all times. Family members, as defined above, may be seated together.
  - iii. Mark seating in six-foot increments and in common areas where attendees may congregate.
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Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Handwritten signature of M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA, in black ink.

M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER SIXTY-SIX (2020)**

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF JUNETEENTH AS A STATE HOLIDAY**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

Since 1619, when both representative democracy and enslaved Africans arrived in Virginia, we have struggled to live up to our proclaimed ideals of freedom and justice for all. We have failed time and again to guarantee to all Americans the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We have said one thing but consistently done another.

The year 2020 has cast fear, violence, and tragedy upon our nation and our Commonwealth. We have persevered through a world-wide pandemic, wept over the senseless loss of lives, and lifted voices in protest while confronting the elusiveness of justice.

This Friday, June 19, 2020, “Juneteenth” as it is also known, marks the anniversary of the day in 1865 when news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Texas, the last of the former Confederate states to abolish slavery. This was a pivotal moment in American history when all enslaved black people finally learned they were free people. It was a moment of celebration and joy. It was a moment when America finally took a step closer to its promise of freedom, equality, and justice for all.

But we know that there is much more to be done, and many, many more steps to be taken.

On Juneteenth's past, we have acknowledged the date with written proclamations, most often shared with smaller community groups. These proclamations, while important, do not do enough. We must amplify the message. It must be heard by all who call Virginia home. The commemoration of Juneteenth is a reminder that liberty and justice must never again be reserved for the few.

It will be on this day going forward that we mark a holiday of education, reflection, and celebration. On this day, we will educate ourselves on our history—all of our history. We will reflect on how our nation and our Commonwealth failed to recognize the humanity of all people,

and we will celebrate the end of enslavement and redouble our efforts to rid our society of its shameful legacy of racism, discrimination, and inequity.

I encourage all Virginians to think about the significance of this day. It was significant in 1865 because it marked the end of human bondage for African Americans in the United States. But our recognition of Juneteenth now signifies that we understand its importance to all Americans. Juneteenth is not African American history. It is *American* history. It is as woven into the fabric of our great country as is the celebration of independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>. And it should be so celebrated.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to §§ 2.2-103, 2.2-3300, and 2.2-3322 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby declare June 19 (Juneteenth) a permanent state holiday for all executive branch agencies and institutions of higher education. I further direct the Secretary of Administration in conjunction with the Department of Human Resource Management to oversee the administration of this policy.

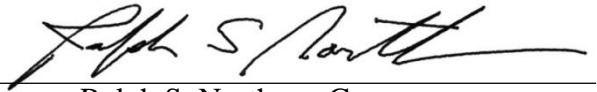
It is my hope that Juneteenth will subsequently be celebrated by the public and private sectors as well as localities all across the Commonwealth.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

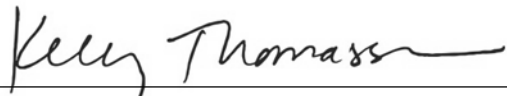
This Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**NUMBER SIXTY-SEVEN (2020)  
AND  
ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY SEVEN  
PHASE THREE EASING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

On June 2, 2020, Executive Order 65 and Order of Public Health Emergency Six implemented Phase Two, continuing to ease business, gathering, and traveling restrictions originally imposed by Executive Order 53 and Executive Order 55 issued in March of 2020. During the weeks following, the public health metrics have continued to show positive trends. Our testing is increasing, our supply of personal protective equipment is steady, our hospital bed capacity remains steady, our hospitalizations statewide have a downward trend, and the percentage of positive tests continue to trend downward. Virginia continues to make significant progress.

As outlined below, we will move forward into Phase Three. In doing so, we must remember that the virus is still in our communities. We must remain cautious—continue teleworking whenever possible, wash our hands frequently, do not touch our faces, and wear face coverings. Through these efforts, we will continue to protect ourselves, our families, and our fellow Virginians as we respond to this emergency.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## A. EASING OF BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

### 1. All Businesses

Any businesses, not listed in this section, should adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

### 2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor service, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. All parties must be separated by at least six feet, including in the bar area. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart, including in the bar area.
- b. Customers may be provided with self-service options. Facilities must provide hand sanitizer at food lines and require the use of barriers (e.g., gloves or deli paper) when employees or patrons touch common utensils. Food lines must be monitored by trained staff at all times of operation, and serving utensils must be changed hourly.
- c. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- d. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes during operation. Tabletops, chairs, and credit card/bill folders must be cleaned in between patrons.
- e. Bar seats and congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in the bar area (i.e., tables or counter seats that do not line up to a bar or food service area) may be used for customer seating as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.
- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **3. Farmers Markets**

Farmers markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below, at all times. Configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
- b. Employees and vendors in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Vendors must supply hand sanitizer stations or hand washing stations for patrons and employees.
- d. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **4. Brick and Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed In Section C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)**

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section C, paragraph 1 below may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidance for brick and mortar retail expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members at all times.
- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may continue to operate indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests who are not Family members must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities except where necessary for the physical safety of an individual.
- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members must maintain at least ten feet of physical distancing between each other at all times, with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- c. Occupancy must be limited to no more than 75% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- d. Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features must be closed.
- e. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members.
- f. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement.
- g. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared equipment after each use.
- h. Facilities must prohibit the use of any equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected between uses (e.g., climbing rope, exercise bands, etc.).
- i. Businesses must supply hand sanitizer stations or hand washing stations for patrons, members, and guests.
- j. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Service providers must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between work stations.
- b. Service providers and employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Provide face coverings for clients or ask that clients bring a face covering with them, which they must wear during the service. Limit services to only those that can be completed without clients removing their face covering.
- d. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes of operation, while cleaning and disinfecting all personal care and personal grooming tools after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **7. Campgrounds**

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate, provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees working in public-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- b. Businesses must supply hand sanitizer stations or hand washing stations for patrons, members, and guests.
- c. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **8. Indoor Shooting Ranges**

Indoor shooting ranges may continue to operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members at all times.
- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces every 60 minutes of operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each



customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.

- d. Either thoroughly clean shared or borrowed equipment in between uses, or only allow the use of personal equipment at the range.
- e. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **9. Public Beaches**

All public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* may remain open to individual and family recreational activity. All such public beaches, must comply with the requirements below.

- a. Require beachgoers to practice physical distancing of at least six feet between each person unless they are with Family members.
- b. Prohibit gatherings of more than 250 people.
- c. Implement and adhere to a cleaning schedule for all high-touch surfaces made of plastic or metal such as benches and railings that includes cleaning at least every two hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- d. Establish, train, and deploy a team to educate and promote compliance with beach rules and refer cases of noncompliance to public safety personnel, if appropriate.
- e. Establish procedures for temporary beach closure or access limitations in the event of overcrowding.
- f. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.
- g. Perform a disinfectant-level cleaning of all public restrooms every two hours with an EPA-approved disinfectant by staff or volunteers trained to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on cleaning and disinfecting.
- h. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintaining at least six feet of distance between groups, and to clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.
- i. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to location.

- j. Locality shall provide daily metrics to its local health department to include beach closures, complaint incidents, police reports of violence related to enforcement, and number of reports of noncompliance to be submitted each Monday.
- k. All employees and contract workers must wear a cloth face covering when not able to practice physical distancing following CDC Use of Face Cloth Coverings guidance.
- l. Employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.
- m. Locality shall require all employees and contract workers to take their temperature before reporting to work and direct such employees not to report to work if they have a fever of over 100.4 degrees, have experienced chills, or have been feverish in the last 72 hours.
- n. Follow enhanced workplace safety best practices outlined in the Guidelines for All Business Sectors.

## **10. Racetracks and Speedways**

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e. barriers and gating).
- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between themselves and other participants who are not Family members.
- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for campgrounds.
- d. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 1000 persons.

## **11. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses**

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, zoos, fairs, carnivals, amusement parks, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, and other places of indoor public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 1000 persons.
- b. All private bookings must comply with section B, paragraph 1.
- c. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- d. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- e. Ten feet of physical distancing is required between parties at all establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering; six feet of physical distancing is required in other venues.
- f. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces including digital ordering devices, check presenters, self-service areas, tabletops, bathroom surfaces, games, shared equipment, and other common touch areas every 60 minutes during operation.
- g. Where possible, install plexiglass barriers in front of commonly used point-of-sale or guest service stations.
- h. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- i. Provide hand washing or sanitizing stations for attendees and employees.
- j. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **12. Recreational Sports**

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the Guidelines for All Business

Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for recreational sports expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Ten feet of physical distance should be maintained by all instructors, participants, and spectators, where practicable.
- b. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) of recreational sports cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue, if applicable, or 250 persons. For sports played on a field, attendees are limited to 250 persons per field.

### **13. Enforcement**

Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section A may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.

## **B. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

### **1. All Public And Private In-Person Gatherings**

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 250 individuals are prohibited. The presence of more than 250 individuals performing functions of their employment is not a “gathering.” A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors.

Individuals may attend religious services subject to the following requirements:

- a. Individuals attending religious services must be at least six feet apart when seated and must practice proper physical distancing at all times. Family members, as defined below, may be seated together.
- b. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing between persons who are not Family members.
- c. Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable, used only once and discarded.
- d. A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted prior to and following any religious service.

- e. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
- f. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
- g. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

## **2. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors.” Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

## **3. Overnight Summer Camps**

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, must remain closed.

## **4. Enforcement**

Violations of section B paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

# **C. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION**

## **1. Essential Retail Businesses**

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours. They should comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#), as *best practices*. Employers are required to provide face coverings to employees.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;

- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

## **2. State Agencies**

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

## **3. Face Coverings**

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on September 8, 2020 unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Further, where a mandatory business sector requirement in this Order conflicts with a requirement to wear a face covering in Executive Order 63 and Order of Public Health Emergency Five (2020), the business sector-specific requirement governs.

#### **4. Family Members**

“Family members” means blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

#### **5. Exceptions**

Nothing in the Order shall limit: (a) the provision of health care or medical services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operation of government.

#### **6. Expiration of Order**

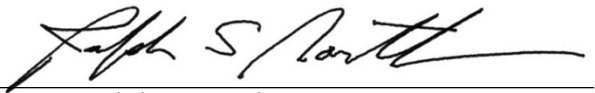
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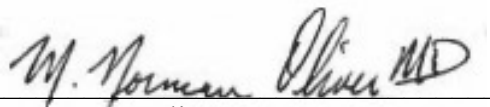
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This Order shall be effective 12:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2020. This Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

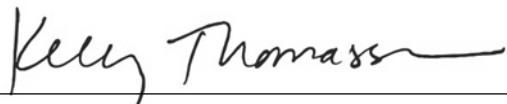
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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## Executive Order

**AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-SEVEN (2020)  
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**PHASE THREE FURTHER EASING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

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### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

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- b. Employees and vendors in customer-facing **indoor** areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times. **If the market is outdoors and physical distancing can be maintained, then face coverings are not required.**
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- d. **Farmers markets must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.**
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- d. **Routine** cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes of operation. All personal care and personal grooming tools **should be cleaned and disinfected** after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 7. Campgrounds

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate, provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees working in public-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- b. **Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.**
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Indoor shooting ranges may continue to operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

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## **9. Public Beaches**

All public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* may remain open to individual and family recreational activity. All such public beaches, must comply with the requirements below.

- a. Require beachgoers to practice physical distancing of at least six feet between each person unless they are with Family members.
- b. Prohibit gatherings of more than 250 people.
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- d. Establish, train, and deploy a team to educate and promote compliance with beach rules and refer cases of noncompliance to public safety personnel, if appropriate.
- e. Establish procedures for temporary beach closure or access limitations in the event of overcrowding.
- f. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.
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- h. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintaining at least six feet of distance between

groups, and to clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.

- i. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to location.
- j. Locality shall provide daily metrics to its local health department to include beach closures, complaint incidents, police reports of violence related to enforcement, and number of reports of noncompliance to be submitted each Monday.
- k. All employees and contract workers must wear a cloth face covering when not able to practice physical distancing following CDC Use of Face Cloth Coverings guidance.
- l. Employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.
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Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).
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Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, zoos, fairs, carnivals, amusement parks, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, and other places of indoor public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

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- e. Ten feet of physical distancing is required between parties at all establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering; six feet of physical distancing is required in other venues.
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Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section A may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.

## **B. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

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Individuals may attend religious services subject to the following requirements:

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- b. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing between persons who are not Family members.
- c. Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable, used only once and discarded.
- d. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted prior to and following any religious service.
- e. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
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- g. **Individuals attending religious services must wear cloth face coverings in accordance with Executive Order 63, Order of Public Health Emergency Five.**
- h. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

### **2. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors.”

Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

### **3. Overnight Summer Camps**

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, must remain closed.

### **4. Enforcement**

Violations of section B paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

## **C. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION**

### **1. Essential Retail Businesses**

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours. They should comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#), as *best practices*. Employers are required to provide face coverings to employees.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;

- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

## 2. State Agencies

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

## 3. Face Coverings

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on September 8, 2020 unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Further, where a mandatory business sector requirement in this Order conflicts with a requirement to wear a face covering in Executive Order 63 and Order of Public Health Emergency Five (2020), the business sector-specific requirement governs.

## 4. Family Members

**“Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household or visiting such household pursuant to a child custody arrangement or order. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.**

## 5. Exceptions

Nothing in the Order shall limit: (a) the provision of health care or medical services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operation of government.

**6. Amended Executive Order 68 and Order of Public Emergency Eight**

**Amended Executive Order 68 and Order of Public Health Emergency Eight is still effective in the Eastern Region. Where any conflict exists between Amended Executive Order 68 and Order of Public Health Emergency Eight and this Order, Amended Executive Order 68 and Order of Public Health Emergency Eight controls.**

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Order shall be effective **immediately and** shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **21<sup>st</sup>** day of **August**, 2020.



Handwritten signature of Ralph S. Northam in black ink.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Handwritten signature of M. Norman Oliver MD in black ink.

M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomasson in black ink.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**SECOND AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-SEVEN (2020)  
AND  
ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY SEVEN**

**PHASE THREE FURTHER EASING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**Importance of the Issue**

On June 2, 2020, Executive Order 65 and Order of Public Health Emergency Six implemented Phase Two, continuing to ease business, gathering, and traveling restrictions originally imposed by Executive Order 53 and Executive Order 55 issued in March of 2020. Executive Order 67 and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven issued on June 30, 2020 moved the Commonwealth into Phase Three. Subsequently, the public health metrics showed positive trends for the majority of the Commonwealth. Concerning trends in the cities of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Suffolk, Portsmouth, Hampton, Williamsburg, Newport News, Poquoson, James City County, and York County (Eastern Region) necessitated additional business and gathering restrictions as set out in Amended Executive Order 68 and Order of Public Health Emergency Eight, which was issued on August 3, 2020. Virginia continues to make progress. And as we continue to learn more about the COVID-19 virus, it is appropriate to modify certain targeted Phase Three business restrictions.

**Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## A. EASING OF BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

### 1. All Businesses

Any businesses, not listed in this section, should adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

### 2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor service, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. All parties must be separated by at least six feet, including in the bar area. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart, including in the bar area.
- b. Customers may be provided with self-service options. Facilities must provide hand sanitizer at food lines and require the use of barriers (e.g., gloves or deli paper) when employees or patrons touch common utensils. Food lines must be monitored by trained staff at all times of operation, and serving utensils must be changed hourly.
- c. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes during operation. Tabletops must be cleaned in between patrons.
- e. Bar seats and congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in the bar area (i.e., tables or counter seats that do not line up to a bar or food service area) may be used for customer seating as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.
- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **3. Farmers Markets**

Farmers markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below, at all times. Configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
- b. Employees and vendors in customer-facing indoor areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times. If the market is outdoors and physical distancing can be maintained, then face coverings are not required.
- c. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted during operation.
- d. Farmers markets must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **4. Brick and Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed In Section C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)**

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section C, paragraph 1 below may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidance for brick and mortar retail expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members at all times.
- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.



## **5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may continue to operate indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests who are not Family members must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities except where necessary for the physical safety of an individual.
- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members must maintain at least ten feet of physical distancing between each other at all times, with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- c. Occupancy must be limited to no more than 75% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- d. Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features, except water slides, must be closed.
- e. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members.
- f. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement.
- g. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared exercise equipment after each use.
- h. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
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## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Service providers must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between work stations.
- b. Service providers and employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
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- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes of operation. All personal care and personal grooming tools should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
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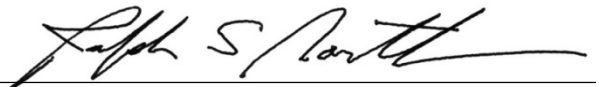
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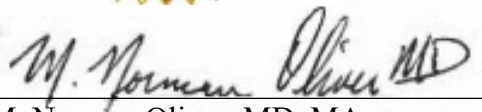
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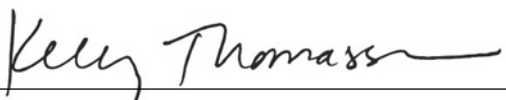
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020.**



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**THIRD AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-SEVEN (2020)  
AND  
ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY SEVEN**

**PHASE THREE FURTHER EASING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**LIFTING ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE EASTERN REGION**

**Importance of the Issue**

On June 30, 2020, Executive Order 67 and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven continued to ease business, gathering, and traveling restrictions originally imposed by Executive Order 53 and Executive Order 55, moving the Commonwealth into Phase Three. On July 28, 2020, Executive Order 68 and Order of Public Health Emergency Eight imposed additional restrictions on the Cities of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Suffolk, Portsmouth, Hampton, Williamsburg, Newport News, Poquoson, James City County, and York County (Eastern Region). Additional measures in the Eastern Region were necessitated by concerning trends that indicated an increase in transmission of the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) in those jurisdictions.

Subsequent reports from health directors the Eastern Region show that these trends are improving. As of September 9, 2020, the percent positivity rate for polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests in the Eastern Region is 6.7% and has been decreasing for 12 days. The number of new cases in the Eastern Region has been decreasing for 46 days. Hospitalizations, including COVID intensive care unit hospitalizations, have been decreasing for approximately three weeks and the current rate of emergency room visits for COVID-Like Illness (CLI) is steadily decreasing. These and other metrics indicate that the trends in the Eastern Region have improved and continue to do so.

Accordingly, the additional restrictions placed on the Eastern Region by Executive Order 68 and Order of Public Health Emergency Eight are lifted, and Phase Three is fully re-implemented in the Eastern Region.

## **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

### **A. EASING OF BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS**

#### **1. All Businesses**

Any businesses, not listed in this section, should adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

#### **2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms**

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor service, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

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- b. Customers may be provided with self-service options. Facilities must provide hand sanitizer at food lines and require the use of barriers (e.g., gloves or deli paper) when employees or patrons touch common utensils. Food lines must be monitored by trained staff at all times of operation, and serving utensils must be changed hourly.
- c. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes during operation. Tabletops must be cleaned in between patrons.
- e. Bar seats and congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in the bar area (i.e., tables or counter seats that do not line up to a bar or food service area) may be used for customer seating

as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.

- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **3. Farmers Markets**

Farmers markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

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- b. Employees and vendors in customer-facing indoor areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times. If the market is outdoors and physical distancing can be maintained, then face coverings are not required.
- c. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted during operation.
- d. Farmers markets must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
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Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section C, paragraph 1 below may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidance for brick and mortar retail expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members at all times.
- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may continue to operate indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests who are not Family members must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities except where necessary for the physical safety of an individual.
- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members must maintain at least ten feet of physical distancing between each other at all times, with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- c. Occupancy must be limited to no more than 75% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- d. Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features, except water slides, must be closed.
- e. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members.
- f. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement.
- g. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared exercise equipment after each use.
- h. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- i. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Service providers must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between work stations.
- b. Service providers and employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Provide face coverings for clients or ask that clients bring a face covering with them, which they must wear during the service. Limit services to only those that can be completed without clients removing their face covering.
- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes of operation. All personal care and personal grooming tools should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **7. Campgrounds**

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate, provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees working in public-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- b. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
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## **8. Indoor Shooting Ranges**

Indoor shooting ranges may continue to operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members at all times.
- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces every 60 minutes of operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **9. Public Beaches**

All public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* may remain open to individual and family recreational activity. All such public beaches, must comply with the requirements below.

- a. Require beachgoers to practice physical distancing of at least six feet between each person unless they are with Family members.
- b. Prohibit gatherings of more than 250 people.
- c. Implement and adhere to a cleaning schedule for all high-touch surfaces made of plastic or metal such as benches and railings that includes cleaning at least every two hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- d. Establish, train, and deploy a team to educate and promote compliance with beach rules and refer cases of noncompliance to public safety personnel, if appropriate.
- e. Establish procedures for temporary beach closure or access limitations in the event of overcrowding.
- f. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.
- g. Perform a disinfectant-level cleaning of all public restrooms every two hours with an EPA-approved disinfectant by staff or volunteers trained to follow



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on cleaning and disinfecting.

- h. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintaining at least six feet of distance between groups, and to clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.
- i. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to location.
- j. Locality shall provide daily metrics to its local health department to include beach closures, complaint incidents, police reports of violence related to enforcement, and number of reports of noncompliance to be submitted each Monday.
- k. All employees and contract workers must wear a cloth face covering when not able to practice physical distancing following CDC Use of Face Cloth Coverings guidance.
- l. Employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.
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## **10. Racetracks and Speedways**

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).

- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between themselves and other participants who are not Family members.
- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for campgrounds.
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## **11. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses**

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, zoos, fairs, carnivals, amusement parks, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, and other places of indoor public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

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- c. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
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Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for recreational sports expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

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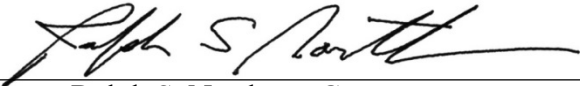
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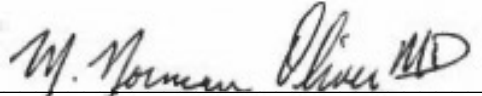
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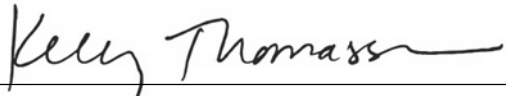
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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## Executive Order

**FOURTH AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-SEVEN (2020)  
AND  
ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY SEVEN**

**PHASE THREE FURTHER ADJUSTING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY  
RESTRICTIONS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

**Third Amended Executive Order 67 and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven eased business, gathering, and traveling restrictions in the Commonwealth. During Phase Three, we continue to use proven measures, such as wearing face coverings, frequent hand washing, and physical distancing, to protect against the transmission of the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19). Our businesses have adapted their operations in an effort to minimize the risk of transmission, and these efforts are helping to mitigate the spread of the virus. However, it is the responsibility of every Virginian to continue to engage in these preventative measures to protect each other. Therefore, our business communities need to receive the most up-to-date guidance regarding how to provide goods and services to the public safely. Accordingly, I am providing the following additional guidance to businesses in the Commonwealth.**

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:



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## **7. Campgrounds**

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate, provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

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- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces every 60 minutes of operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each

customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.

- d. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **9. Public Beaches**

All public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* may remain open to individual and family recreational activity. All such public beaches, must comply with the requirements below.

- a. Require beachgoers to practice physical distancing of at least six feet between each person unless they are with Family members.
- b. Prohibit gatherings of more than 250 people.
- c. Implement and adhere to a cleaning schedule for all high-touch surfaces made of plastic or metal such as benches and railings that includes cleaning at least every two hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- d. Establish, train, and deploy a team to educate and promote compliance with beach rules and refer cases of noncompliance to public safety personnel, if appropriate.
- e. Establish procedures for temporary beach closure or access limitations in the event of overcrowding.
- f. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.
- g. Perform a disinfectant-level cleaning of all public restrooms every two hours with an EPA-approved disinfectant by staff or volunteers trained to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on cleaning and disinfecting.
- h. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintaining at least six feet of distance between groups, and to clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.
- i. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to location.

- j. Locality shall provide daily metrics to its local health department to include beach closures, complaint incidents, police reports of violence related to enforcement, and number of reports of noncompliance to be submitted each Monday.
- k. All employees and contract workers must wear a cloth face covering when not able to practice physical distancing following CDC Use of Face Cloth Coverings guidance.
- l. Employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.
- m. Locality shall require all employees and contract workers to take their temperature before reporting to work and direct such employees not to report to work if they have a fever of over 100.4 degrees, have experienced chills, or have been feverish in the last 72 hours.
- n. Follow enhanced workplace safety best practices outlined in the Guidelines for All Business Sectors.

## 10. Racetracks and Speedways

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).
- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between themselves and other participants who are not Family members.
- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for campgrounds.
- d. The total number of **patrons** cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 1000 persons.

## **11. Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos**

**Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos are outdoor amusement parks and zoos comprised of at least 25 acres of land that contain one or more permanent amusement exhibits or rides and that host at least 500,000 visitors annually.**

- a. Total occupancy for the venue must not exceed 50% the combined occupancy load on the certificates of occupancy for all areas of the venue.**
- b. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.**
- c. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.**
- d. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.**
- e. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.**
- f. Venues must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.**
- g. Venues should screen patrons for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue. Patrons should be asked if they are currently experiencing fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or a sense of having a fever, a new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition, a new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition, or new muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise). Anyone experiencing symptoms should not be permitted in the facility. Screenings should be conducted in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.**
- h. Any ride, attraction, or theatre at an amusement park that is located indoors, or has queue lines indoors, must remain closed. The amusement park may open indoor restaurants, concessions, gifts shops or retail spaces, and restrooms. On site retail, recreation and fitness, cabins, and food establishments must follow the requirements and guidelines specific to those establishments.**

- i. **If any such venue cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.**

## **12. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses**

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, fairs, carnivals, , public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, amusement parks and zoos not covered in paragraph 11, and other places of indoor public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 1000 persons.
- b. All private bookings must comply with section B, paragraph 1.
- c. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- d. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- e. Ten feet of physical distancing is required between parties at all establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering; six feet of physical distancing is required in other venues.
- f. If interactive exhibits are in service, post signage to discourage congregating and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Provide hand sanitizer stations around any interactive exhibits. Discontinue any interactive exhibits that pose a risk for children to place items in their mouths.
- g. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard surfaces, including check out stations and payment pads, store entrance push/pull pads, door knobs/handles, dining tables/chairs, light switches, handrails, restrooms, guest lockers, floors, and equipment.
- h. Where possible, install plexiglass barriers in front of commonly used point-of-sale or guest service stations.
- i. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.



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- k. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 12. Recreational Sports

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the following requirements:

- a. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) of recreational sports cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue, if applicable, or 250 persons. For sports played on a field, attendees are limited to 250 persons per field. **Races or marathons may have up to 1000 participants, provided staggered starts separate runners into groups of 250 or less.**
- b. **Conduct screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue/facility.**

**For more information on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread associated with indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities, consult the Virginia Department of Health’s “Considerations for Recreational Sports” webpage, which can be found [here](#).**

## 14. Enforcement

Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section A may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.

## **B. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

### **1. All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings**

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 250 individuals are prohibited. The presence of more than 250 individuals performing functions of their employment is not a “gathering.” A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors.

Individuals may attend religious services subject to the following requirements:

- a. Individuals attending religious services must be at least six feet apart when seated and must practice proper physical distancing at all times. Family members, as defined below, may be seated together.
- b. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing between persons who are not Family members.
- c. Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable, used only once and discarded.
- d. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted prior to and following any religious service.
- e. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
- f. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
- g. Individuals attending religious services must wear cloth face coverings in accordance with Executive Order 63, Order of Public Health Emergency Five.
- h. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

### **2. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors.” Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a

Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

### **3. Overnight Summer Camps**

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, must remain closed.

### **4. Enforcement**

Violations of section B paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

## **C. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION**

### **1. Essential Retail Businesses**

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours. They should comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#), as *best practices*. Employers are required to provide face coverings to employees.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;

- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

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All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

## **3. Face Coverings**

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on December 8, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Further, where a mandatory business sector requirement in this Order conflicts with a requirement to wear a face covering in Executive Order 63 and Order of Public Health Emergency Five (2020), the business sector-specific requirement governs.

## **4. Family Members**

“Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household or visiting such household pursuant to a child custody arrangement or order. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

## **5. Exceptions**

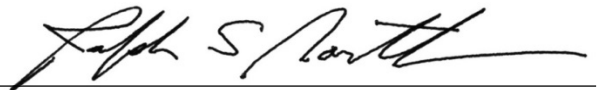
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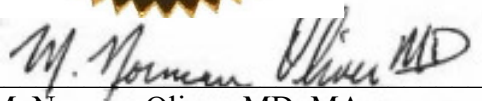
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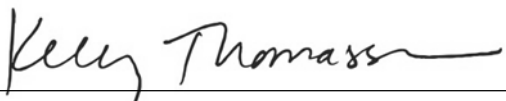
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.**



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**FIFTH AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-SEVEN (2020)  
AND  
ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY SEVEN**

**PHASE THREE FURTHER ADJUSTING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY  
RESTRICTIONS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

Third Amended Executive Order 67 and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven eased business, gathering, and traveling restrictions in the Commonwealth. During Phase Three, we continue to use proven measures, such as wearing face coverings, frequent hand washing, and physical distancing, to protect against the transmission of the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19). Our businesses have adapted their operations in an effort to minimize the risk of transmission, and these efforts are helping to mitigate the spread of the virus. However, it is the responsibility of every Virginian to continue to engage in these preventative measures to protect each other. Therefore, our business communities need to receive the most up-to-date guidance regarding how to provide goods and services to the public safely. Accordingly, I am providing the following additional guidance to businesses in the Commonwealth.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## **A. EASING OF BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS**

### **1. All Businesses**

Any businesses not listed in this section should adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

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- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members must maintain at least ten feet of physical distancing between each other at all times, with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
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customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.

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- f. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.
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- h. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintaining at least six feet of distance between groups, and to clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.
- i. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to location.

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- k. All employees and contract workers must wear a cloth face covering when not able to practice physical distancing following CDC Use of Face Cloth Coverings guidance.
- l. Employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.
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- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).
- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between themselves and other participants who are not Family members.
- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for campgrounds.
- d. The total number of patrons cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 1000 persons.

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Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos are outdoor amusement parks and zoos comprised of at least 25 acres of land that contain one or more permanent amusement exhibits or rides and that host at least 500,000 visitors annually.

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- b. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
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- d. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- e. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- f. Venues must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- g. Venues should screen patrons for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue. Patrons should be asked if they are currently experiencing fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or a sense of having a fever, a new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition, a new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition, or new muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise). Anyone experiencing symptoms should not be permitted in the facility. Screenings should be conducted in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.
- h. Any ride, attraction, or theatre at an amusement park that is located indoors, or has queue lines indoors, must remain closed. The amusement park may open indoor restaurants, concessions, gifts shops or retail spaces, and restrooms. On site retail, recreation and fitness, cabins, and food establishments must follow the requirements and guidelines specific to those establishments.
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## 12. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, fairs, carnivals, , public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, amusement parks and zoos not covered in paragraph 11, and other places of indoor public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 1000 persons.
- b. All private bookings must comply with section B, paragraph 1.
- c. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- d. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- e. Ten feet of physical distancing is required between parties at all establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering; six feet of physical distancing is required in other venues.
- f. If interactive exhibits are in service, post signage to discourage congregating and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Provide hand sanitizer stations around any interactive exhibits. Discontinue any interactive exhibits that pose a risk for children to place items in their mouths.
- g. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard surfaces, including check out stations and payment pads, store entrance push/pull pads, door knobs/handles, dining tables/chairs, light switches, handrails, restrooms, guest lockers, floors, and equipment.
- h. Where possible, install plexiglass barriers in front of commonly used point-of-sale or guest service stations.
- i. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.

- j. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons to the entering into place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- k. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 12. Recreational Sports

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the following requirements:

- a. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) of recreational sports cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue, if applicable, or 250 persons. For sports played on a field, attendees are limited to 250 persons per field. Races or marathons may have up to 1000 participants, provided staggered starts separate runners into groups of 250 or less.
- b. Conduct screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue/facility.

For more information on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread associated with indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities, consult the Virginia Department of Health's "Considerations for Recreational Sports" webpage, which can be found [here](#).

## 14. Enforcement

Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section A may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.

## **B. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

### **1. All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings**

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 250 individuals are prohibited. The presence of more than 250 individuals performing functions of their employment is not a “gathering.” A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors.

Individuals may attend religious services subject to the following requirements:

- a. Individuals attending religious services must be at least six feet apart when seated and must practice proper physical distancing at all times. Family members, as defined below, may be seated together.
- b. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing between persons who are not Family members.
- c. Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable, used only once and discarded.
- d. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted prior to and following any religious service.
- e. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
- f. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
- g. Individuals attending religious services must wear cloth face coverings in accordance with Executive Order 63, Order of Public Health Emergency Five.
- h. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

### **2. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors.” Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a



Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

### **3. Overnight Summer Camps**

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, must remain closed.

### **4. Enforcement**

Violations of section B paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

## **C. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION**

### **1. Essential Retail Businesses**

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours. They should comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#), as *best practices*. Employers are required to provide face coverings to employees.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;

- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

## **2. State Agencies**

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

## **3. Face Coverings**

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on December 8, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Further, where a mandatory business sector requirement in this Order conflicts with a requirement to wear a face covering in Executive Order 63 and Order of Public Health Emergency Five (2020), the business sector-specific requirement governs.

## **4. Family Members**

“Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household or visiting such household pursuant to a child custody arrangement or order. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

## **5. Exceptions**

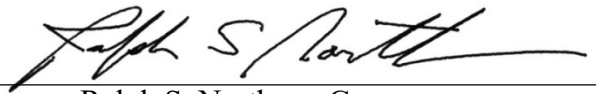
Nothing in the Order shall limit: (a) the provision of health care or medical services; (b) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; (c) the operations of the media; (d) law enforcement agencies; or (e) the operation of government.

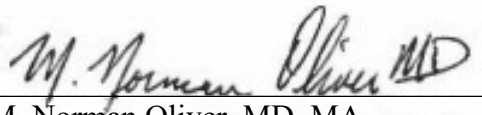
**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

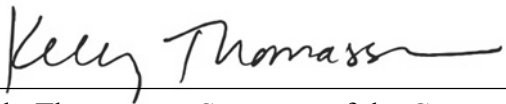
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.**



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**SIXTH AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-SEVEN (2020)  
AND  
ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY SEVEN**

**PHASE THREE TIGHTENING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS DUE  
TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**Importance of the Issue**

While the Commonwealth's case count per capita and positivity rate remain comparatively low, all five health regions in the Commonwealth are experiencing increases in new COVID-19 cases, positive tests, and hospitalizations. Virginia is averaging 1,500 new COVID-19 cases per day, up from a statewide peak of approximately 1,200 in May. The statewide percent test positivity rate is at 6.5%, an increase from 4.3% approximately one month ago. All five health regions report a positivity rate over five percent and hospitalizations have increased statewide by more than 35 percent in the last four weeks. Case investigation interviews show a pattern of increased socialization with extended (non-household) family members and friends. Recent scientific literature suggests indoor settings contribute to community transmission. Modeling data demonstrates that large gatherings substantially increase transmission of the virus. Although Virginians have done much to mitigate the spread of the virus, it is clear that additional measures are necessary. Accordingly, I order following additional restrictions.

**Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## A. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

### 1. All Businesses

Any businesses not listed in **sections A or C** should adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

### 2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor service, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises after 10:00 p.m. in any restaurant, dining establishment, food court, brewery, microbrewery, distillery, winery, or tasting room. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out after 10 p.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.**
- b. Closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5 a.m. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to offer delivery and take-out services between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5 a.m.**
- c. All parties must be separated by at least six feet, including in the bar area. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart, including in the bar area.**
- d. Customers may be provided with self-service options. Facilities must provide hand sanitizer at food lines and require the use of barriers (e.g., gloves or deli paper) when employees or patrons touch common utensils. Food lines must be monitored by trained staff at all times of operation, and serving utensils must be changed hourly.**
- e. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.**
- f. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be**

conducted every 60 minutes during operation. Tabletops must be cleaned in between patrons.

- g. Bar seats and congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in the bar area (i.e., tables or counter seats that do not line up to a bar or food service area) may be used for customer seating as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.
- h. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **3. Farmers' Markets**

Farmers markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers' markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below, at all times. Configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
- b. Employees and vendors in customer-facing indoor areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times. If the market is outdoors and physical distancing can be maintained, then face coverings are not required.
- c. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted during operation.
- d. Farmers markets must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **4. Brick and Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed in Section C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)**

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section C, paragraph 1 below may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidance for brick and mortar retail expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members at all times.

- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may continue to operate indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests who are not Family members must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities except where necessary for the physical safety of an individual.
- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members must maintain at least ten feet of physical distancing between each other at all times, with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- c. Occupancy must be limited to **75% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.**
- d. **The total number of attendees (including both participants and instructors) in all group exercise and fitness classes cannot exceed the lesser of 75% of the minimum occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or 25 persons.**
- e. Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features, except water slides, must be closed.
- f. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members.
- g. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement.
- h. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared exercise equipment after each use.

- i. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- j. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Service providers must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between work stations.
- b. Service providers and employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Provide face coverings for clients or ask that clients bring a face covering with them, which they must wear during the service except when treating the areas of the nose and mouth.
- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes of operation. All personal care and personal grooming tools should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **7. Campgrounds**

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate, provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees working in public-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- b. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap



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- c. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **8. Indoor Shooting Ranges**

Indoor shooting ranges may continue to operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members at all times.
- b. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces every 60 minutes of operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **9. Public Beaches**

All public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* may remain open to individual and family recreational activity. All such public beaches, must comply with the requirements below.

- a. Require beachgoers to practice physical distancing of at least six feet between each person unless they are with Family members.
- b. Prohibit gatherings of more than **25 people**.
- c. Implement and adhere to a cleaning schedule for all high-touch surfaces made of plastic or metal such as benches and railings that includes cleaning at least every two hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- d. Establish, train, and deploy a team to educate and promote compliance with beach rules and refer cases of noncompliance to public safety personnel, if appropriate.
- e. Establish procedures for temporary beach closure or access limitations in the event of overcrowding.
- f. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.

- g. Perform a disinfectant-level cleaning of all public restrooms every two hours with an EPA-approved disinfectant by staff or volunteers trained to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on cleaning and disinfecting.
- h. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintaining at least six feet of distance between groups, and to clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.
- i. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to location.
- j. Locality shall provide daily metrics to its local health department to include beach closures, complaint incidents, police reports of violence related to enforcement, and number of reports of noncompliance to be submitted each Monday.
- k. All employees and contract workers must wear a cloth face covering when not able to practice physical distancing following CDC Use of Face Cloth Coverings guidance.
- l. Employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.
- m. Locality shall require all employees and contract workers to take their temperature before reporting to work and direct such employees not to report to work if they have a fever of over 100.4 degrees, have experienced chills, or have been feverish in the last 72 hours.
- n. Follow enhanced workplace safety best practices outlined in the Guidelines for All Business Sectors.

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Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).
- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between themselves and other participants who are not Family members.
- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for campgrounds.
- d. The total number of patrons cannot exceed the lesser of **30%** of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or **250** persons.

## **11. Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos**

Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos are outdoor amusement parks and zoos comprised of at least 25 acres of land that contain one or more permanent amusement exhibits or rides and that host at least 500,000 visitors annually.

- a. Total occupancy for the venue must not exceed 50% the combined occupancy load on the certificates of occupancy for all areas of the venue.
- b. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- c. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- d. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- e. Employees working in customer-facing areas must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- f. Venues must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- g. Venues should screen patrons for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue. Patrons should be asked if they are currently experiencing fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or a sense of having a fever, a new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition, a new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition, or new muscle aches that cannot be

attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise). Anyone experiencing symptoms should not be permitted in the facility. Screenings should be conducted in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.

- h. Any ride, attraction, or theatre at an amusement park that is located indoors, or has queue lines indoors, must remain closed. The amusement park may open indoor restaurants, concessions, gifts shops or retail spaces, and restrooms. On site retail, recreation and fitness, cabins, and food establishments must follow the requirements and guidelines specific to those establishments.
- i. **All private bookings are limited to no more than 25 people.**
- j. If any such venue cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **12. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses**

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, fairs, carnivals, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, amusement parks and zoos not covered in paragraph 11, and other places of indoor public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) cannot exceed the lesser of **30%** of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or **250** persons.
- b. All private bookings must comply with section B, paragraph 1.
- c. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- d. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- e. Ten feet of physical distancing is required between parties at all establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering; six feet of physical distancing is required in other venues.
- f. If interactive exhibits are in service, post signage to discourage congregating and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Provide hand sanitizer stations

around any interactive exhibits. Discontinue any interactive exhibits that pose a risk for children to place items in their mouths.

- g. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard surfaces, including check out stations and payment pads, store entrance push/pull pads, door knobs/handles, dining tables/chairs, light switches, handrails, restrooms, guest lockers, floors, and equipment.
- h. Where possible, install plexiglass barriers in front of commonly used point-of-sale or guest service stations.
- i. Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- j. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons to the entering into place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- k. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### 13. Recreational Sports

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the following requirements:

- a. The total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of **30%** of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue, if applicable, or **25 spectators per field**. Races or marathons may have up to **250** participants, provided staggered starts separate runners into groups of **25** or less.
- b. Conduct screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue/facility.

For more information on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread associated with indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities, consult the Virginia Department of Health’s “Considerations for Recreational Sports” webpage, which can be found [here](#).

### 14. Enforcement

Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued

pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section A may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.

## B. OTHER RESTRICTIONS

### 1. All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than **25** individuals are prohibited. **The presence of more than 25 individuals performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational instructional setting is not a “gathering.”** A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors.

Individuals may attend religious services **of more than 25 people** subject to the following requirements:

- a. Individuals attending religious services must be at least six feet apart when seated and must practice proper physical distancing at all times. Family members, as defined below, may be seated together.
- b. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing between persons who are not Family members.
- c. Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable, used only once and discarded.
- d. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted prior to and following any religious service.
- e. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
- f. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
- g. Individuals attending religious services must wear cloth face coverings in accordance with **Amended** Executive Order 63, Order of Public Health Emergency Five.
- h. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

## **2. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors.” Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

## **3. Overnight Summer Camps**

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, must remain closed.

## **4. Enforcement**

Violations of section B paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*.

# **C. REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES**

## **1. Essential Retail Businesses**

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;

- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

They **must** comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#). Employers are required to provide face coverings to employees. **If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.**

## 2. Enforcement

**Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section C of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section C may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.**

## D. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION

### 1. State Agencies

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

### 2. Face Coverings

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the



COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on **March 12, 2021**, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Further, where a mandatory business sector requirement in this Order conflicts with a requirement to wear a face covering in **Amended** Executive Order 63 and Order of Public Health Emergency Five (2020), the business sector-specific requirement governs.

### **3. Family Members**

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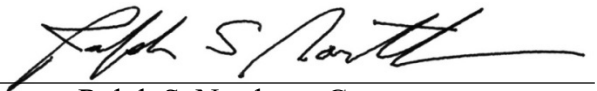
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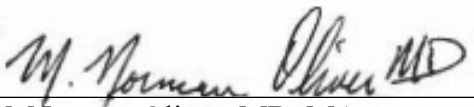
**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

This Order shall be effective 12:00 a.m., Monday, November 16, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

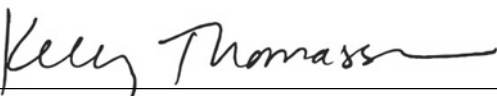
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.**



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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## *Executive Order*

**SIXTY-EIGHT (2020)**  
**AND**  
**ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EIGHT**

**ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE EASTERN REGION  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

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The slight increase in the statewide trends in percent test positivity and other health indicators is likely heavily driven by the significant recent positive case count increases in the Eastern Region. As of data available on July 27, 2020, test positivity rates in the Cities of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Suffolk, Portsmouth, and Hampton range from 9.9% to 18.6%. The Cities of Williamsburg, Newport News, Poquoson, James City County, and York County are experiencing increased test positivity of 8.7% compared to approximately 3.4% one month ago. The test positivity rate for the remainder of Virginia is trending at 6%.

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Moreover, reports from health directors in these jurisdictions show disturbing trends in connection with the increasing number of cases. There is a significant shift to a younger demographic with a marked increase in 20-29-year olds testing positive for COVID-19. Case investigations of positive individuals in those jurisdictions consistently show a pattern of increased socialization with extended (non-household) family and friends, such as birthdays, backyard barbeques and other celebrations, and gatherings amongst friends. Some of these jurisdictions have also noted businesses hosting crowds around bar areas. All case investigations of positive individuals in those jurisdictions involved a lack of social distancing or wearing facial coverings.

Considering this data and the related trends, additional measures are necessary in the affected jurisdictions to protect public health and to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered in the Cities of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Suffolk, Portsmouth, Hampton, Williamsburg, Newport News, Poquoson, James City County, and York County (Eastern Region):

#### **1. Additional Restrictions on Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms**

- a. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises after 10:00 p.m. in any restaurant, dining establishment, food court, brewery, microbrewery, distillery, winery, or tasting room. Alcoholic beverages may be sold via delivery or take-out after 10 p.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority and consistent with subparagraph b below.
- b. All restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms must close no later than 12:00 a.m.
- c. Indoor dining in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries,

microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may not exceed 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.

- d. All parties, whether seated together or across multiple tables, must be limited to 50 patrons or less.

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## **2. All Public And Private In-Person Gatherings**

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Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction of 50 individuals or less.

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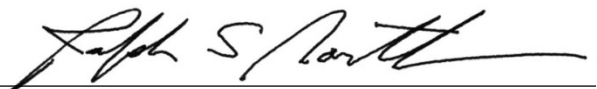
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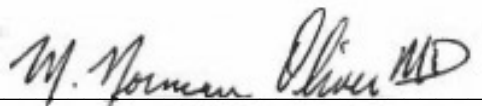
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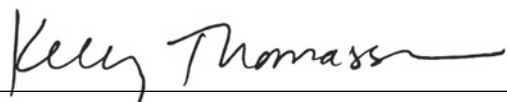
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Attest:

  
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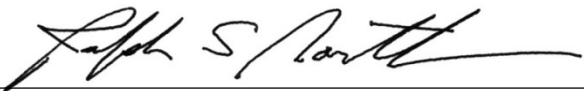
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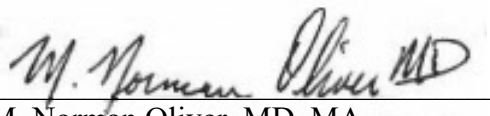
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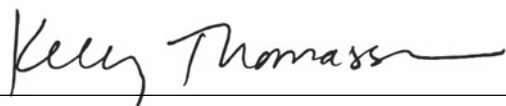
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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Attest:

  
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## Executive Order

### NUMBER SIXTY-NINE (2020)

#### DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO HURRICANE ISAIAS

##### Importance of the Issue

On this date, July 31, 2020, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia to prepare and coordinate our response to Hurricane Isaias. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim a state of emergency. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.


- D. Activation of § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code* related to price gouging.
- E. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
- F. Authorization of a maximum of \$1,000,000.00 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$500,000.00 for the Department of Military Affairs, if it is called to State Active Duty.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**


This Executive Order shall be effective July 31, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect for thirty days, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of this Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER SEVENTY (2020)**

#### **ADDRESSING THE IMPACT OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ON THE COMMONWEALTH'S PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth of Virginia, through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, operates eight behavioral health facilities for adults and one for children. Under § 37.2-809.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, these facilities must admit patients under emergency custody who meet the criteria for temporary detention when no other facility of temporary detention can be identified. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the census of the state-operated psychiatric hospitals averaged 95 percent or over their total bed capacity. Through the month of July 2020, the state-operated psychiatric hospitals experienced an increase in admissions and at times exceeded their operating bed capacity. Several state-operated psychiatric hospitals have experienced the drop-off of patients when there were no beds in the state-operated psychiatric hospital to serve the patients safely. Such drop-offs pose a risk to both patients and staff.

In addition to the increase in census levels, state-operated psychiatric hospitals have seen confirmed cases of COVID-19 in patients and staff. In order to control the spread of the virus within the congregate settings of state-operated psychiatric hospitals, patients with confirmed or suspected diagnoses of COVID-19 must be isolated or quarantined. Isolating and quarantining, however, reduces bed capacity and further exacerbates the pressure on the state-operated psychiatric hospitals to admit patients subject to temporary detention orders after the emergency custody period expires.

While our state-operated psychiatric hospitals provide high quality behavioral health care and treatment, they do not have the capability to manage or to treat medical conditions that require medical interventions. Transferring patients with acute symptoms of COVID-19 that require medical monitoring and intervention or patients with other medical conditions who cannot be managed adequately at the state-operated psychiatric hospitals negatively impacts the health and safety of those patients.

COVID-19 will continue to place increased demands on the Commonwealth's state-operated psychiatric hospitals. Response to the mental health effects of the COVID-19 disaster will require both public and private providers, as well as other agencies involved in the civil commitment

process, to work together. We must prioritize the patient's best interests to ensure that each patient receives the requisite care and treatment. We must also ensure that the state-operated psychiatric hospital system continues to operate as a safety net for patients experiencing a mental health crisis.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order No. 51, I direct the following:

1. As currently permitted by Chapter 8 of Title 37.2 of the *Code of Virginia*, when the state-operated psychiatric hospitals are operating at 100% of their total bed capacity, state-operated psychiatric hospitals will not agree to serve as the facility of temporary detention for patients who are not under emergency custody pursuant to § 37.2-808 of the *Code of Virginia*.
2. Prior to the transfer and transport of a patient subject to a temporary detention order to a state-operated psychiatric hospital, the facility where the patient is located and the transporting law enforcement agency or alternative transportation provider are strongly encouraged to contact the state-operated psychiatric hospital of temporary detention to ensure that a bed is available for the patient. If the state-operated psychiatric hospital system is at or over total bed capacity, the facility where the patient is located and the transporting law enforcement agency or alternative transportation provider are encouraged to work with the state-operated psychiatric hospital to delay transportation of the patient until the state-operated psychiatric hospital can provide a bed.
3. Prior to releasing a patient under a temporary detention order for transport to a state-operated psychiatric hospital, providers participating in the State Medicaid Plan must comply with the applicable *Criteria for Medical Assessment Prior to Admission to a Psychiatric Hospital, Inpatient Psychiatric or Crisis Stabilization Unit* found at <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/about/masg/adults-medical-and-screening-guidelines-11-5-2018.pdf> and <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/about/masg/peds-medical-assessment-and-screening-guidelines-11-5-2018.pdf>. Such providers shall screen patients under emergency custody or temporary detention for COVID-19 in accordance with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Virginia Department of Health. In addition, with consent of the patient subject to emergency custody or temporary detention, such providers should administer a COVID-19 active infection test prior to the transfer of the patient to a state-operated psychiatric hospital. If no other payment source is available, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services will reimburse the provider for the cost of the test.
4. Hospitals with emergency rooms that are subject to the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1395dd, must ensure that transfers of patients under temporary detention orders to state-operated psychiatric hospitals are appropriate transfers. Hospitals with emergency rooms should take into account a patient's



COVID-19 status and the inability of the state-operated psychiatric hospitals to isolate and treat such patients properly. Doctors in a hospital where a patient is located for emergency custody and the state-operated psychiatric hospital must communicate regarding a patient's COVID-19 status prior to transfer. Law enforcement and alternative transportation providers involved in the transportation of patients under temporary detention orders should work with the hospital where the patient is located for emergency custody and the state-operated psychiatric hospital to ensure that transport occurs only when safe for the patient.

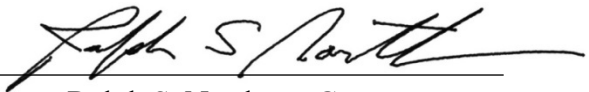
5. Appropriate use of a medical temporary detention order will ensure that patients receive the medical care they need and could help to reduce the census pressures at the state-operated psychiatric hospitals. Section 37.2-1104 of the *Code of Virginia* provides a medical temporary detention process that should be used in certain circumstances to address and stabilize a patient's medical condition before transfer to a state-operated psychiatric hospital. For patients experiencing intoxication, using the medical temporary detention process, where applicable, may alleviate the need for further psychiatric hospitalization. If a patient undergoing an emergency mental health evaluation has an acute medical condition, including COVID-19 or intoxication, and is incapable of making an informed decision regarding treatment, consideration should be given to whether the criteria for a medical temporary detention order under § 37.2-1104 of the *Code of Virginia* are met.
6. Every state-operated psychiatric hospital, community services board (CSB), behavioral health authority (BHA), and private inpatient provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services required to participate in the acute psychiatric bed registry under § 37.2-308.1 of the *Code of Virginia* (Registry) shall update information included in the Registry whenever there is a change in bed availability, but not less than twice daily, to assist in the location of facilities of temporary detention for patients experiencing a mental health crisis.
7. In order to facilitate discharge of patients from state-operated psychiatric hospitals to increase bed capacity, if the responsible CSB or behavioral health authority BHA disagrees with a state-operated psychiatric hospital's identification of a patient as ready for discharge, the CSB/BHA shall document that disagreement in the patient's treatment plan within 72 hours of the state-operated psychiatric hospital's identification. Section 37.2-505(A) (3) of the *Code of Virginia* governing disagreements related to discharge shall otherwise apply.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**


This Executive Order shall be effective until the expiration of Amended Executive Order 51 unless this Order is sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER SEVENTY-ONE (2020)**

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VIRGINIA COASTAL RESILIENCE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

##### **Importance of Initiative**

In response to the growing threat of natural hazards and sea level rise in the Commonwealth, I issued Executive Order 24, Increasing Virginia's Resilience to Sea Level Rise and Natural Hazards, in 2018. This Order, instructed the Chief Resilience Officer (CRO), with the assistance of the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection (SACAP), to create and implement a Coastal Resilience Master Plan (Master Plan). The Master Plan will guide coastal adaptation and protection efforts, align state programs, and prioritize local and regional projects. In October 2020, I approved the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Planning Framework (Framework), which outlines the guiding principles, goals, and actions necessary to create a full Master Plan.

Since coastal resilience and protection encompasses many policy initiatives, state agencies, and federal resources, a significant amount of coordination is required to protect Virginia's Coastal Regions as defined in the Framework. Creating the Virginia Coastal Resilience Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will help facilitate that coordination. The TAC will support the CRO and the SACAP in evaluating coastal adaptation and protection project proposals, facilitating project implementation, and developing updates to the Master Plan.

##### **Directive to Establish the Virginia Technical Advisory Committee**

Protecting Virginia's coastal communities requires thoughtful collaboration among state, local, and regional leaders, federal partners, scientific experts, and stakeholders. The TAC will facilitate this coordination and develop recommendations for specific, place based, prioritized coastal adaptation and protection strategies. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the

Code of Virginia, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority to act in such matters, I hereby formally convene the TAC to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of the Governor and relevant executive branch agencies.

### **A. Composition and Support of the Committee**

The TAC will be comprised of representatives of state agencies, coastal planning district commissions (PDCs) and regional commissions (RCs), and academic advisors, among others. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following individuals or their designees:

- The Executive Directors of each of the eight coastal PDCs/RCs;
- The Director of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation;
- The Director of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management;
- The Director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development;
- The Executive Director of the Virginia Resources Authority;
- The Director of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality;
- The Director of the Virginia Transportation Research Council;
- The Commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission;
- The Coordinator of the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency;
- The Virginia Institute for Marine Science Associate Dean for Research and Advisory Services;
- The Director of the William and Mary Law School Coastal Policy Center;
- The Director of the Virginia Tech Center for Coastal Studies;
- The Director of the Environmental Resilience Institute at the University of Virginia;
- The Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District;
- The Director of Virginia Sea Grant;
- The Governor's Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer; and
- The Governor's Chief Data Officer.

The CRO will serve as chair of the TAC. Staff support will be provided by the SACAP with assistance from the Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM), pursuant to a separate agreement. Appointed TAC members will serve in an advisory role without compensation in accordance with § 2.2-2100 of the *Code of Virginia*, and will meet quarterly, at a minimum, as well as upon the call of the chair.

### **B. Duties of the Committee**

#### **1. Assist with Creation of the Master Plan**

The TAC shall assist the CRO and SACAP with creating a full Master Plan by developing and implementing protocols for evaluation of projects and strategy proposals. Once

the Master Plan process and initial Master Plan are finalized, the TAC will continue to facilitate implementation, evaluate progress, and develop Master Plan updates. In alignment with the guiding principles of the Virginia Master Planning Framework, actions recommended by the TAC will:

1. Acknowledge climate change and its consequences and base decision making on the best available science;
2. Identify and address socioeconomic inequities and work to enhance equity through coastal adaptation and protection efforts;
3. Recognize the importance of protecting and enhancing green infrastructure, such as natural coastal barriers and fish and wildlife habitat, by prioritizing nature-based solutions; and
4. Utilize community and regional scale planning to the maximum extent possible, seeing region-specific approaches tailored to the needs of individual communities.

## 2. Perform Risk Assessments and Provide Recommendations

In support of completing the Master Plan, the TAC will be responsible for tracking scientific developments, reviewing proposed local and regional actions, and recommending additional risk assessment and engineering studies as required to support:

### 1. Developing a Prioritized List of Coastal Adaptation and Protection Projects

The TAC, working with the CRO and SACAP, will submit a prioritized list of both built and natural infrastructure coastal adaptation and protection projects as part of the Master Plan by December, 2021. This list will identify critical infrastructure needs, at-risk communities, adaptation strategies, and specific resilience projects to include with the Master Plan. It will be organized by the four Virginia Coastal Regions of Hampton Roads, Rural Coastal Virginia, the Northern Fall Line, and the Southern Fall Line, as categorized in the Framework.

### 2. Creating Evaluative Criteria for Master Plan Projects

Consistent with the guiding principles of the Framework, the TAC will create evaluative criteria for Master Plan supported projects. The prioritized list of built and infrastructure projects, mentioned above, will serve as one element of the TAC evaluation criteria. The TAC will use this criterion to review Master Plan project proposals and make recommendations for state engagement in project implementation. In cooperation with the CRO, the TAC will also incorporate the *ConserveVirginia* initiative to assess coastal adaptation and protection strategies.

### 3. Making Recommendations to Strengthen State and Non-State Partnerships

Coastal adaptation and protection strategies should align with other federal and state programs, including those focused on resilience, economic and community development, and flooding adaptation and protection initiatives. The TAC shall make recommendations regarding how the Commonwealth can strengthen partnerships with the Department of Defense and other federal installations, as well as:

- i. Align economic development initiatives, Framework, and Master Plan objectives, and
- ii. Coordinate across multiple resilience, pre-disaster, urban development, and flooding adaptation grant programs.

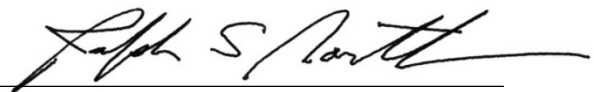
These recommendations will focus on programs administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Department of Housing and Community Development, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

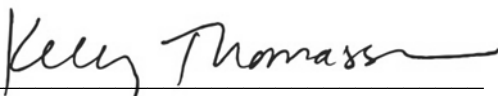
This Executive Order shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in full force unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**NUMBER SEVENTY-TWO (2020)**  
**AND**  
**ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY NINE**  
**COMMONSENSE SURGE RESTRICTIONS**

**CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS  
(COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

In November, as case counts and positivity rates began to rise, we took additional measures to stem the spread of the virus throughout the Commonwealth. In general, Virginians cooperated with those measures. Unfortunately, the surge that began many weeks ago is continuing across the Commonwealth. All five health regions are experiencing increases in new COVID-19 cases, positive tests, and hospitalizations. Virginia is averaging more than 4,000 new COVID-19 cases per day, up from a statewide peak of approximately 1,200 in May. Virginia's PCR percent test positivity rate is at 11.1 percent, an increase from 6.5 percent approximately one month ago. As of December 10, 2020, all but one health region reported a PCR test positivity rate at or above ten percent. Hospitalizations have increased by approximately 83 percent in the last four weeks. COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations have been increasing for 33 days and the statewide rate (4.4 per 100,000 persons) has exceeded the threshold of concern (3.5 per 100,000 persons) for the rate of confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations. Since this pandemic began in March, we have learned that socialization with persons outside of your household and sustained activities in indoor settings contribute significantly to the transmission of the virus. Virginians must continue to practice the measures that we know work to stem the spread of the virus: wash your hands, avoid touching your face, avoid gatherings, and wear face coverings both indoors and outdoors. Therefore, additional measures are necessary to protect public health and stem the spread of COVID-19.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance



of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## **I. MODIFIED STAY AT HOME ORDER**

All individuals in Virginia should remain at their place of residence between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Individuals may leave their residences for the purposes of:

- a. Obtaining food, beverages, goods, or services as permitted in this Order;
- b. Seeking medical attention, essential social services, governmental services, assistance from law enforcement, or emergency services;
- c. Taking care of other individuals or animals;
- d. Traveling required by court order or to facilitate child custody, visitation, or child care;
- e. Engaging in exercise, provided individuals comply with social distancing requirements;
- f. Traveling to and from one's residence, place of worship, or work;
- g. Traveling to and from an educational institution;
- h. Volunteering with organizations that provide charitable or social services; or
- i. Leaving one's residence due to a reasonable fear for health or safety, at the direction of law enforcement, or at the direction of another government agency.

## **II. RESTRICTIONS**

### **A. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS**

#### **1. All Businesses**

Any business not listed in Section II, subsections A or C below must adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

#### **2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms**

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor service, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by

reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises after 10:00 p.m. in any restaurant, dining establishment, food court, brewery, microbrewery, distillery, winery, or tasting room. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out after 10:00 p.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
- b. Closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to offer delivery and take-out services between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- c. All parties must be separated by at least six feet, including in the bar area. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart, including in the bar area.
- d. Customers may be provided with self-service options. Facilities must provide hand sanitizer at food lines and require the use of barriers (e.g., gloves or deli paper) when employees or patrons touch common utensils. Food lines must be monitored by trained staff at all times of operation, and serving utensils must be changed hourly.
- e. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- f. Patrons must wear face coverings, except while eating or drinking.
- g. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes during operation. Tabletops must be cleaned in between patrons.
- h. Bar seats and congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in the bar area (i.e., tables or counter seats that do not line up to a bar or food service area) may be used for customer seating as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.
- i. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **3. Farmers' Markets**

Farmers' markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers' markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times. Employees and vendors must, where possible, configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
- b. Employees and vendors must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- c. Employees and vendors must routinely clean and disinfect frequently-contacted surfaces during operation.
- d. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth according to Section III.
- e. Farmers' markets must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

**4. Brick and Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed in Section II, Subsection C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)**

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section II, subsection C, paragraph 1 below may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidance for brick and mortar retail expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times.
- b. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- c. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth according to Section III.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

**5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may continue to operate indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness

and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests who are not Family members as defined below must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities except where necessary for the physical safety of an individual.
- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members as defined below must maintain at least ten feet of physical distancing between each other at all times, with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- c. Occupancy must be limited to 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- d. The total number of attendees (including both participants and instructors) in all group exercise and fitness classes cannot exceed the lesser of 75 percent of the minimum occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or 10 persons.
- e. Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features, except water slides, must be closed.
- f. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members as defined below in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- g. Employees working must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement.
- h. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth according to Section III.
- i. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared exercise equipment after each use.
- j. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- k. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Service providers must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between work stations.
- b. Service providers and employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- c. Provide face coverings for clients or ask that clients bring a face covering with them, which they must wear during the service, except when treating the areas of the nose and mouth.
- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes of operation. All personal care and personal grooming tools should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **7. Campgrounds**

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- b. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with Section III.
- c. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **8. Indoor Shooting Ranges**

Indoor shooting ranges may continue to operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members as defined below in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2 at all times.
- b. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working in their place of employment.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces every 60 minutes of operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth according to Section III.
- e. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **9. Public Beaches**

All public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* may remain open to individual and family recreational activity. All such public beaches, must comply with the requirements below.

- a. Require beachgoers to practice physical distancing of at least six feet between each person unless they are with Family members as defined in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- b. Prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people in accordance with section II, subsection B.
- c. Implement and adhere to a cleaning schedule for all high-touch surfaces made of plastic or metal such as benches and railings that includes cleaning at least every two hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- d. Establish, train, and deploy a team to educate and promote compliance with beach rules and refer cases of noncompliance to public safety personnel, if appropriate.
- e. Establish procedures for temporary beach closure or access limitations in the event of overcrowding.
- f. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.
- g. Perform a disinfectant-level cleaning of all public restrooms every two hours with an EPA-approved disinfectant by staff or volunteers trained to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on cleaning and disinfecting.

- h. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintain at least six feet of distance between groups, and clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.
- i. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to location.
- j. Each locality shall provide daily metrics to its local health department to include beach closures, complaint incidents, police reports of violence related to enforcement, and number of reports of noncompliance to be submitted each Monday.
- k. All employees and contract workers must wear a cloth face covering when not able to practice physical distancing following CDC Use of Face Cloth Coverings guidance.
- l. All employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.
- m. Each locality shall require all employees and contract workers to take their temperature before reporting to work and direct such employees not to report to work if they have a fever of over 100.4 degrees, have experienced chills, or have been feverish in the last 72 hours.
- n. Individuals must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with Section III.
- o. Follow enhanced workplace safety best practices outlined in the Guidelines for All Business Sectors.

## **10. Racetracks and Speedways**

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).
- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between

themselves and other participants who are not Family members as defined below.

- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for campgrounds.
- d. The total number of patrons cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 250 persons.
- e. Employees must wear face coverings while working in their place of employment.
- f. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with Section III.
- g. Prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people in accordance with section II, subsection B.

## **11. Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos**

Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos are outdoor amusement parks and zoos comprised of at least 25 acres of land that contain one or more permanent amusement exhibits or rides and that host at least 500,000 visitors annually.

- a. Total occupancy for the venue must not exceed 50 percent the combined occupancy load on the certificates of occupancy for all areas of the venue.
- b. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- c. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- d. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with Section III.
- e. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- f. Venues must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- g. Venues should screen patrons for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue. Patrons should be asked if they are currently experiencing fever (100.4



- degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or a sense of having a fever, a new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition, a new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition, or new muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise). Anyone experiencing symptoms should not be permitted in the facility. Screenings should be conducted in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.
- h. Any ride, attraction, or theatre at an amusement park that is located indoors, or has queue lines indoors, must remain closed. The amusement park may open indoor restaurants, concessions, gifts shops or retail spaces, and restrooms. On site retail, recreation and fitness, cabins, and food establishments must follow the requirements and guidelines specific to those establishments.
  - i. All private bookings are limited to 10 people and must comply with Section II, subsection B, paragraph 1.
  - j. If any such venue cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **12. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses**

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, convention centers, expos, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, fairs, carnivals, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, amusement parks and zoos not covered in paragraph 11, and other places of indoor public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 250 persons.
- b. All private bookings are limited to 10 people and must comply with Section II, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- c. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises after 10:00 p.m. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out after 10:00 p.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
- d. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.

- e. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- f. Require ten feet of physical distancing between parties at all establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering; six feet of physical distancing is required in other venues.
- g. If interactive exhibits are in service, post signage to discourage congregating and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Provide hand sanitizer stations around any interactive exhibits. Discontinue any interactive exhibits that pose a risk for children to place items in their mouths.
- h. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard surfaces, including check out stations and payment pads, store entrance push/pull pads, door knobs/handles, dining tables/chairs, light switches, handrails, restrooms, guest lockers, floors, and equipment.
- i. Where possible, install plexiglass barriers in front of commonly used point-of-sale or guest service stations.
- j. Employees are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- k. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with Section III.
- l. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons to the entering into place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- m. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **13. Recreational Sports**

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the following requirements:

- a. For sports played indoors, spectators must be limited to 25 persons per field. For sports played outdoors, spectators are limited to two guests per player. The total number of spectators cannot exceed 30 percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue.
- b. Races or marathons may have up to 250 participants, provided staggered starts separate runners into groups of 25 or less.

- c. Conduct screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue/facility.
- d. Employees must wear face coverings while working in their place of employment.
- e. Spectators must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.

For more information on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread associated with indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities, consult the Virginia Department of Health’s “Considerations for Recreational Sports” webpage, which can be found [here](#).

#### **14. Enforcement - Business Restrictions**

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section II, subsection A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section II, subsection A, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia*, or any other law applicable to these agencies, may enforce this Order as to that business.

### **B. OTHER RESTRICTIONS**

#### **1. All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings**

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 10 individuals who do not live in the same residence are prohibited. A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors. The presence of more than 10 individuals performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational instructional setting is not a “gathering.” The presence of more than 10 individuals in a particular location, such as a park, or retail business is not a “gathering” as long as individuals do not congregate. This restriction does not apply to the gathering of Family members, as defined in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2 living in the same residence.

Subject to the following requirements, this restriction shall not bar individuals from attending religious services or assembling for educational instruction with more than 10 people provided:

- a. Individuals assembled for educational instruction adhere to the applicable physical distancing and sanitization plan and guidelines of the relevant governing body or educational institution;
- b. Individuals attending religious services:
  - i. Practice proper physical distancing at all times.
  - ii. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing.
  - iii. Ensure that any items used to distribute food or beverages either should be disposable or washed or cleaned between uses between individuals who are not Family members.
  - iv. Conduct routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces prior to and following any religious service.
  - v. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
  - vi. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
  - vii. Individuals attending religious services must wear face coverings in accordance with Section III below.
  - viii. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in Section II, subsection B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

## 2. **Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors.” Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such

professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

### **3. Overnight Summer Camps**

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, must remain closed.

### **4. Enforcement – Other Restrictions**

Violations of section II, subsection B, paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any law enforcement officer as defined in § 9.1-101 of the *Code of Virginia* including the Virginia Department of State Police may enforce these restrictions.

## **C. REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES**

### **1. Essential Retail Businesses**

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;

- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

Essential Retail Businesses must comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#). Employers are required to provide face coverings to employees. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **2. Enforcement – Essential Retail**

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section II, subsection C of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section II, subsection C, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section II, subsection C of this Order as to that business.

## **D. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION**

### **1. State Agencies**

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

### **2. Family Members**

“Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household or visiting such household pursuant to a child custody arrangement or order. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

### **3. Exceptions**

With the exception of Section III below, nothing in the Order shall limit:

- a. The provision of health care or medical services;
- b. Access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks;
- c. The operations of the media;
- d. Law enforcement agencies; or
- e. The operation of government.

## **III. REQUIREMENT TO WEAR FACE COVERING**

### **A. Face Coverings Required - Indoors**

1. All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC, if they are in an indoor setting shared by others. This requirement applies to state and local government settings, train stations, bus stations, and intrastate public transportation, including buses, rideshares, trains, taxis, and cars for hire, as well as any waiting or congregating areas associated with boarding public transportation. This requirement shall not apply in any area under federal jurisdiction or control.
2. This restriction does not apply to persons inside their personal residence.
3. Individuals may remove face coverings to participate in a religious ritual.

### **B. Face Coverings Required - Outdoors**

All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC, when outdoors and unable to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from other individuals who are not Family members.

### **C. Face Coverings Required - Employees**

All employees of all businesses listed in section II, subsections A and C shall wear a face covering while working at their place of employment.

### **D. Face Coverings - Enforcement**

1. The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section III of this Order. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
2. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section III, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section III of this Order as to that business.
3. Violations of section III, subsection A of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* and enforceable by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
4. No minor shall be subject to criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering. Adults accompanying minors should use the adult's best judgment with respect to placing face coverings on a minor between the ages of two through four while inside the public areas noted above. Adults accompanying minors age five through 18 shall use reasonable efforts to prompt the minor to wear face coverings while inside the public areas noted above.
5. Medical-grade masks and personal protective equipment should be reserved for medical personnel. The use of cloth face coverings does not replace the need to maintain six feet of physical social distancing, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces routinely in all public settings, stay home when sick, and practice frequent handwashing.

#### **E. Face Covering - Exceptions**

The requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to the following:

1. While eating or drinking;
2. Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
3. Any person who is playing a musical instrument when wearing a mask or face covering would inhibit the playing of the instrument (e.g. wind instrument) so long as at least 10 feet of physical distancing can be maintained from other persons, whether the rehearsal or performance is indoors or outdoors;
4. Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance;



5. Any person seeking to communicate with the hearing impaired and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
6. When temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to secure government or medical services;
7. Persons with health conditions or disabilities that prohibit wearing a face covering. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a face covering by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. Adaptations and alternatives for individuals with health conditions or disabilities should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a mask or to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.

Any person who declines to wear a face covering because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

#### **F. Face Coverings - Waiver**

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on March 12, 2021, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

### **IV. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

#### **A. Construction with the Emergency Temporary Standard “Infectious Disease Prevention: SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19”**

Where the Emergency Temporary Standard “Infectious Disease Prevention: SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19” adopted by the Safety and Health Codes Board of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry pursuant to 16 Va. Admin. Code §§ 25-60-20 and 25-60-30 conflicts with requirements and guidelines applicable to businesses in this Order, this Order shall govern.

#### **B. Expiration of Executive Orders**

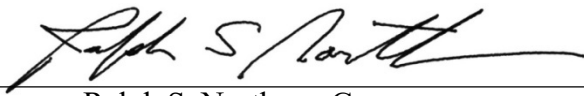
First Amended Executive Order 63, Order of Public Health Emergency Five (2020) and Sixth Amended Executive Order 67, Order of Public Health Emergency Seven (2020) will expire at 11:59 p.m., Sunday, December 13, 2020.

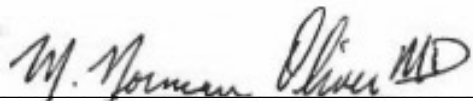
**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order is in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020). Further, this Order shall be effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, December 14, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m., January 31, 2021.

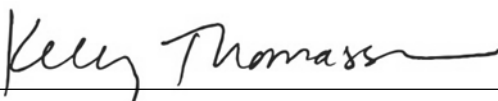
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 10th day of December, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**AMENDED NUMBER SEVENTY-TWO (2021)**  
**AND**  
**ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY NINE**  
**COMMONSENSE SURGE RESTRICTIONS**  
**EXTENSION OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS DUE TO**  
**NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

In December 2020, as case counts and positivity rates rose, Executive Order 72 imposed additional temporary restrictions to stem the surge of the virus in the Commonwealth. Now, approximately five weeks later, however, we are not out of the woods. As of January 25, 2021, Virginia's seven-day moving average of new COVID-19 cases is still more than 4,000 per day. Virginia's PCR percent test positivity rate is at 12.5 percent—an increase from 11.1 percent approximately one month ago. The statewide rate of COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations (6.1 per 100,000) is well above the threshold of concern (3.5 per 100,000). The health data makes clear that Executive Order 72's temporary restrictions must remain in place a little longer. In addition, every Virginian must continue to practice measures that are proven to keep people safe: avoid gatherings with anyone outside your household, practice hand sanitation, physically distance from others, stay home when possible, and wear face coverings indoors and in public. We have to continue to work together to keep each other safe.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## I. CONTINUED MODIFIED STAY AT HOME ORDER

All individuals in Virginia should continue remain at their place of residence between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Individuals may leave their residences for the purposes of:

- a. Obtaining food, beverages, goods, or services as permitted in this Order;
- b. Seeking medical attention, essential social services, governmental services, assistance from law enforcement, or emergency services;
- c. Taking care of other individuals or animals;
- d. Traveling required by court order or to facilitate child custody, visitation, or child care;
- e. Engaging in exercise, provided individuals comply with social distancing requirements;
- f. Traveling to and from one's residence, place of worship, or work;
- g. Traveling to and from an educational institution;
- h. Volunteering with organizations that provide charitable or social services; or
- i. Leaving one's residence due to a reasonable fear for health or safety, at the direction of law enforcement, or at the direction of another government agency.

## II. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS

### A. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

#### 1. All Businesses

Any business not listed in section II, subsections A or C below must adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

#### 2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor service, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises after 10:00 p.m. in any restaurant, dining establishment, food court, brewery, microbrewery,

distillery, winery, or tasting room. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out after 10:00 p.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.

- b. Closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to offer delivery and take-out services between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- c. All parties must be separated by at least six feet, including in the bar area. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart, including in the bar area.
- d. Customers may be provided with self-service options. Facilities must provide hand sanitizer at food lines and require the use of barriers (e.g., gloves or deli paper) when employees or patrons touch common utensils. Food lines must be monitored by trained staff at all times of operation, and serving utensils must be changed hourly.
- e. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- f. Patrons must wear face coverings, except while eating or drinking.
- g. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes during operation. Tabletops must be cleaned in between patrons.
- h. Bar seats and congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in the bar area (i.e., tables or counter seats that do not line up to a bar or food service area) may be used for customer seating as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.
- i. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **3. Farmers' Markets**

Farmers' markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers' markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times. Employees and vendors must, where possible, configure

operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.

- b. Employees and vendors must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- c. Employees and vendors must routinely clean and disinfect frequently-contacted surfaces during operation.
- d. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth according to section III.
- e. Farmers' markets must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

#### **4. Brick and Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed in Section II, Subsection C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)**

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section II, subsection C, paragraph 1 below may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidance for brick and mortar retail expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times.
- b. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- c. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth according to section III.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

#### **5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may continue to operate indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests who are not Family members as defined below must

remain at least ten feet apart during all activities except where necessary for the physical safety of an individual.

- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members as defined below must maintain at least ten feet of physical distancing between each other at all times, with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- c. Occupancy must be limited to 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- d. The total number of attendees (including both participants and instructors) in all group exercise and fitness classes cannot exceed the lesser of 75 percent of the minimum occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or 10 persons.
- e. Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features, except water slides, must be closed.
- f. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members as defined below in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- g. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement.
- h. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth according to section III.
- i. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared exercise equipment after each use.
- j. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- k. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming

services expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Service providers must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between work stations.
- b. Service providers and employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- c. Provide face coverings for clients or ask that clients bring a face covering with them, which they must wear during the service, except when treating the areas of the nose and mouth.
- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes of operation. All personal care and personal grooming tools should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **7. Campgrounds**

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- b. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with section III.
- c. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **8. Indoor Shooting Ranges**

Indoor shooting ranges may continue to operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between



individuals who are not Family members as defined below in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2 at all times.

- b. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working in their place of employment.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces every 60 minutes of operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth according to section III.
- e. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **9. Public Beaches**

All public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* may remain open to individual and family recreational activity. All such public beaches, must comply with the requirements below.

- a. Require beachgoers to practice physical distancing of at least six feet between each person unless they are with Family members as defined in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- b. Prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people in accordance with section II, subsection B.
- c. Implement and adhere to a cleaning schedule for all high-touch surfaces made of plastic or metal such as benches and railings that includes cleaning at least every two hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- d. Establish, train, and deploy a team to educate and promote compliance with beach rules and refer cases of noncompliance to public safety personnel, if appropriate.
- e. Establish procedures for temporary beach closure or access limitations in the event of overcrowding.
- f. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.
- g. Perform a disinfectant-level cleaning of all public restrooms every two hours with an EPA-approved disinfectant by staff or volunteers trained to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on cleaning and disinfecting.
- h. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintain at least six feet of distance between groups, and clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and

CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.

- i. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to location.
- j. Each locality shall provide daily metrics to its local health department to include beach closures, complaint incidents, police reports of violence related to enforcement, and number of reports of noncompliance to be submitted each Monday.
- k. All employees and contract workers must wear a cloth face covering when not able to practice physical distancing following CDC Use of Face Cloth Coverings guidance.
- l. All employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.
- m. Each locality shall require all employees and contract workers to take their temperature before reporting to work and direct such employees not to report to work if they have a fever of over 100.4 degrees, have experienced chills, or have been feverish in the last 72 hours.
- n. Individuals must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with section III.
- o. Follow enhanced workplace safety best practices outlined in the Guidelines for All Business Sectors.

## **10. Racetracks and Speedways**

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).
- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between themselves and other participants who are not Family members as defined below.
- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for

campgrounds.

- d. The total number of patrons cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 250 persons.
- e. Employees must wear face coverings while working in their place of employment.
- f. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with section III.
- g. Prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people in accordance with section II, subsection B.

## **11. Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos**

Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos are outdoor amusement parks and zoos comprised of at least 25 acres of land that contain one or more permanent amusement exhibits or rides and that host at least 500,000 visitors annually.

- a. Total occupancy for the venue must not exceed 50 percent the combined occupancy load on the certificates of occupancy for all areas of the venue.
- b. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- c. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- d. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with section III.
- e. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- f. Venues must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- g. Venues should screen patrons for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue. Patrons should be asked if they are currently experiencing fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or a sense of having a fever, a new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition, a new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health

condition, or new muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise). Anyone experiencing symptoms should not be permitted in the facility. Screenings should be conducted in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.

- h. Any ride, attraction, or theatre at an amusement park that is located indoors, or has queue lines indoors, must remain closed. The amusement park may open indoor restaurants, concessions, gifts shops or retail spaces, and restrooms. On site retail, recreation and fitness, cabins, and food establishments must follow the requirements and guidelines specific to those establishments.
- i. All private bookings are limited to 10 people and must comply with section II, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- j. If any such venue cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **12. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses**

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, convention centers, expos, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, fairs, carnivals, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, amusement parks and zoos not covered in paragraph 11, and other places of indoor public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 250 persons.
- b. All private bookings are limited to 10 people and must comply with section II, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- c. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises after 10:00 p.m. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out after 10:00 p.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
- d. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- e. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.

- f. Require ten feet of physical distancing between parties at all establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering; six feet of physical distancing is required in other venues.
- g. If interactive exhibits are in service, post signage to discourage congregating and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Provide hand sanitizer stations around any interactive exhibits. Discontinue any interactive exhibits that pose a risk for children to place items in their mouths.
- h. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard surfaces, including check out stations and payment pads, store entrance push/pull pads, door knobs/handles, dining tables/chairs, light switches, handrails, restrooms, guest lockers, floors, and equipment.
- i. Where possible, install plexiglass barriers in front of commonly used point-of-sale or guest service stations.
- j. Employees are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- k. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with section III.
- l. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons to the entering into place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- m. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **13. Recreational Sports**

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the following requirements:

- a. For sports played indoors, spectators must be limited to 25 persons per field. For sports played outdoors, spectators are limited to two guests per player. The total number of spectators cannot exceed 30 percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue.
- b. Races or marathons may have up to 250 participants, provided staggered starts separate runners into groups of 25 or less.
- c. Conduct screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue/facility.

- d. Employees must wear face coverings while working in their place of employment.
- e. Spectators must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.

For more information on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread associated with indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities, consult the Virginia Department of Health’s “Considerations for Recreational Sports” webpage, which can be found [here](#).

#### **14. Enforcement - Business Restrictions**

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section II, subsection A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section II, subsection A, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia*, or any other law applicable to these agencies, may enforce this Order as to that business.

### **B. OTHER CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

#### **1. All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings**

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 10 individuals who do not live in the same residence are prohibited. A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors. The presence of more than 10 individuals performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational instructional setting is not a “gathering.” The presence of more than 10 individuals in a particular location, such as a park, or retail business is not a “gathering” as long as individuals do not congregate. This restriction does not apply to the gathering of Family members, as defined in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2 living in the same residence.

Subject to the following requirements, this restriction shall not bar individuals from attending religious services or assembling for educational instruction with more than 10 people provided:

- a. Individuals assembled for educational instruction adhere to the applicable physical distancing and sanitization plan and guidelines of the relevant governing body or educational institution;
- b. Individuals attending religious services:
  - i. Practice proper physical distancing at all times.
  - ii. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing.
  - iii. Ensure that any items used to distribute food or beverages either should be disposable or washed or cleaned between uses between individuals who are not Family members.
  - iv. Conduct routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces prior to and following any religious service.
  - v. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
  - vi. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
  - vii. Individuals attending religious services must wear face coverings in accordance with section III below.
  - viii. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section II, subsection B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

## **2. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors.” Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

### 3. **Overnight Summer Camps**

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, must remain closed.

### 4. **Enforcement – Other Restrictions**

Violations of section II, subsection B, paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any law enforcement officer as defined in § 9.1-101 of the *Code of Virginia* including the Virginia Department of State Police may enforce these restrictions.

## **C. REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES**

### 1. **Essential Retail Businesses**

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and



- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

Essential Retail Businesses must comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#). Employers are required to provide face coverings to employees. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **2. Enforcement – Essential Retail**

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section II, subsection C of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section II, subsection C, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section II, subsection C of this Order as to that business.

## **D. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION**

### **1. State Agencies**

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

### **2. Family Members**

“Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household or visiting such household pursuant to a child custody arrangement or order. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

### **3. Exceptions**

With the exception of section III below, nothing in the Order shall limit:

- a. The provision of health care or medical services;
- b. Access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks;
- c. The operations of the media;
- d. Law enforcement agencies; or
- e. The operation of government.

## **III. CONTINUED REQUIREMENT TO WEAR FACE COVERING**

### **A. Face Coverings Required - Indoors**

1. All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC, if they are in an indoor setting shared by others. This requirement applies to state and local government settings, train stations, bus stations, and intrastate public transportation, including buses, rideshares, trains, taxis, and cars for hire, as well as any waiting or congregating areas associated with boarding public transportation. This requirement shall not apply in any area under federal jurisdiction or control.
2. This restriction does not apply to persons inside their personal residence.
3. Individuals may remove face coverings to participate in a religious ritual.

### **B. Face Coverings Required - Outdoors**

All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC, when outdoors and unable to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from other individuals who are not Family members.

### **C. Face Coverings Required - Employees**

All employees of all businesses listed in section II, subsections A and C shall wear a face covering while working at their place of employment.

### **Face Coverings - Enforcement**

1. The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section III of this Order. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for

violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.

2. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section III, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section III of this Order as to that business.
3. Violations of section III, subsection A of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* and enforceable by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
4. No minor shall be subject to criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering. Adults accompanying minors should use the adult's best judgment with respect to placing face coverings on a minor between the ages of two through four while inside the public areas noted above. Adults accompanying minors age five through 18 shall use reasonable efforts to prompt the minor to wear face coverings while inside the public areas noted above.
5. Medical-grade masks and personal protective equipment should be reserved for medical personnel. The use of cloth face coverings does not replace the need to maintain six feet of physical social distancing, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces routinely in all public settings, stay home when sick, and practice frequent handwashing.

#### **D. Face Covering - Exceptions**

The requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to the following:

1. While eating or drinking;
2. Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
3. Any person who is playing a musical instrument when wearing a mask or face covering would inhibit the playing of the instrument (e.g. wind instrument) so long as at least 10 feet of physical distancing can be maintained from other persons, whether the rehearsal or performance is indoors or outdoors;
4. Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance;

5. Any person seeking to communicate with **people who are deaf or hard of hearing** and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
6. When temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to secure government or medical services; and
7. Persons with health conditions or disabilities that prohibit wearing a face covering. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a face covering by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. Adaptations and alternatives for individuals with health conditions or disabilities should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a mask or to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.

Any person who declines to wear a face covering because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

#### **E. Face Coverings - Waiver**

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on March 12, 2021, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

### **IV. CONSTRUCTION WITH REGULATIONS**

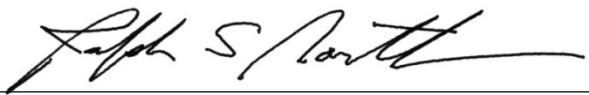
**Where the Final Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19 adopted by the Safety and Health Codes Board of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry conflicts with requirements and guidelines applicable to businesses in this Order, this Order governs.**

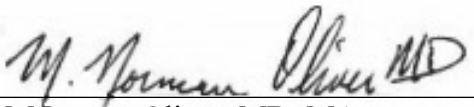
**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order is in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020). **Further, this Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m., February 28, 2021.**


Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **27th day of January, 2021.**



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**SECOND AMENDED NUMBER SEVENTY-TWO (2021)**

**AND**

**ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY NINE**

**COMMONSENSE SURGE RESTRICTIONS  
EXTENSION OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS DUE TO  
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

In December 2020, as case counts and positivity rates rose, Executive Order 72 imposed additional temporary restrictions to stem the surge of the virus in the Commonwealth. Now, approximately five weeks later, however, we are not out of the woods. As of January 25, 2021, Virginia's seven-day moving average of new COVID-19 cases is still more than 4,000 per day. Virginia's PCR percent test positivity rate is at 12.5 percent—an increase from 11.1 percent approximately one month ago. The statewide rate of COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations (6.1 per 100,000) is well above the threshold of concern (3.5 per 100,000). The health data makes clear that Executive Order 72's temporary restrictions must remain in place a little longer. In addition, every Virginian must continue to practice measures that are proven to keep people safe: avoid gatherings with anyone outside your household, practice hand sanitation, physically distance from others, stay home when possible, and wear face coverings indoors and in public. We have to continue to work together to keep each other safe.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## I. CONTINUED MODIFIED STAY AT HOME ORDER

All individuals in Virginia should continue remain at their place of residence between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Individuals may leave their residences for the purposes of:

- a. Obtaining food, beverages, goods, or services as permitted in this Order;
- b. Seeking medical attention, essential social services, governmental services, assistance from law enforcement, or emergency services;
- c. Taking care of other individuals or animals;
- d. Traveling required by court order or to facilitate child custody, visitation, or child care;
- e. Engaging in exercise, provided individuals comply with social distancing requirements;
- f. Traveling to and from one's residence, place of worship, or work;
- g. Traveling to and from an educational institution;
- h. Volunteering with organizations that provide charitable or social services; or
- i. Leaving one's residence due to a reasonable fear for health or safety, at the direction of law enforcement, or at the direction of another government agency.

## II. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS

### A. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

#### 1. All Businesses

Any business not listed in section II, subsections A or C below must adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

#### 2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor service, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises after 10:00 p.m. in any restaurant, dining establishment, food court, brewery, microbrewery,

distillery, winery, or tasting room. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out after 10:00 p.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.

- b. Closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to offer delivery and take-out services between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- c. All parties must be separated by at least six feet, including in the bar area. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart, including in the bar area.
- d. Customers may be provided with self-service options. Facilities must provide hand sanitizer at food lines and require the use of barriers (e.g., gloves or deli paper) when employees or patrons touch common utensils. Food lines must be monitored by trained staff at all times of operation, and serving utensils must be changed hourly.
- e. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- f. Patrons must wear face coverings, except while eating or drinking.
- g. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes during operation. Tabletops must be cleaned in between patrons.
- h. Bar seats and congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in the bar area (i.e., tables or counter seats that do not line up to a bar or food service area) may be used for customer seating as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.
- i. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **3. Farmers' Markets**

Farmers' markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers' markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times. Employees and vendors must, where possible, configure



operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.

- b. Employees and vendors must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- c. Employees and vendors must routinely clean and disinfect frequently-contacted surfaces during operation.
- d. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth according to section III.
- e. Farmers' markets must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

#### **4. Brick and Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed in Section II, Subsection C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)**

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section II, subsection C, paragraph 1 below may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidance for brick and mortar retail expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times.
- b. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- c. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth according to section III.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

#### **5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may continue to operate indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests who are not Family members as defined below must

remain at least ten feet apart during all activities except where necessary for the physical safety of an individual.

- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members as defined below must maintain at least ten feet of physical distancing between each other at all times, with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- c. Occupancy must be limited to 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- d. The total number of attendees (including both participants and instructors) in all group exercise and fitness classes cannot exceed the lesser of 75 percent of the minimum occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or 10 persons.
- e. Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features, except water slides, must be closed.
- f. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members as defined below in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- g. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement.
- h. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth according to section III.
- i. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared exercise equipment after each use.
- j. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- k. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming

services expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Service providers must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between work stations.
- b. Service providers and employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- c. Provide face coverings for clients or ask that clients bring a face covering with them, which they must wear during the service, except when treating the areas of the nose and mouth.
- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes of operation. All personal care and personal grooming tools should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **7. Campgrounds**

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- b. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with section III.
- c. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **8. Indoor Shooting Ranges**

Indoor shooting ranges may continue to operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between

individuals who are not Family members as defined below in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2 at all times.

- b. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working in their place of employment.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces every 60 minutes of operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth according to section III.
- e. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **9. Public Beaches**

All public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* may remain open to individual and family recreational activity. All such public beaches, must comply with the requirements below.

- a. Require beachgoers to practice physical distancing of at least six feet between each person unless they are with Family members as defined in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- b. Prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people in accordance with section II, subsection B.
- c. Implement and adhere to a cleaning schedule for all high-touch surfaces made of plastic or metal such as benches and railings that includes cleaning at least every two hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- d. Establish, train, and deploy a team to educate and promote compliance with beach rules and refer cases of noncompliance to public safety personnel, if appropriate.
- e. Establish procedures for temporary beach closure or access limitations in the event of overcrowding.
- f. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.
- g. Perform a disinfectant-level cleaning of all public restrooms every two hours with an EPA-approved disinfectant by staff or volunteers trained to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on cleaning and disinfecting.
- h. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintain at least six feet of distance between groups, and clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and

CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.

- i. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to location.
- j. Each locality shall provide daily metrics to its local health department to include beach closures, complaint incidents, police reports of violence related to enforcement, and number of reports of noncompliance to be submitted each Monday.
- k. All employees and contract workers must wear a cloth face covering when not able to practice physical distancing following CDC Use of Face Cloth Coverings guidance.
- l. All employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.
- m. Each locality shall require all employees and contract workers to take their temperature before reporting to work and direct such employees not to report to work if they have a fever of over 100.4 degrees, have experienced chills, or have been feverish in the last 72 hours.
- n. Individuals must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with section III.
- o. Follow enhanced workplace safety best practices outlined in the Guidelines for All Business Sectors.

## **10. Racetracks and Speedways**

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).
- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between themselves and other participants who are not Family members as defined below.
- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for

campgrounds.

- d. The total number of patrons cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 250 persons.
- e. Employees must wear face coverings while working in their place of employment.
- f. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with section III.
- g. Prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people in accordance with section II, subsection B.

## **11. Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos**

Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos are outdoor amusement parks and zoos comprised of at least 25 acres of land that contain one or more permanent amusement exhibits or rides and that host at least 500,000 visitors annually.

- a. Total occupancy for the venue must not exceed 50 percent the combined occupancy load on the certificates of occupancy for all areas of the venue.
- b. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- c. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- d. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with section III.
- e. Employees must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- f. Venues must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- g. Venues should screen patrons for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue. Patrons should be asked if they are currently experiencing fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or a sense of having a fever, a new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition, a new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health

condition, or new muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise). Anyone experiencing symptoms should not be permitted in the facility. Screenings should be conducted in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.

- h. Any ride, attraction, or theatre at an amusement park that is located indoors, or has queue lines indoors, must remain closed. The amusement park may open indoor restaurants, concessions, gifts shops or retail spaces, and restrooms. On site retail, recreation and fitness, cabins, and food establishments must follow the requirements and guidelines specific to those establishments.
- i. All private bookings are limited to 10 people and must comply with section II, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- j. If any such venue cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **12. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses**

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, convention centers, expos, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, fairs, carnivals, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, amusement parks and zoos not covered in paragraph 11, and other places of indoor public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 250 persons.
- b. All private bookings are limited to 10 people and must comply with section II, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- c. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises after 10:00 p.m. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out after 10:00 p.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
- d. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- e. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.

- f. Require ten feet of physical distancing between parties at all establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering; six feet of physical distancing is required in other venues.
- g. If interactive exhibits are in service, post signage to discourage congregating and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Provide hand sanitizer stations around any interactive exhibits. Discontinue any interactive exhibits that pose a risk for children to place items in their mouths.
- h. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard surfaces, including check out stations and payment pads, store entrance push/pull pads, door knobs/handles, dining tables/chairs, light switches, handrails, restrooms, guest lockers, floors, and equipment.
- i. Where possible, install plexiglass barriers in front of commonly used point-of-sale or guest service stations.
- j. Employees are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- k. Patrons must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth in accordance with section III.
- l. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons to the entering into place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- m. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### 13. Recreational Sports

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the following requirements:

- a. For sports played indoors, spectators must be limited to 25 persons per field. For sports played outdoors the total number of spectators cannot exceed **any of the following (i) the lesser of 30 percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue or 250 spectators per field. Spectators must wear face coverings at all times and ten feet of physical distance must be maintained between spectators who are not Family members, as defined in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2.**
- b. Races or marathons may have up to 250 participants, provided staggered starts separate runners into groups of 25 or less.



- c. Conduct screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue/facility.
- d. Employees must wear face coverings while working in their place of employment.
- e. Spectators must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.

For more information on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread associated with indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities, consult the Virginia Department of Health’s “Considerations for Recreational Sports” webpage, which can be found [here](#).

#### **14. Enforcement - Business Restrictions**

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section II, subsection A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section II, subsection A, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia*, or any other law applicable to these agencies, may enforce this Order as to that business.

### **B. OTHER CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

#### **1. All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings**

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 10 individuals who do not live in the same residence are prohibited. A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors. The presence of more than 10 individuals performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational instructional setting is not a “gathering.” The presence of more than 10 individuals in a particular location, such as a park, or retail business is not a “gathering” as long as individuals do not congregate. This restriction does not apply to the gathering of Family members, as defined in section II, subsection D, paragraph 2 living in the same residence.

Subject to the following requirements, this restriction shall not bar individuals from attending religious services or assembling for educational instruction with more than 10 people provided:

- a. Individuals assembled for educational instruction adhere to the applicable physical distancing and sanitization plan and guidelines of the relevant governing body or educational institution;
- b. Individuals attending religious services:
  - i. Practice proper physical distancing at all times.
  - ii. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing.
  - iii. Ensure that any items used to distribute food or beverages either should be disposable or washed or cleaned between uses between individuals who are not Family members.
  - iv. Conduct routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces prior to and following any religious service.
  - v. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
  - vi. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
  - vii. Individuals attending religious services must wear face coverings in accordance with section III below.
  - viii. If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person.

Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section II, subsection B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

## **2. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors.” Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such

professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

### **3. Overnight Summer Camps**

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, must remain closed.

### **4. Enforcement – Other Restrictions**

Violations of section II, subsection B, paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any law enforcement officer as defined in § 9.1-101 of the *Code of Virginia* including the Virginia Department of State Police may enforce these restrictions.

## **C. REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES**

### **1. Essential Retail Businesses**

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;

- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

Essential Retail Businesses must comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#). Employers are required to provide face coverings to employees. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **2. Enforcement – Essential Retail**

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section II, subsection C of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section II, subsection C, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section II, subsection C of this Order as to that business.

## **D. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION**

### **1. State Agencies**

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

### **2. Family Members**

“Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household or visiting such household pursuant to a child custody arrangement or order. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

### **3. Exceptions**

With the exception of section III below, nothing in the Order shall limit:

- a. The provision of health care or medical services;
- b. Access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks;
- c. The operations of the media;
- d. Law enforcement agencies; or
- e. The operation of government.

## **III. CONTINUED REQUIREMENT TO WEAR FACE COVERING**

### **A. Face Coverings Required - Indoors**

1. All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC, if they are in an indoor setting shared by others. This requirement applies to state and local government settings, train stations, bus stations, and intrastate public transportation, including buses, rideshares, trains, taxis, and cars for hire, as well as any waiting or congregating areas associated with boarding public transportation. This requirement shall not apply in any area under federal jurisdiction or control.
2. This restriction does not apply to persons inside their personal residence.
3. Individuals may remove face coverings to participate in a religious ritual.

### **B. Face Coverings Required - Outdoors**

All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC, when outdoors and unable to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from other individuals who are not Family members.

### **C. Face Coverings Required - Employees**

All employees of all businesses listed in section II, subsections A and C shall wear a face covering while working at their place of employment.

### **Face Coverings - Enforcement**

1. The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section III of this Order. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for

violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.

2. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section III, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section III of this Order as to that business.
3. Violations of section III, subsection A of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* and enforceable by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
4. No minor shall be subject to criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering. Adults accompanying minors should use the adult's best judgment with respect to placing face coverings on a minor between the ages of two through four while inside the public areas noted above. Adults accompanying minors age five through 18 shall use reasonable efforts to prompt the minor to wear face coverings while inside the public areas noted above.
5. Medical-grade masks and personal protective equipment should be reserved for medical personnel. The use of cloth face coverings does not replace the need to maintain six feet of physical social distancing, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces routinely in all public settings, stay home when sick, and practice frequent handwashing.

#### **D. Face Covering - Exceptions**

The requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to the following:

1. While eating or drinking;
2. Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
3. Any person who is playing a musical instrument when wearing a mask or face covering would inhibit the playing of the instrument (e.g. wind instrument) so long as at least 10 feet of physical distancing can be maintained from other persons, whether the rehearsal or performance is indoors or outdoors;
4. Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance;

5. Any person seeking to communicate with people who are deaf or hard of hearing and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
6. When temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to secure government or medical services; and
7. Persons with health conditions or disabilities that prohibit wearing a face covering. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a face covering by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. Adaptations and alternatives for individuals with health conditions or disabilities should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a mask or to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.

Any person who declines to wear a face covering because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

#### **E. Face Coverings - Waiver**

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on March 12, 2021, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

### **IV. CONSTRUCTION WITH REGULATIONS**


Where the Final Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19 adopted by the Safety and Health Codes Board of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry conflicts with requirements and guidelines applicable to businesses in this Order, this Order governs.

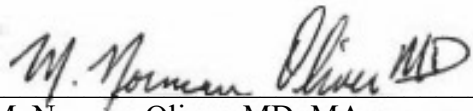
**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order is in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020). Further, this Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m., February 28, 2021. **Section II, paragraph A, subparagraph 13 shall be effective at 12:00 a.m. on February 22, 2021, and shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m., February 28, 2021.**

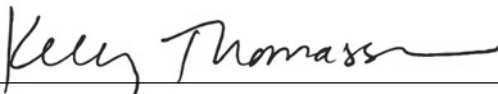
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **17th day of February 2021.**



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**THIRD AMENDED NUMBER SEVENTY-TWO (2021)**

**AND**

**ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY NINE**

**EASING OF COMMONSENSE SURGE RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

In December 2020, as case counts and positivity rates rose, Executive Order 72 imposed additional temporary restrictions to stem the surge of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth. Even though case counts are decreasing, there is still a cause for concern and a need for continued restrictions. Virginia's seven-day moving average of new COVID-19 cases is still more than 2,000 per day, which is higher than at any point in the first nine months of the pandemic. Virginia's seven-day PCR percent test positivity rate is 8.3 percent. The statewide rate of COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations (3.8 per 100,000) is still above the threshold of concern (3.5 per 100,000). Therefore, the health data makes it clear that, while Executive Order 72's temporary restrictions can be eased slightly, they must largely remain in place a little longer. In addition, every Virginian must continue to practice measures that are proven to keep people safe: avoid gatherings with anyone outside your household, practice hand sanitation, maintain proper physical distance from others, stay home when possible, and wear masks while indoors and in public. We have to continue to work together to keep each other safe.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## I. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS

### A. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

#### 1. All Businesses

Any business not listed in **section I**, subsections A or C below must adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

#### 2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor service, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises between the hours of **12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m.** in any restaurant, dining establishment, food court, brewery, microbrewery, distillery, winery, or tasting room. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out between the hours of **12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m.**, as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
- b. Closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to offer delivery and take-out services between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m.
- c. **All private bookings are limited to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors in accordance with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.**
- d. All parties must be separated by at least six feet, including in the bar area. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart, including in the bar area.
- e. Customers may be provided with self-service options. Facilities must provide hand sanitizer at food lines and require the use of barriers (e.g., gloves or deli paper) when employees or patrons touch common utensils. Food lines must be monitored by trained staff at all times of operation, and serving utensils must be changed hourly.

- f. Employees must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- g. Patrons must wear **masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.**
- h. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted every 60 minutes during operation. Tabletops must be cleaned in between patrons.
- i. Bar seats and congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in the bar area (i.e., tables or counter seats that do not line up to a bar or food service area) may be used for customer seating as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.
- j. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **3. Farmers' Markets**

Farmers' markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers' markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below in **section I**, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times. Employees and vendors must, where possible, configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
- b. Employees and vendors must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment.
- c. Employees and vendors must routinely clean and disinfect frequently-contacted surfaces during operation.
- d. Patrons must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth according to **section II.**
- e. Farmers' markets must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering the farmers' market with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

#### 4. Brick and Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed in Section I, Subsection C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in **section I**, subsection C, paragraph 1 below may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidance for brick and mortar retail expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below in **section I**, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times.
- b. Employees must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth **in accordance with section II** while working at their place of employment.
- c. Patrons must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth in accordance with **section II**.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

#### 5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may continue to operate indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests who are not Family members as defined **in section I**, subsection D, paragraph 2, must remain at least 10 feet apart during all activities except where necessary for the physical safety of an individual.
- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members as defined **in section I**, subsection D, paragraph 2, must maintain at least 10 feet of physical distancing between each other at all times, with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- c. Occupancy must be limited to 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- d. The total number of attendees (including both participants and instructors) in all **indoor** group exercise and fitness classes cannot exceed the lesser of 75 percent of the minimum occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or 10 persons. **For all group exercise and fitness classes held outdoors, the total number of attendees cannot exceed 25 persons.**

- e. Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features, except water slides, must be closed.
- f. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least 10 feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members as defined below in **section I**, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- g. Employees must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth **in accordance with section II** while working at their place of employment. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement.
- h. Patrons must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth **in accordance with section II**.
- i. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared exercise equipment after each use.
- j. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering **the facility** with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- k. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Service providers must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between work stations.
- b. Service providers and employees must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth **in accordance with section II** while working at their place of employment.
- c. Service providers must provide **masks** for clients or ask that clients bring a **mask** with them, which they must wear **over their nose and mouth** during the service, except when treating the areas of the nose and mouth. **Masks must be worn in accordance with section II.**
- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted

every 60 minutes of operation. All personal care and personal grooming tools should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.

- e. **All private bookings are limited to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors in accordance with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.**
- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 7. Campgrounds

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth while **in accordance with section II** working at their place of employment.
- b. Patrons must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth in accordance with **section II**.
- c. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering **the place of business** with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 8. Indoor Shooting Ranges

Indoor shooting ranges may continue to operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between individuals who are not Family members as defined below in **section I**, subsection D, paragraph 2 at all times.
- b. Employees must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth **in accordance with section II** while working in their place of employment.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces every 60 minutes of operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. Patrons must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth in accordance with **section II**.

- e. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 9. Public Beaches

All public beaches as defined in § 10.1-705 of the *Code of Virginia* may remain open to individual and family recreational activity. All such public beaches, must comply with the requirements below.

- a. Require beachgoers to practice physical distancing of at least six feet between each person unless they are with Family members as defined in **section I**, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- b. Prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people indoors and **25 people outdoors in accordance with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.**
- c. Implement and adhere to a cleaning schedule for all high-touch surfaces made of plastic or metal such as benches and railings that includes cleaning at least every two hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- d. Establish, train, and deploy a team to educate and promote compliance with beach rules and refer cases of noncompliance to public safety personnel, if appropriate.
- e. Establish procedures for temporary beach closure or access limitations in the event of overcrowding.
- f. Ensure adequate personal protective equipment for all lifeguards.
- g. Perform a disinfectant-level cleaning of all public restrooms every two hours with an EPA-approved disinfectant by staff or volunteers trained to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on cleaning and disinfecting.
- h. For chair and umbrella rental companies, require vendors to set up chairs and umbrellas for customers, maintain at least six feet of distance between groups, and clean equipment between rentals following Environmental Protection Agency and CDC guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting.
- i. Post signage at all public access points to the beaches and other “cluster prone” areas providing health reminders regarding physical distancing, gathering prohibitions, options for high-risk individuals, and staying home if sick. Messaging must be specific to **each** location.
- j. Each locality shall provide daily metrics to its local health department to include beach closures, complaint incidents, police reports of violence related to enforcement, and number of reports of noncompliance to be submitted each Monday.
- k. All employees and contract workers must wear a **mask over their nose and mouth**

**in accordance with section II** when not able to practice physical distancing.

- l. All employees and contract workers must have access to soap and water or hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, and locality should provide best hygiene practices to employees on a regular basis, including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and practicing respiratory etiquette protocols.
- m. Individuals must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth in accordance with **section II**.
- n. Follow enhanced workplace safety best practices outlined in the Guidelines for All Business Sectors.

## **10. Racetracks and Speedways**

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for outdoor speedways and racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).
- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distancing between themselves and other participants who are not Family members as defined below.
- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for campgrounds.
- d. The total number of patrons cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or **1000** persons.
- e. Employees must wear **masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II** while working in their place of employment.
- f. Patrons must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth in accordance with **section II**.
- g. Prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people **indoors and 25 people outdoors** in accordance with **section I**, subsection B.

## **11. Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos**

Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos are outdoor amusement parks and zoos comprised of at least 25 acres of land that contain one or more permanent amusement



exhibits or rides and that host at least 500,000 visitors annually. Large Outdoor Amusement Parks and Zoos may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for large outdoor amusement parks and zoos, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Total occupancy for the venue must not exceed 50 percent the combined occupancy load on the certificates of occupancy for all areas of the venue.
- b. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- c. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- d. Patrons must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth in accordance with **section II**.
- e. Employees must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth **in accordance with section II** while working at their place of employment.
- f. Venues must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons **entering the venue** with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- g. Venues should screen patrons for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue. Patrons should be asked if they are currently experiencing fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or a sense of having a fever, a new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition, a new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition, or new muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise). Anyone experiencing symptoms should not be permitted in the facility. Screenings should be conducted in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.
- h. Any ride, attraction, or theatre at an amusement park that is located indoors, or has queue lines indoors, must remain closed. The amusement park may open indoor restaurants, concessions, gifts shops or retail spaces, and restrooms. On site retail, recreation and fitness, cabins, and food establishments must follow the requirements and guidelines specific to those establishments.
- i. All private bookings are limited to 10 people **indoors and 25 people outdoors in accordance with section I**, subsection B, paragraph 1.

- j. If any such venue cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 12. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, convention centers, expos, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, fairs, carnivals, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, amusement parks and zoos not covered in paragraph 11, and other places of public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for entertainment and public amusement, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The total number of spectators for **indoor venues** cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 250 persons. **The total number of spectators for outdoor venues cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 1000 persons.**
- b. All private bookings are limited to 10 people **indoors** and **25 people outdoors in accordance** with **section I**, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- c. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises **between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m.** Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out **between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m.**, as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
- d. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- e. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- f. Require 10 feet of physical distancing between parties at all establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering; six feet of physical distancing is required in other venues.
- g. If interactive exhibits are in service, post signage to discourage congregating and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Provide hand sanitizer stations around any interactive exhibits. Discontinue any interactive exhibits that pose a risk for children to place items in their mouths.
- h. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard

- surfaces, including check out stations and payment pads, store entrance push/pull pads, door knobs/handles, dining tables/chairs, light switches, handrails, restrooms, guest lockers, floors, and equipment.
- i. Where possible, install plexiglass barriers in front of commonly used point-of-sale or guest service stations.
  - j. Employees are required to wear **masks** over their nose and mouth **in accordance with section II** while working at their place of employment.
  - k. Patrons must wear **masks** over their nose and mouth in accordance with **section II**.
  - l. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering **the place of business** with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
  - m. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### 13. Recreational Sports

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the sector-specific guidelines for recreational sports, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. For sports played indoors, spectators must be limited to 25 persons per field. For sports played outdoors the total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue or 250 spectators per field. Spectators must wear **masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II**. Ten feet of physical distance must be maintained between spectators who are not Family members, as defined in **section I**, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- b. Races or marathons may have up to **1000** participants, provided staggered starts separate runners into groups of 25 or less.
- c. Conduct screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms, **diagnosis of COVID-19, or known exposure to an individual with COVID-19**, prior to admission to the venue/facility.
- d. Employees must wear **masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II** while working in their place of employment.

For more information on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread associated with indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities, consult the Virginia

Department of Health’s “Considerations for Recreational Sports” webpage, which can be found [here](#).

#### 14. Overnight Summer Camps

**Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, may begin operation on May 1, 2021, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for overnight summer camps, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:**

- a. **Employ the use of cohorts for the first 14 days of any camp session. Cohort size may not exceed 25 campers, not including camp personnel.**
- b. **Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and reporting symptoms if sick. Signs must use age-appropriate language to be understandable by campers.**
- c. **All non-camp personnel who enter the camp must wear a mask in accordance with section II below.**
- d. **Campers above the age of five and camp personnel must wear a mask over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.**
- e. **If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.**

#### 15. Enforcement - Business Restrictions

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce **section I**, subsection A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in **section I**, subsection A, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia*, or any other law applicable to these agencies, may enforce this Order as to that business.

## B. OTHER CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS

### 1. All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 10 individuals **indoors and 25 individuals outdoors** are prohibited. A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors. The presence of more than 10 individuals **indoors, or 25 individuals outdoors**, performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational instructional setting is not a “gathering.” The presence of more than 10 individuals **indoors, or 25 individuals outdoors**, in a particular location, such as a park, or retail business is not a “gathering” as long as individuals do not congregate. This restriction does not apply to the gathering of Family members, as defined in **section I**, subsection D, paragraph 2 living in the same residence.

Subject to the following requirements, this restriction shall not bar individuals from attending religious services or assembling for educational instruction with more than 10 **individuals indoors, or 25 individuals outdoors**, provided:

- a. Individuals assembled for educational instruction adhere to the applicable physical distancing and sanitization plan and guidelines of the relevant governing body or educational **entity adopted pursuant to the State Health Commissioner’s Order Public Health Emergency (June 8, 2020)**.
- b. Individuals attending religious services:
  - i. Practice proper physical distancing at all times.
  - ii. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing.
  - iii. Ensure that any items used to distribute food or beverages either should be disposable or washed or cleaned between uses between individuals who are not Family members.
  - iv. Conduct routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces prior to and following any religious service.
  - v. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
  - vi. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
  - vii. Wear **masks over their nose and mouth** in accordance with **section II**.

**viii. Post signage at the entrance of all indoor areas stating that individuals must wear a mask in accordance with this Order.**

**c. Parties attending religious services must be seated at least six feet from other parties.**

If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person. Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in **section I**, subsection B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

## **2. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors.” Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

## **3. Enforcement – Other Restrictions**

Violations of **section I**, subsection B, paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any law enforcement officer as defined in § 9.1-101 of the *Code of Virginia* including the Virginia Department of State Police may enforce these restrictions.

# **C. REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES**

## **1. Essential Retail Businesses**

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers, as well as automotive repair facilities;

- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

Essential Retail Businesses must comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#). Employers are required to provide **masks** to employees. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **2. Enforcement – Essential Retail**

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce **section I**, subsection C of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in **section I**, subsection C, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce **section I**, subsection C of this Order as to that business.

## **D. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION**

### **1. State Agencies**

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

### **2. Family Members**

“Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household or visiting such household pursuant to a child custody arrangement or order. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

### **3. Exceptions**

With the exception of **section I, subsection B, paragraph 1** and **section II** below, nothing in this Order shall limit:

- a. The provision of health care or medical services;
- b. Access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks;
- c. The operations of the media;
- d. The free exercise of religion;**
- e. Law enforcement agencies; or
- f. The operation of government.

## **II. CONTINUED REQUIREMENT TO WEAR MASKS**

### **A. Masks Required – Indoors**

1. All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a **mask** as described and recommended by the CDC if they are in an indoor setting shared by others. This requirement applies to state and local government settings, train stations, bus stations, and intrastate public transportation, including buses, rideshares, trains, taxis, and cars for hire, as well as any waiting or congregating areas associated with boarding public transportation. This requirement shall not apply in any area under federal jurisdiction or control.
2. This restriction does not apply to persons inside their personal residence.



## B. Masks Required – Outdoors

All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a **mask**, as described and recommended by the CDC, when outdoors and unable to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from other individuals who are not Family members as defined in **section I**, subsection D, paragraph 2.

## C. Masks Required – Employees

All employees of all businesses listed in **section I**, subsections A and C shall wear a mask while working at their place of employment.

## D. Masks – Enforcement

1. The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce **section II** of this Order. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
2. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in **section I**, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce **section II** of this Order as to that business.
3. Violations of **section II**, subsection A of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* and enforceable by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
4. No minor shall be subject to criminal penalty for failure to wear a **mask**. Adults accompanying minors should use the adult's best judgment with respect to placing **masks** on a minor between the ages of two through four while inside the public areas noted above. Adults accompanying minors age five through 18 shall use reasonable efforts to prompt the minor to wear **masks** while inside the public areas noted above.
5. Medical-grade masks and personal protective equipment should be reserved for medical personnel. The use of cloth **masks** does not replace the need to maintain **the required** physical distancing, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces routinely in all public settings, stay home when sick, and practice frequent handwashing.

## E. Masks – Exceptions

The requirement to wear a **mask over one's nose and mouth** does not apply to the following:

1. While eating or drinking;
2. Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
3. Any person who is playing a musical instrument when wearing a **mask** would inhibit the playing of the instrument (e.g. wind instrument) so long as at least 10 feet of physical distancing can be maintained from other persons, whether the rehearsal or performance is indoors or outdoors;
4. Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the **mask** without assistance;
5. Any person seeking to communicate with people who are deaf or hard of hearing and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
6. When temporary removal of the **mask** is necessary to secure government or medical services;
7. When necessary to participate in a religious ritual; and
8. Persons with health conditions or disabilities that prohibit wearing a **mask**. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a **mask** by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. Adaptations and alternatives for individuals with health conditions or disabilities should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a **mask** to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.

Any person who declines to wear a **mask** because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

## F. Masks – Waiver

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until **11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021**, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

### III. CONSTRUCTION WITH REGULATIONS


Where the Final Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19 adopted by the Safety and Health Codes Board of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry conflicts with requirements and guidelines applicable to businesses in this Order, this Order governs.

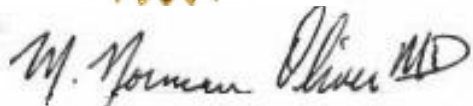
#### Effective Date of this Executive Order

This Order is in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020). Further, this Order shall be effective **at 12:00 midnight on March 1, 2021**, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.


Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021**.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
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M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**FOURTH AMENDED NUMBER SEVENTY-TWO (2021)**

**AND**

**ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY NINE**

**FURTHER EASING OF COMMONSENSE SURGE RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

In December 2020, as case counts and positivity rates rose, Executive Order 72 imposed additional temporary restrictions to stem the surge of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth. Currently, Virginia's seven-day moving average of new COVID-19 cases is more than 1,211 per day, which is higher than at any point in the first nine months of the pandemic. Virginia's seven-day PCR percent test positivity rate is 5.4 percent. The statewide rate of COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations (2.3 per 100,000) is below the threshold of concern (3.5 per 100,000). The daily case incidence rate is 17.6 per 100,000, which is above the threshold of concern (14.3 per 100,000) and cases have been increasing for seven days. Therefore, the health data makes it clear that, while Executive Order 72's temporary restrictions can continue to be eased slightly, they must largely remain in place a little longer. In addition, every Virginian must continue to practice measures that are proven to keep people safe: avoid gatherings with anyone outside your household, practice hand sanitation, maintain proper physical distance from others, stay home when possible, and wear masks while indoors and in public. We have to continue to work together to keep each other safe.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## I. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS

### A. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

#### 1. All Businesses

Any business not listed in section I, subsections A or C below must adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. This guidance is located [here](#).

#### 2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor service, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. in any restaurant, dining establishment, food court, brewery, microbrewery, distillery, winery, or tasting room. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
- b. Closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to offer delivery and take-out services between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m.
- c. **All private bookings are limited to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors, and must comply with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.**
- d. All parties must be separated by at least six feet, including in the bar area. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart, including in the bar area.
- e. Customers may be provided with self-service options. Facilities must provide hand sanitizer at food lines and require the use of barriers (e.g., gloves or deli paper) when employees or patrons touch common utensils. Food lines must be monitored by trained staff at all times of operation, and serving utensils must be changed hourly.

- f. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. **Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.**
- g. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth, except while eating or drinking in accordance with section II.
- h. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted during operation. Tabletops must be cleaned in between patrons.
- i. Bar seats and congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Non-bar seating in the bar area (i.e., tables or counter seats that do not line up to a bar or food service area) may be used for customer seating as long as a minimum of six feet is provided between parties at tables.
- j. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### 3. Farmers' Markets

Farmers' markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers' markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times. Employees and vendors must, where possible, configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
- b. Employees and vendors must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. **Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.**
- c. Employees and vendors must routinely clean and disinfect frequently-contacted surfaces during operation.
- d. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth according to section II.
- e. Farmers' markets must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

#### 4. **Brick and Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed in Section I, Subsection C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)**

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section I, subsection C, paragraph 1 below may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidance for brick and mortar retail expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between individuals who are not Family members, as defined below in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times.
- b. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. **Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.**
- c. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth according to section II.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

#### 5. **Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may continue to operate indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2, must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities except where necessary for the physical safety of an individual.
- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2, must maintain at least ten feet of physical distance between each other at all times, with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- c. Occupancy must be limited to 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- d. The total number of attendees (including both participants and instructors) in all indoor group exercise and fitness classes cannot exceed the lesser of 75 percent of the minimum occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or **50 persons**. For all group exercise and fitness classes held outdoors, the total number of attendees cannot exceed **100 persons**.

- e. Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features, except water slides, must be closed.
- f. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members as defined below in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- g. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement. **Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.**
- h. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth according to section II.
- i. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared exercise equipment after each use.
- j. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- k. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Service providers must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between work stations.
- b. Service providers and employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. **Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.**
- c. Service providers must provide masks for clients or ask that clients bring a mask with them, which they must wear over their nose and mouth during the service, except when treating the areas of the nose and mouth.
- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted



during operation. All personal care and personal grooming tools should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.

- e. All private bookings are limited to **50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors**, and must comply with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 7. Campgrounds

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. **Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.**
- b. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.
- c. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 8. Indoor Shooting Ranges

Indoor shooting ranges may continue to operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between individuals who are not Family members as defined below in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 at all times.
- b. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working in their place of employment. **Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.**
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces during operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth according to section II.

- e. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 9. Racetracks and Speedways

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for outdoor speedways and racetracks expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).
- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between themselves and other participants who are not Family members as defined below.
- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidance for campgrounds.
- d. The total number of patrons cannot exceed 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- e. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working in their place of employment. **Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.**
- f. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.
- g. Prohibit gatherings of more than **50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors** in accordance with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.

## 10. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, convention centers, expos, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, fairs, carnivals, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, amusement parks and zoos, and other places of public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for entertainment and public amusement, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The total number of spectators indoors cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, **or 500 persons. The total number of spectators for outdoor venues cannot exceed 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy. If no occupancy load has been determined, a ratio of 40 square feet per person shall be used to determine**

**occupancy limits – only square footage that is likely to be accessed may be included. For example, a 100,000 square foot outdoor venue would have an occupancy load of 2,500 – of which no more than 30% (750 persons) shall be permitted.**

- b. All private bookings are limited to **50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors** in accordance with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- c. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
- d. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- e. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- f. Require ten feet of physical distance between parties at all establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering; six feet of physical distance is required in other venues.
- g. If interactive exhibits are in service, post signage to discourage congregating and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Provide hand sanitizer stations around any interactive exhibits. Discontinue any interactive exhibits that pose a risk for children to place items in their mouths.
- h. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard surfaces.
- i. Employees are required to wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. **Exceptions noted in section II do not apply. Employees who must remove their mask to play a wind instrument during a performance or rehearsal are exempt from this requirement as long as they maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others.**
- j. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.
- k. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- l. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 11. Recreational Sports

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the sector-specific guidelines for recreational sports, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. For sports played indoors, **the total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue, or 100 persons per field.** For sports played outdoors, the total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue or **500 spectators** per field. Spectators must wear masks over their nose and mouth at all times, and ten feet of physical distance must be maintained between spectators who are not Family members, as defined in section 1, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- b. Races or marathons **must use a ratio of 40 square feet per person to determine occupancy limits – only square footage that is likely to be accessed may be included. For example, a 100,000 square foot race course would have an occupancy load of 2,500 – of which no more than 30% (750 persons) shall be permitted.** Races and marathons organizers must stagger starts and separate runners into groups of **50** or less.
- c. Conduct screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms, diagnosis of COVID-19, or known exposure to an individual with COVID-19, prior to admission to the venue/facility.
- d. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working in their place of employment. **Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.**

For more information on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread associated with indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities, consult the Virginia Department of Health’s “Considerations for Recreational Sports” webpage, which can be found [here](#).

## 12. Overnight Summer Camps

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, may begin operation on May 1, 2021 provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for overnight summer camps, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employ the use of cohorts for the first 14 days of any camp session. Cohort size may not exceed 25 campers, not including camp personnel.

- b. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and reporting symptoms if sick. Signs must use age-appropriate language to be understandable by campers.
- c. All non-camp personnel who enter the camp must wear a mask in accordance with section II below.
- d. Campers above the age of five and camp personnel must wear a mask as required by section II below.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### 13. Enforcement - Business Restrictions

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section I, subsection A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section I, subsection A, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia*, or any other law applicable to these agencies, may enforce this Order as to that business.

## B. OTHER CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS

### 1. All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than **50 individuals indoors and 100 individuals outdoors are prohibited**. A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors. The presence of more than **50 individuals indoors, or 100 individuals outdoors**, performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational instructional setting is not a “gathering.” The presence of more than **50 individuals indoors, or 100 individuals outdoors**, in a particular location, such as a park, or retail business is not a “gathering” as long as individuals do not congregate. This restriction does not apply to the gathering of Family members, as

defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 living in the same residence.

Subject to the following requirements, this restriction shall not bar individuals from attending religious services or assembling **in an educational instructional setting** with more than **50 individuals indoors, or 100 individuals outdoors**, provided:

- a. Individuals assembled **in an educational instructional setting** adhere to the applicable physical distancing and sanitization plan and guidelines of the relevant governing body or educational entity adopted pursuant to the State Health Commissioner's Order Public Health Emergency (June 8, 2020).
- b. Individuals attending religious services:
  - i. Practice proper physical distancing at all times.
  - ii. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing.
  - iii. Ensure that any items used to distribute food or beverages either should be disposable or washed or cleaned between uses between individuals who are not Family members.
  - iv. Conduct routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces prior to and following any religious service.
  - v. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
  - vi. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
  - vii. Wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II below.
  - viii. Post signage at the entrance of all indoor areas stating that individuals must wear a mask in accordance with this Order.
- c. Parties attending religious services must be seated at least six feet apart from other parties.

If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person. Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section I, subsection B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

**“Educational instructional settings” include, but are not limited, to a program**

**sponsored, organized, and implemented by an educational institution to award a degree or diploma to its students for the successful completion of a course of study from the educational institution. Graduations and commencement ceremonies must follow the guidelines found here.**

## **2. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors.” Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

## **3. Enforcement – Other Restrictions**

Violations of section I, subsection B, paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any law enforcement officer as defined in § 9.1-101 of the *Code of Virginia* including the Virginia Department of State Police may enforce these restrictions.

## **C. REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES**

### **1. Essential Retail Businesses**

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers, as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;

- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

Essential Retail Businesses must comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#). Employers are required to provide masks to employees. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 2. Enforcement – Essential Retail

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section I, subsection C of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section I, subsection C, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section I, subsection C of this Order as to that business.

## D. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION

### 1. State Agencies

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or



foreclosures.

## **2. Family Members**

“Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household or visiting such household pursuant to a child custody arrangement or order. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

## **3. Exceptions**

With the exception of section I, subsection B, paragraph 1, subparagraph b and section II below, nothing in this Order shall limit:

- a. The provision of health care or medical services;
- b. Access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks;
- c. The operations of the media;
- d. The free exercise of religion;
- e. Law enforcement agencies; or
- f. The operation of government.

## **II. CONTINUED REQUIREMENT TO WEAR MASKS**

### **A. Masks Required – Indoors**

1. All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask as described and recommended by the CDC if they are in an indoor setting shared by others. This requirement applies to state and local government settings, train stations, bus stations, and intrastate public transportation, including buses, rideshares, trains, taxis, and cars for hire, as well as any waiting or congregating areas associated with boarding public transportation. This requirement shall not apply in any area under federal jurisdiction or control.
2. This restriction does not apply to persons inside their personal residence.

## B. Masks Required – Outdoors

All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask, as described and recommended by the CDC, when outdoors and unable to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from other individuals who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.

## C. Masks Required – Employees

All employees of all businesses listed in section I, subsections A and C shall wear a mask while working at their place of employment. **Exceptions noted in section E do not apply.**

## D. Masks – Enforcement

1. The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section II of this Order. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
2. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section I, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section II of this Order as to that business.
3. Violations of section II, subsection A of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* and enforceable by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
4. No minor shall be subject to criminal penalty for failure to wear a mask. Adults accompanying minors should use the adult's best judgment with respect to placing masks on a minor between the ages of two through four while inside the public areas noted above. Adults accompanying minors age five through 18 shall use reasonable efforts to prompt the minor to wear masks while inside the public areas noted above.
5. Medical-grade masks and personal protective equipment should be reserved for medical personnel. The use of cloth masks does not replace the need to maintain the required physical distancing, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces routinely in all public settings, stay home when sick, and practice frequent handwashing.

## **E. Masks – Exceptions**

1. The requirement to wear a mask over one's nose and mouth does not apply to the following:
  - a. While eating or drinking;
  - b. Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
  - c. Any person who is playing a musical instrument when wearing a mask would inhibit the playing of the instrument (e.g. wind instrument) so long as at least ten feet of physical distance can be maintained from other persons, whether the rehearsal or performance is indoors or outdoors;
  - d. Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance;
  - e. Any person seeking to communicate with people who are deaf or hard of hearing and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
  - f. When temporary removal of the mask is necessary to secure government or medical services;
  - g. When necessary to participate in a religious ritual; and
  - h. Persons with health conditions or disabilities that prohibit wearing a mask. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a mask by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. Adaptations and alternatives for individuals with health conditions or disabilities should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a mask to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.
2. Any person who declines to wear a mask because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

## **F. Masks – Waiver**

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021, unless amended or rescinded by

further executive order.

### III. CONSTRUCTION WITH REGULATIONS

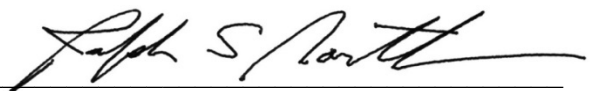
Where the Final Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19 adopted by the Safety and Health Codes Board of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry conflicts with requirements and guidelines applicable to businesses in this Order, this Order governs.

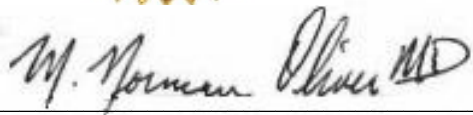
#### Effective Date of this Executive Order

This Order is in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020). Further, this Order shall be effective **at 12:00 midnight on April 1, 2021**, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

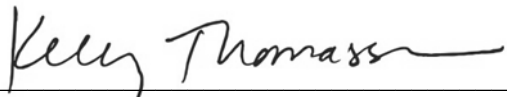
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021**.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **FIFTH AMENDED NUMBER SEVENTY-TWO (2021)**

**AND**

### **ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY NINE**

### **FURTHER EASING OF COMMONSENSE SURGE RESTRICTIONS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

In December 2020, as case counts and positivity rates rose, Executive Order 72 imposed additional temporary restrictions to stem the surge of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth. Currently, Virginia's seven-day moving average of new COVID-19 cases is **1,348** per day, which is higher than at any point in the first nine months of the pandemic. Virginia's seven-day PCR percent test positivity rate is **6.1** percent. The statewide rate of COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations (**2.8** per 100,000) is below the threshold of concern (3.5 per 100,000). The daily case incidence rate, however, is **15.8** per 100,000, which is above the threshold of concern (14.3 per 100,000). Cases have been **decreasing for six days, but this is considered to be a fluctuating trend**. Therefore, the health data makes it clear that Executive Order 72's temporary restrictions must largely remain in place a little longer. In addition, every Virginian must continue to practice measures that are proven to keep people safe: avoid gatherings with anyone outside your household, practice hand sanitation, maintain proper physical distance from others, stay home when possible, and wear masks while indoors and in public. We have to continue to work together to keep each other safe.

#### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## I. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS

### A. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

#### 1. All Businesses

Any business not listed in section I, subsections A or C must adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. The guidelines are located [here](#).

#### 2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor service, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidelines for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. in any restaurant, dining establishment, food court, brewery, microbrewery, distillery, winery, or tasting room. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
- b. Closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to offer delivery and take-out services between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m.
- c. All private bookings are limited to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors, and must comply with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- d. All parties must be separated by at least six feet, including in the bar area. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart, including in the bar area.
- e. Customers may be provided with self-service options. Facilities must provide hand sanitizer at food lines and require the use of barriers (e.g., gloves or deli paper) when employees or patrons touch common utensils. Food lines must be monitored by trained staff at all times of operation, and serving utensils must be changed hourly.

- f. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- g. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth, except while eating or drinking, in accordance with section II.
- h. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted during operation. Tabletops must be cleaned in-between patrons.
- i. **Congregating** areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. **Patrons may be seated at the bar for service, provided a minimum of six feet is provided between parties.**
- j. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### 3. Farmers' Markets

Farmers' markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers' markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between individuals who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 at all times. Employees and vendors must, where possible, configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
- b. Employees and vendors must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- c. Employees and vendors must routinely clean and disinfect frequently-contacted surfaces during operation.
- d. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth according to section II.
- e. Farmers' markets must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

#### **4. Brick and Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed in Section I, Subsection C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)**

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section I, subsection C, paragraph 1 may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for brick and mortar retail incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between individuals who are not Family members, as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times.
- b. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- c. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth according to section II.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

#### **5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may continue to operate indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2, must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities except where necessary for the physical safety of an individual.
- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 must maintain at least ten feet of physical distance between each other at all times with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- c. Occupancy must be limited to 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- d. The total number of attendees (including both participants and instructors) in all indoor group exercise and fitness classes cannot exceed the lesser of 75 percent of the minimum occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or 50 persons. For all group exercise and fitness classes held outdoors, the total number of attendees cannot exceed 100 persons.



- e. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- f. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- g. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth according to section II.
- h. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared exercise equipment after each use.
- i. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- j. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Service providers must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between work stations.
- b. Service providers and employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- c. Service providers must provide masks for clients or ask that clients bring a mask with them, which they must wear over their nose and mouth during the service, except when treating the areas of the nose and mouth.
- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted during operation. All personal care and personal grooming tools should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
- e. All private bookings are limited to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors, and must

comply with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.

- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **7. Campgrounds**

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate, provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- b. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.
- c. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **8. Indoor Shooting Ranges**

Indoor shooting ranges may continue to operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between individuals who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 at all times.
- b. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working in their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces during operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth according to section II.
- e. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 9. Racetracks and Speedways

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for outdoor speedways and racetracks incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).
- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between themselves and other participants who are not Family members as defined section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidelines for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds.
- d. The total number of patrons cannot exceed 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- e. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working in their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- f. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.
- g. Prohibit gatherings of more than 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors in accordance with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.

## 10. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, convention centers, expos, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, fairs, carnivals, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, amusement parks and zoos, and other places of public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for entertainment and public amusement incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The total number of spectators indoors cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 500 persons. The total number of spectators for outdoor venues cannot exceed 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy. If no occupancy load has been determined, a ratio of 40 square feet per person shall be used to determine occupancy limits – only square footage that is likely to be accessed may be included. For example, a

100,000 square foot outdoor venue would have an occupancy load of 2,500 – of which no more than 30% (750 persons) shall be permitted.

- b. All private bookings are limited to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors in accordance with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- c. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
- d. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- e. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- f. Require **six** feet of physical distance between parties.
- g. If interactive exhibits are in service, post signage to discourage congregating and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Provide hand sanitizer stations around any interactive exhibits. Discontinue any interactive exhibits that pose a risk for children to place items in their mouths.
- h. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard surfaces.
- i. Employees are required to wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply. Employees who must remove their mask to play a wind or brass instrument during a performance or rehearsal are exempt from this requirement as long as they maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others.
- j. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.
- k. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- l. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 11. Recreational Sports

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the sector-specific guidelines for

recreational sports incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. For sports played indoors, the total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue, or 100 persons per field. For sports played outdoors, the total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue or 500 spectators per field. Spectators must wear masks over their nose and mouth at all times, and **six** feet of physical distance must be maintained between spectators who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- b. Races or marathons must use a ratio of 40 square feet per person to determine occupancy limits – only square footage that is likely to be accessed may be included. For example, a 100,000 square foot race course would have an occupancy load of 2,500 – of which no more than 30% (750 persons) shall be permitted. **Indoor** race organizers must stagger starts and separate runners into groups of 50 or less. **Outdoor races, such as cross country races or marathons where physical distancing of runners can be maintained, may include no more than 100 runners per grouping.**
- c. Conduct screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms, diagnosis of COVID-19, or known exposure to an individual with COVID-19, prior to admission to the venue/facility.
- d. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working in their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.

For more information on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread associated with indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities, consult the Virginia Department of Health’s “Considerations for Recreational Sports” webpage, which can be found [here](#).

## 12. Overnight Summer Camps

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, may begin operation on May 1, 2021, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for overnight summer camps incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employ the use of cohorts for the first 14 days of any camp session. Cohort size may not exceed 25 campers, not including camp personnel.
- b. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and reporting symptoms if sick. Signs must use age-appropriate language to be understandable by campers.

- c. All non-camp personnel who enter the camp must wear a mask in accordance with section II.
- d. Campers above the age of five and camp personnel must wear a mask as required by section II.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### 13. Enforcement - Business Restrictions

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section I, subsection A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section I, subsection A, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia*, or any other law applicable to these agencies, may enforce this Order as to that business.

## B. OTHER CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS

### 1. All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 50 individuals indoors and 100 individuals outdoors are prohibited. A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors. The presence of more than 50 individuals indoors, or 100 individuals outdoors, performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational setting as defined below is not a “gathering.” The presence of more than 50 individuals indoors, or 100 individuals outdoors, in a particular location, such as a park, or retail business is not a “gathering” as long as individuals do not congregate. This restriction does not apply to the gathering of Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 living in the same residence.

## 2. Exceptions to All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings

- a. Subject to the following requirements, **the restriction in section I, subsection B paragraph 1** shall not bar individuals from attending religious services with more than 50 individuals indoors, or 100 individuals outdoors provided individuals attending religious services:
  - i. Practice proper physical distancing at all times.
  - ii. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing.
  - iii. Ensure that any items used to distribute food or beverages either should be disposable or washed or cleaned between uses between individuals who are not Family members.
  - iv. Conduct routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces prior to and following any religious service.
  - v. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
  - vi. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
  - vii. Wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.
  - viii. Post signage at the entrance of all indoor areas stating that individuals must wear a mask in accordance with this Order.

Parties attending religious services must be seated at least six feet apart from other parties.

If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person. Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section I, subsection B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

### **b. Individuals may gather in the following educational settings:**

#### **i. Instructional settings**

**A. Instructional settings include, but are not limited to, any assemblage of students, teachers, administrators, or other school staff for the purpose of: (1) educational instruction, or (2) conducting activities that are related to**

**educational instruction or result from educational instruction. Other social events or gatherings, even if school-sponsored or held on school property (such as PTA meetings, dances, fundraisers, and other similar events), are subject to the gathering restriction in section I, subsection B, paragraph 1. This is true even if such events occur in connection with an exempt educational event.**

B. Individuals assembled in an instructional setting must adhere to the applicable physical distancing and sanitization plan and guidelines of the relevant governing body or educational entity adopted pursuant to the State Health Commissioner's Order Public Health Emergency (June 8, 2020).

## **ii. Graduation and commencement ceremonies**

A. Graduation and commencement ceremonies are programs sponsored, organized, and implemented by an educational institution to award a degree or diploma to its students for the successful completion of a course of study from the educational institution.

B. Graduation and commencement ceremonies must follow the guidelines found [here](#).

## **iii. School performances**

**A. School performances are theatrical and musical performances where the performers and participants are students, teachers, administrators, and other school staff.**

**B. School performances must follow the guidelines found [here](#).**

## **3. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the "Guidelines for All Business Sectors." Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

## **4. Enforcement – Other Restrictions**

Violations of section I, subsection B, paragraph 1 and **paragraph 2, subparagraph a** of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any



law enforcement officer as defined in § 9.1-101 of the *Code of Virginia* including the Virginia Department of State Police may enforce these restrictions.

## **C. REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES**

### **1. Essential Retail Businesses**

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers, as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

Essential Retail Businesses must comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#). Employers are required to provide masks to employees. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 2. Enforcement – Essential Retail

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section I, subsection C of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section I, subsection C, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section I, subsection C of this Order as to that business.

## D. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION

### 1. State Agencies

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

### 2. Family Members

“Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household or visiting such household pursuant to a child custody arrangement or order. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

### 3. Exceptions

With the exception of section I, subsection B, **paragraph 2, subparagraph a** and section II, nothing in this Order shall limit:

- a. The provision of health care or medical services;
- b. Access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks;

- c. The operations of the media;
- d. The free exercise of religion;
- e. Law enforcement agencies; or
- f. The operation of government.

## **II. CONTINUED REQUIREMENT TO WEAR MASKS**

### **A. Masks Required – Indoors**

1. All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask as described and recommended by the CDC if they are in an indoor setting shared by others. This requirement applies to state and local government settings, train stations, bus stations, and intrastate public transportation, including buses, rideshares, trains, taxis, and cars for hire, as well as any waiting or congregating areas associated with boarding public transportation. This requirement shall not apply in any area under federal jurisdiction or control.
2. This restriction does not apply to persons inside their personal residence.

### **B. Masks Required – Outdoors**

All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask, as described and recommended by the CDC, when outdoors and unable to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from other individuals who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.

### **C. Masks Required – Employees**

All employees of all businesses listed in section I, subsections A and C shall wear a mask while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II, subsection E do not apply.

### **D. Masks – Enforcement**

1. The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section II of this Order. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
2. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section I, including

but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section II of this Order as to that business.

3. Violations of section II, subsection A of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* and enforceable by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
4. No minor shall be subject to criminal penalty for failure to wear a mask. Adults accompanying minors should use the adult's best judgment with respect to placing masks on a minor between the ages of two through four while inside the public areas noted above. Adults accompanying minors age five through 18 shall use reasonable efforts to prompt the minor to wear masks while inside the public areas noted above.
5. Medical-grade masks and personal protective equipment should be reserved for medical personnel. The use of cloth masks does not replace the need to maintain the required physical distancing, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces routinely in all public settings, stay home when sick, and practice frequent handwashing.

#### **E. Masks – Exceptions**

1. The requirement to wear a mask over one's nose and mouth does not apply to the following:
  - a. While eating or drinking;
  - b. Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
  - c. Any person who is playing a musical instrument when wearing a mask would inhibit the playing of the instrument (e.g. wind or brass instrument) so long as at least ten feet of physical distance can be maintained from other persons, whether the rehearsal or performance is indoors or outdoors;
  - d. Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance;
  - e. Any person seeking to communicate with people who are deaf or hard of hearing and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
  - f. When temporary removal of the mask is necessary to secure government or medical services;
  - g. When necessary to participate in a religious ritual; and

h. Persons with health conditions or disabilities that prohibit wearing a mask. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a mask by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. Adaptations and alternatives for individuals with health conditions or disabilities should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a mask to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.

2. Any person who declines to wear a mask because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

#### **F. Masks – Waiver**

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

### **III. CONSTRUCTION WITH REGULATIONS**

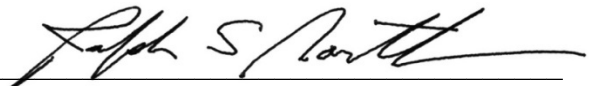
Where the Final Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19 adopted by the Safety and Health Codes Board of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry conflicts with requirements and guidelines applicable to businesses in this Order, this Order governs.

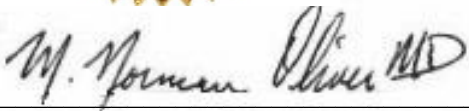
**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order is in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020). Further, this Order shall be effective **immediately**, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

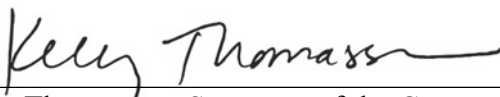
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **this 21st day of April, 2021.**



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**SIXTH AMENDED NUMBER SEVENTY-TWO (2021)**

**AND**

**ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY NINE**

**FURTHER EASING OF COMMONSENSE SURGE RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

In December 2020, as case counts and positivity rates rose, Executive Order 72 imposed additional temporary restrictions to stem the surge of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth. Currently, Virginia's seven-day moving average of new COVID-19 cases is 1,348 per day, which is higher than at any point in the first nine months of the pandemic. Virginia's seven-day PCR percent test positivity rate is 6.1 percent. The statewide rate of COVID-19 ICU hospitalizations (2.8 per 100,000) is below the threshold of concern (3.5 per 100,000). The daily case incidence rate, however, is 15.8 per 100,000, which is above the threshold of concern (14.3 per 100,000). Cases have been decreasing for six days, but this is considered to be a fluctuating trend. Therefore, the health data makes it clear that Executive Order 72's temporary restrictions must largely remain in place a little longer. In addition, every Virginian must continue to practice measures that are proven to keep people safe: avoid gatherings with anyone outside your household, practice hand sanitation, maintain proper physical distance from others, stay home when possible, and wear masks while indoors and in public. We have to continue to work together to keep each other safe.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## I. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS

### A. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

#### 1. All Businesses

Any business not listed in section I, subsections A or C must adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. The guidelines are located [here](#).

#### 2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor service, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidelines for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. in any restaurant, dining establishment, food court, brewery, microbrewery, distillery, winery, or tasting room. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
- b. Closure of all dining and congregation areas in restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to offer delivery and take-out services between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m.
- c. All private bookings are limited to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors, and must comply with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- d. All parties must be separated by at least six feet, including in the bar area. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart, including in the bar area.
- e. Customers may be provided with self-service options. Facilities must provide hand sanitizer at food lines and require the use of barriers (e.g., gloves or deli paper) when employees or patrons touch common utensils. Food lines must be monitored by trained staff at all times of operation, and serving utensils must be changed hourly.



- f. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- g. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth, except while eating or drinking, in accordance with section II.
- h. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted during operation. Tabletops must be cleaned in-between patrons.
- i. Congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Patrons may be seated at the bar for service, provided a minimum of six feet is provided between parties.
- j. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### **3. Farmers' Markets**

Farmers' markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers' markets incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between individuals who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 at all times. Employees and vendors must, where possible, configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
- b. Employees and vendors must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- c. Employees and vendors must routinely clean and disinfect frequently-contacted surfaces during operation.
- d. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth according to section II.
- e. Farmers' markets must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

#### **4. Brick and Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed in Section I, Subsection C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)**

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section I, subsection C, paragraph 1 may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for brick and mortar retail incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between individuals who are not Family members, as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times.
- b. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- c. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth according to section II.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

#### **5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may continue to operate indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2, must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities except where necessary for the physical safety of an individual.
- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 must maintain at least ten feet of physical distance between each other at all times with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- c. Occupancy must be limited to 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- d. The total number of attendees (including both participants and instructors) in all indoor group exercise and fitness classes cannot exceed the lesser of 75 percent of the minimum occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or 50 persons. For all group exercise and fitness classes held outdoors, the total number of attendees cannot exceed 100 persons.

- e. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- f. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- g. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth according to section II.
- h. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared exercise equipment after each use.
- i. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- j. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services**

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Service providers must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between work stations.
- b. Service providers and employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- c. Service providers must provide masks for clients or ask that clients bring a mask with them, which they must wear over their nose and mouth during the service, except when treating the areas of the nose and mouth.
- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted during operation. All personal care and personal grooming tools should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
- e. All private bookings are limited to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors, and must

comply with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.

- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **7. Campgrounds**

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate, provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- b. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.
- c. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## **8. Indoor Shooting Ranges**

Indoor shooting ranges may continue to operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between individuals who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 at all times.
- b. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working in their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces during operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth according to section II.
- e. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 9. Racetracks and Speedways

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for outdoor speedways and racetracks incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).
- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between themselves and other participants who are not Family members as defined section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidelines for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds.
- d. The total number of patrons cannot exceed 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- e. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working in their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- f. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.
- g. Prohibit gatherings of more than 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors in accordance with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.

## 10. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, convention centers, expos, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, fairs, carnivals, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, amusement parks and zoos, and other places of public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for entertainment and public amusement incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The total number of spectators indoors cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 500 persons. The total number of spectators for outdoor venues cannot exceed 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy. If no occupancy load has been determined, a ratio of 40 square feet per person shall be used to determine occupancy limits – only square footage that is likely to be accessed may be included. For example, a

100,000 square foot outdoor venue would have an occupancy load of 2,500 – of which no more than 30% (750 persons) shall be permitted.

- b. All private bookings are limited to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors in accordance with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- c. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, consumed, or possessed on premises between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. Alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold via delivery or take-out between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m., as permitted by existing regulations promulgated by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
- d. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- e. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- f. Require six feet of physical distance between parties.
- g. If interactive exhibits are in service, post signage to discourage congregating and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Provide hand sanitizer stations around any interactive exhibits. Discontinue any interactive exhibits that pose a risk for children to place items in their mouths.
- h. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard surfaces.
- i. Employees are required to wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply. Employees who must remove their mask to play a wind or brass instrument during a performance or rehearsal are exempt from this requirement as long as they maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others.
- j. Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.
- k. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- l. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 11. Recreational Sports

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the sector-specific guidelines for

recreational sports incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. For sports played indoors, the total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue, or 100 persons per field. For sports played outdoors, the total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue or **1000** spectators per field. Spectators must wear masks over their nose and mouth at all times, and six feet of physical distance must be maintained between spectators who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- b. Races or marathons must use a ratio of 40 square feet per person to determine occupancy limits – only square footage that is likely to be accessed may be included. For example, a 100,000 square foot race course would have an occupancy load of 2,500 – of which no more than 30% (750 persons) shall be permitted. Indoor race organizers must stagger starts and separate runners into groups of 50 or less. Outdoor races, such as cross country races or marathons where physical distancing of runners can be maintained, may include no more than 100 runners per grouping.
- c. Conduct screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms, diagnosis of COVID-19, or known exposure to an individual with COVID-19, prior to admission to the venue/facility.
- d. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working in their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.

For more information on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread associated with indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities, consult the Virginia Department of Health’s “Considerations for Recreational Sports” webpage, which can be found [here](#).

## 12. **Overnight Summer Camps**

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, may begin operation on May 1, 2021, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for overnight summer camps incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employ the use of cohorts for the first 14 days of any camp session. Cohort size may not exceed 25 campers, not including camp personnel.
- b. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and reporting symptoms if sick. Signs must use age-appropriate language to be understandable by campers.

- c. All non-camp personnel who enter the camp must wear a mask in accordance with section II.
- d. Campers above the age of five and camp personnel must wear a mask as required by section II.
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### 13. Enforcement - Business Restrictions

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section I, subsection A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section I, subsection A, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia*, or any other law applicable to these agencies, may enforce this Order as to that business.

## B. OTHER CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS

### 1. All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 50 individuals indoors and 100 individuals outdoors are prohibited. A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors. The presence of more than 50 individuals indoors, or 100 individuals outdoors, performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational setting as defined below is not a “gathering.” The presence of more than 50 individuals indoors, or 100 individuals outdoors, in a particular location, such as a park, or retail business is not a “gathering” as long as individuals do not congregate. This restriction does not apply to the gathering of Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 living in the same residence.



## 2. Exceptions to All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings

- a. Subject to the following requirements, the restriction in section I, subsection B paragraph 1 shall not bar individuals from attending religious services with more than 50 individuals indoors, or 100 individuals outdoors provided individuals attending religious services:
  - i. Practice proper physical distancing at all times.
  - ii. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing.
  - iii. Ensure that any items used to distribute food or beverages either should be disposable or washed or cleaned between uses between individuals who are not Family members.
  - iv. Conduct routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces prior to and following any religious service.
  - v. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
  - vi. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
  - vii. Wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with section II.
  - viii. Post signage at the entrance of all indoor areas stating that individuals must wear a mask in accordance with this Order.

Parties attending religious services must be seated at least six feet apart from other parties.

If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in-person. Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section I, subsection B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidance can be found [here](#).

### **b. Individuals may gather in the following educational settings:**

#### **i. Instructional settings**

A. Instructional settings include, but are not limited to, any assemblage of students, teachers, administrators, or other school staff for the purpose of: (1) educational instruction, or (2) conducting activities that are related to educational instruction or result from educational instruction. Other social events or

gatherings, even if school-sponsored or held on school property (such as PTA meetings, dances, fundraisers, and other similar events), are subject to the gathering restriction in section I, subsection B, paragraph 1. This is true even if such events occur in connection with an exempt educational event.

B. Individuals assembled in an instructional setting must adhere to the applicable physical distancing and sanitization plan and guidelines of the relevant governing body or educational entity adopted pursuant to the State Health Commissioner's Order Public Health Emergency (June 8, 2020).

## **ii. Graduation and commencement ceremonies**

A. Graduation and commencement ceremonies are programs sponsored, organized, and implemented by an educational institution to award a degree or diploma to its students for the successful completion of a course of study from the educational institution.

B. Graduation and commencement ceremonies must follow the guidelines found [here](#).

## **iii. School performances**

A. School performances are theatrical and musical performances where the performers and participants are students, teachers, administrators, and other school staff.

B. School performances must follow the guidelines found [here](#).

## **3. Institutions of Higher Education**

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the "Guidelines for All Business Sectors." Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

## **4. Enforcement – Other Restrictions**

Violations of section I, subsection B, paragraph 1 and paragraph 2, subparagraph a of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any law enforcement officer as defined in § 9.1-101 of the *Code of Virginia* including the Virginia Department of State Police may enforce these restrictions.

## C. REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES

### 1. Essential Retail Businesses

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers, as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

Essential Retail Businesses must comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#). Employers are required to provide masks to employees. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 2. Enforcement – Essential Retail

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section I, subsection C of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section I, subsection C, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section I, subsection C of this Order as to that business.

## D. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION

### 1. State Agencies

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

### 2. Family Members

“Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household or visiting such household pursuant to a child custody arrangement or order. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

### 3. Exceptions

With the exception of section I, subsection B, paragraph 2, subparagraph a and section II, nothing in this Order shall limit:

- a. The provision of health care or medical services;
- b. Access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks;

- c. The operations of the media;
- d. The free exercise of religion;
- e. Law enforcement agencies; or
- f. The operation of government.

## **II. CONTINUED REQUIREMENT TO WEAR MASKS**

### **A. Masks Required – Indoors**

1. All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask, as described and recommended by the CDC, if they are in an indoor setting shared by others. This requirement applies to state and local government settings, train stations, bus stations, and intrastate public transportation, including buses, rideshares, trains, taxis, and cars for hire, as well as any waiting or congregating areas associated with boarding public transportation. This requirement shall not apply in any area under federal jurisdiction or control.
2. This restriction does not apply to persons inside their personal residence.

### **B. Masks Required – Outdoors**

All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask as recommended by the CDC. **If there is a conflict between the sector-specific guidance and this subsection, the sector-specific guidance governs.**

### **C. Masks Required – Employees**

All employees of all businesses listed in section I, subsections A and C shall wear a mask while working at their place of employment. Exceptions noted in section II, subsection E do not apply.

### **D. Masks – Enforcement**

1. The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section II of this Order. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
2. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section I, including

but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin Code § 41-20-280, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section II of this Order as to that business.

3. Violations of section II, subsection A of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia* and enforceable by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.
4. No minor shall be subject to criminal penalty for failure to wear a mask. Adults accompanying minors should use the adult's best judgment with respect to placing masks on a minor between the ages of two through four while inside the public areas noted above. Adults accompanying minors age five through 18 shall use reasonable efforts to prompt the minor to wear masks while inside the public areas noted above.
5. Medical-grade masks and personal protective equipment should be reserved for medical personnel. The use of cloth masks does not replace the need to maintain the required physical distancing, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces routinely in all public settings, stay home when sick, and practice frequent handwashing.

#### **E. Masks – Exceptions**

1. The requirement to wear a mask over one's nose and mouth does not apply to the following:
  - a. While eating or drinking;
  - b. Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
  - c. Any person who is playing a musical instrument when wearing a mask would inhibit the playing of the instrument (e.g. wind or brass instrument) so long as at least ten feet of physical distance can be maintained from other persons, whether the rehearsal or performance is indoors or outdoors;
  - d. Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance;
  - e. Any person seeking to communicate with people who are deaf or hard of hearing and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
  - f. When temporary removal of the mask is necessary to secure government or medical services;
  - g. When necessary to participate in a religious ritual; and

h. Persons with health conditions or disabilities that prohibit wearing a mask. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a mask by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. Adaptations and alternatives for individuals with health conditions or disabilities should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a mask to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.

2. Any person who declines to wear a mask because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

#### **F. Masks – Waiver**

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

### **III. CONSTRUCTION WITH REGULATIONS**

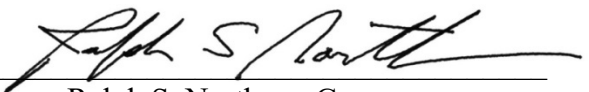
Where the Final Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19 adopted by the Safety and Health Codes Board of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry conflicts with requirements and guidelines applicable to businesses in this Order, this Order governs.

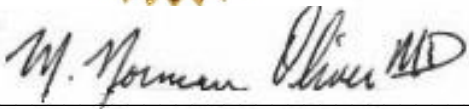
**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order is in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020). Further, this Order shall be effective **immediately**, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

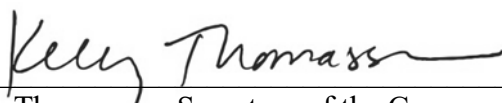
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **this 29th day of April, 2021.**



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**SEVENTH AMENDED NUMBER SEVENTY-TWO (2021)**

**AND**

**ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY NINE**

**FURTHER EASING OF COMMONSENSE SURGE RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

**In responding to the coronavirus pandemic, Virginia has administered nearly seven million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. More than four million people have received at least one dose of the vaccine—more than 30 percent of Virginians are fully vaccinated. COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and the percent of positive tests continue to fall throughout the Commonwealth. Virginia is currently reporting a percent positivity of 3.5 percent, lower than at any time since the start of the pandemic. The Commonwealth’s 7-day average of new cases is at 555, the lowest it has been in over 10 months. The number of Virginians hospitalized is at the lowest number of hospitalizations recorded. The improvement in these metrics is due in large measure to individuals and businesses doing the right thing.**

**We have made tremendous progress, and we can continue to ease certain restrictions. But the virus is still a threat to our communities. It is critical that every Virginian get vaccinated, and if unvaccinated, take precautions: avoid gatherings with anyone outside your household, practice hand sanitation, maintain proper physical distance from others, stay home when possible, and wear masks while indoors and in public. The science shows that vaccines are effective against the spread of the virus. Through its May 13, 2021 guidance, the Center for Disease Control and Protection (CDC) recognized the efficacy of vaccines and advised that it is now safe to no longer wear masks in certain circumstances.**

## **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

### **I. CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

#### **A. BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS**

##### **1. All Businesses**

Any business not listed in section I, subsections A or C must adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference herein *as best practices*. The guidelines are located [here](#).

##### **2. Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Food Courts, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms**

Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to operate delivery, take-out, and indoor and outdoor service, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors, and sector-specific guidelines for restaurant and beverage services incorporated by reference herein. The guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. All private bookings are limited to **100** people indoors and **250** people outdoors, and must comply with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- b. All parties must be separated by at least six feet, including in the bar area. Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables. If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart.
- c. Customers may be provided with self-service options. Facilities must provide hand sanitizer at food lines and require the use of barriers (e.g., gloves or deli paper) when employees or patrons touch common utensils. Food lines must be monitored by trained staff at all times of operation, and serving utensils must be changed hourly.
- d. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment **in accordance with CDC guidance which is linked [here](#)**. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- e. Patrons **should** wear masks over their nose and mouth **in accordance with CDC guidance and section II. CDC guidance is linked [here](#)**.

- f. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces must be conducted during operation. Tabletops must be cleaned in-between patrons.
- g. Congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic. Patrons may be seated at the bar for service, provided a minimum of six feet is provided between parties.
- h. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### 3. Farmers' Markets

Farmers' markets may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for farmers' markets incorporated by reference herein. The guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between individuals who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 at all times. Employees and vendors must, where possible, configure operations to avoid congestion or congregation points.
- b. Employees and vendors must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment **in accordance with CDC guidance, which is linked [here](#)**. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- c. Employees and vendors must routinely clean and disinfect frequently-contacted surfaces during operation.
- d. Patrons **should** wear masks over their nose and mouth **in accordance with CDC guidance and section II. CDC guidance is linked [here](#)**.
- e. Farmers' markets must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizer.
- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### 4. Brick and Mortar Retail Businesses Not Listed in Section I, Subsection C, Paragraph 1 (Non-Essential Retail)

Any brick and mortar retail business not listed in section I, subsection C, paragraph 1 may continue to operate, provided such business complies with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for brick and mortar retail incorporated by reference

herein. The guidelines includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between individuals who are not Family members, as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2, at all times.
- b. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment **in accordance with CDC guidance, which is linked [here](#)**. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- c. Patrons **should** wear masks over their nose and mouth **in accordance with CDC guidance** and section II. **CDC guidance is linked [here](#)**.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 5. Fitness and Exercise Facilities

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, sports facilities, and exercise facilities may continue to operate indoor and outdoor activities, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for fitness and exercise facilities incorporated by reference herein. The guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Patrons, members, and guests who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2, must remain at least ten feet apart during all activities except where necessary for the physical safety of an individual.
- b. Instructors and all participants of group exercise and fitness classes who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 must maintain at least ten feet of physical distance between each other at all times with the exception of swimming lessons, where parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- c. Occupancy must be limited to 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- d. The total number of attendees (including both participants and instructors) in all indoor group exercise and fitness classes cannot exceed the lesser of 75 percent of the minimum occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or **100** persons. For all group exercise and fitness classes held outdoors, the total number of attendees cannot exceed **250** persons.
- e. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.

- f. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment **in accordance with CDC guidance, which is linked [here](#)**. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement.
- g. Patrons **should** wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with CDC guidance **and section II. CDC guidance is linked [here](#)**.
- h. Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared exercise equipment after each use.
- i. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- j. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 6. Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services

Beauty salons, barbershops, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed may continue to operate, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for personal care and personal grooming services incorporated by reference herein. The guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Service providers must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between work stations.
- b. Service providers must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment **in accordance with CDC guidance, which is linked [here](#)**. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- c. Service providers must provide masks for clients or ask that clients bring a mask with them, which they must wear over their nose and mouth during the service **in accordance with CDC guidance**, except when treating the areas of the nose and mouth. **CDC guidance is linked [here](#)**.
- d. Routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted during operation. All personal care and personal grooming tools should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. If that is not possible, such items must be discarded.
- e. All private bookings are limited to **100** people indoors and **250** people outdoors, and must comply with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.

- f. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 7. Campgrounds

Privately-owned campgrounds as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia* may continue to operate, provided they comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds incorporated by reference herein. The guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment **in accordance with CDC guidance, which is linked [here](#)**. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- b. Patrons **should** wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with CDC guidance **and section II. CDC guidance is linked [here](#)**.
- c. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- d. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 8. Indoor Shooting Ranges

Indoor shooting ranges may continue to operate, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a. Employees and patrons must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between individuals who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 at all times.
- b. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment **in accordance with CDC guidance, which is linked [here](#)**. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- c. Perform thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces during operation, while disinfecting all equipment between each customer use and prohibiting the use of equipment that cannot be thoroughly disinfected.
- d. Patrons **should** wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with CDC guidance **and section II. CDC guidance is linked [here](#)**.
- e. If any such indoor shooting range cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 9. Racetracks and Speedways

Outdoor racetracks may remain open for racing events, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for outdoor speedways and racetracks incorporated by reference herein. The guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The event must be held at locations with the ability to restrict access (i.e., barriers and gating).
- b. All individuals must maintain at least six feet of physical distance between themselves and other participants who are not Family members as defined section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- c. Food services must adhere to the sector-specific guidelines for restaurant and beverage services and camping areas must adhere to the sector-specific guidelines for campgrounds.
- d. The total number of patrons cannot exceed **50** percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy.
- e. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment **in accordance with CDC guidance, which is linked [here](#)**. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.
- f. Patrons **should** wear masks over their nose and mouth **in accordance with CDC guidance and section II. CDC guidance is linked [here](#)**.
- g. Prohibit gatherings of more than **100** people indoors and **250** people outdoors in accordance with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.

## 10. Entertainment and Amusement Businesses

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, convention centers, expos, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, fairs, carnivals, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, amusement parks and zoos, and other places of public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for entertainment and public amusement incorporated by reference herein. The guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. The total number of spectators indoors cannot exceed the lesser of **50** percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or **1000** persons. The total number of spectators for outdoor venues cannot exceed **50** percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy. If no occupancy load has been

determined, a ratio of 40 square feet per person shall be used to determine occupancy limits – only square footage that is likely to be accessed may be included. For example, a 100,000 square foot outdoor venue would have an occupancy load of 2,500 – of which no more than **50 percent (1250 persons)** shall be permitted.

- b. All private bookings are limited to **100** people indoors and **250** people outdoors in accordance with section I, subsection B, paragraph 1.
- c. Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- d. Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- e. Require six feet of physical distance between parties.
- f. If interactive exhibits are in service, post signage to discourage congregating and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Provide hand sanitizer stations around any interactive exhibits. Discontinue any interactive exhibits that pose a risk of children to placing items in their mouths.
- g. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard surfaces.
- h. Employees are required to wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment **in accordance with CDC guidance, which is linked [here](#)**. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply. Employees who must remove their mask to play a wind or brass instrument during a performance or rehearsal are exempt from this requirement as long as they maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others.
- i. Patrons **should** wear masks over their nose and mouth in accordance with CDC guidance **and** section II. **CDC guidance is linked [here](#)**.
- j. Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizer.
- k. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

## 11. Recreational Sports

Indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities are permitted, provided participants and organizers of recreational sports activities comply with the sector-specific guidelines for recreational sports incorporated by reference herein. The guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following requirements:



- a. For sports played indoors, the total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of **50** percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue, or **250** persons per field. For sports played outdoors, the total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of **50** percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue or 1,000 spectators per field. Spectators **should** wear masks over their nose and mouth **in accordance with CDC guidance and** section II. **CDC guidance is linked [here](#)**. Six feet of physical distance must be maintained between spectators who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- b. Races or marathons must use a ratio of 40 square feet per person to determine occupancy limits – only square footage that is likely to be accessed may be included. For example, a 100,000 square foot race course would have an occupancy load of 2,500 – of which no more than **50** percent (**1250** persons) shall be permitted. Indoor race organizers must stagger starts and separate runners into groups of **100** or less. Outdoor races, such as cross country races or marathons where physical distancing of runners can be maintained, may include no more than **250** runners per grouping.
- c. Conduct screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms, diagnosis of COVID-19, or known exposure to an individual with COVID-19, prior to admission to the venue/facility.
- d. Employees must wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment **in accordance with CDC guidance, which is linked [here](#)**. Exceptions noted in section II do not apply.

For more information on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread associated with indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities, consult the Virginia Department of Health’s “Considerations for Recreational Sports” webpage, which can be found [here](#).

## 12. Overnight Summer Camps

Overnight services of summer camps, as defined in § 35.1-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, may begin operation on May 1, 2021, provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines for overnight summer camps incorporated by reference herein. The guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Employ the use of cohorts for the first 14 days of any camp session. Cohort size may not exceed 25 campers, not including camp personnel.
- b. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and reporting symptoms if sick. Signs must use age-appropriate language to be understandable by campers.
- c. All non-camp personnel who enter the camp must wear a mask **in accordance** section II,

**subsection E.**

- d. Campers above the age of five and camp personnel must wear a mask **in accordance with** section II, **subsection E.**
- e. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

**13. Enforcement - Business Restrictions**

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).
- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section I, subsection A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section I, subsection A, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin. Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia*, or any other law applicable to these agencies, may enforce this Order as to that business.

**B. OTHER CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS**

**1. All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings**

All public and private in-person gatherings of more than **100** individuals indoors and **250** individuals outdoors are prohibited. A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors. The presence of more than **100** individuals indoors, or **250** individuals outdoors, performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational setting as defined below is not a “gathering.” The presence of more than **100** individuals indoors, or **250** individuals outdoors, in a particular location, such as a park, or retail business is not a “gathering” as long as individuals do not congregate. This restriction does not apply to the gathering of Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2 living in the same residence.

**2. Exceptions to All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings**

- a. Subject to the following requirements, the restriction in section I, subsection B paragraph 1 shall not bar individuals from attending religious services with more than **100**

individuals indoors, or **250** individuals outdoors provided individuals attending religious services:

- i. Practice proper physical distancing at all times.
- ii. Mark seating and common areas where attendees may congregate in six-foot increments to maintain physical distancing.
- iii. Ensure that any items used to distribute food or beverages either should be disposable or washed or cleaned between uses between individuals who are not Family members.
- iv. Conduct routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently-contacted surfaces prior to and following any religious service.
- v. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to participate in the religious service.
- vi. Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
- vii. Wear masks over their nose and mouth **in accordance with CDC guidance and section II. CDC guidance is linked [here](#).**
- viii. Post signage at the entrance of all indoor areas stating that individuals must wear a mask in accordance with this Order.

Parties attending religious services must be seated at least six feet apart from other parties.

If religious services cannot be conducted in compliance with the above requirements, they must not be held in person. Further, any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction in section I, subsection B, paragraph 1. Additional suggested guidelines can be found [here](#).

b. Individuals may gather in the following educational settings:

i. Instructional settings

A. Instructional settings include, but are not limited to, any assemblage of students, teachers, administrators, or other school staff for the purpose of: (1) educational instruction or (2) conducting activities that are related to educational instruction or result from educational instruction. Other social events or gatherings, even if school-sponsored or held on school property (such as PTA meetings, dances, fundraisers, and other similar events), are subject to the

gathering restriction in section I, subsection B, paragraph 1. This is true even if such events occur in connection with an exempt educational event.

B. Individuals assembled in an instructional setting must adhere to the applicable physical distancing and sanitization plan and guidelines of the relevant governing body or educational entity adopted pursuant to the State Health Commissioner's Order Public Health Emergency (June 8, 2020).

ii. Graduation and commencement ceremonies

A. Graduation and commencement ceremonies are programs sponsored, organized, and implemented by an educational institution to award a degree or diploma to its students for the successful completion of a course of study from the educational institution.

B. Graduation and commencement ceremonies must follow the guidelines found [here](#).

iii. School performances

A. School performances are theatrical and musical performances where the performers and participants are students, teachers, administrators, and other school staff.

B. School performances must follow the guidelines found [here](#).

### 3. Institutions of Higher Education

Institutions of higher education shall comply with all applicable requirements under the Phased Guidance of Virginia Forward and the "Guidelines for All Business Sectors." Any postsecondary provider offering vocational training in a profession regulated by a Virginia state agency/board must also comply with any sector-specific guidelines relevant to that profession to the extent possible under the regulatory training requirements. Such professions may include, but are not necessarily limited to: aesthetician, barber, cosmetologist, massage therapist, nail technician, and practical nurse.

### 4. Enforcement – Other Restrictions

Violations of section I, subsection B, paragraph 1 of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*. Any law enforcement officer as defined in § 9.1-101 of the *Code of Virginia* including the Virginia Department of State Police may enforce these restrictions.

## C. REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES

### 1. Essential Retail Businesses

Essential retail businesses as set out below may continue to remain open during their normal business hours.

- a. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- b. Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- c. Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- d. Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers, as well as automotive repair facilities;
- e. Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- f. Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- g. Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- h. Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- i. Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- j. Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- k. Pet and feed stores;
- l. Printing and office supply stores; and
- m. Laundromats and dry cleaners.

Essential Retail Businesses must comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors expressly incorporated by reference and linked [here](#). Employers are required to provide masks to employees. If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### 2. Enforcement – Essential Retail

- a. Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#).

- b. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority shall have authority to enforce section I, subsection C of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- c. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section I, subsection C, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin. Code § 41-20-280, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section I, subsection C of this Order as to that business.

## **D. CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION**

### **1. State Agencies**

All relevant state agencies shall continue to work with all housing partners to execute strategies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Virginians experiencing homelessness during this pandemic and to assist Virginians in avoiding evictions or foreclosures.

### **2. Family Members**

“Family members” include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household or visiting such household pursuant to a child custody arrangement or order. Family members are not required to maintain physical distancing while in their homes.

### **3. Exceptions**

With the exception of section I, subsection B, paragraph 2, subparagraph a and section II, nothing in this Order shall limit:

- a. The provision of health care or medical services;
- b. Access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks;
- c. The operations of the media;
- d. The free exercise of religion;

- e. Law enforcement agencies; or
- f. The operation of government.

## **II. CONTINUED REQUIREMENT TO WEAR MASKS**

### **A. Masks – Indoors and Outdoors**

All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older should cover their mouth and nose with a mask **in accordance with CDC guidance linked [here](#)**. If there is a conflict between the sector-specific guidelines and this section, the sector-specific guidelines governs.

### **B. Masks Required – Employees**

All employees of all businesses listed in section I, subsections A and C **must** wear a mask while working at their place of employment **in accordance with CDC guidance linked [here](#)**. Exceptions noted in section II, subsection E do not apply.

### **C. Masks – Enforcement**

1. The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section II, **subsection B** of this Order. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
2. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section I, including but not limited to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, pursuant to § 40.1-51.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to 18 Va. Admin. Code § 41-20-280, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to § 3.2-5106 of the *Code of Virginia* or any other law applicable to these agencies, shall have authority to enforce section II of this Order as to that business.
3. Medical-grade masks and personal protective equipment should be reserved for medical personnel. The use of cloth masks does not replace the need to maintain the required physical distancing, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces routinely in all public settings, stay home when sick, and practice frequent handwashing.

### **D. Masks –Public and Private K-12 Schools**

**All students, teachers, staff, and visitors must wear a mask over their nose and mouth while on school property subject to section II, subsection E.**

## **E. Masks – Exceptions**

### **1. Where required to wear a mask, the requirement does not apply to the following:**

- a. While eating or drinking;
- b. Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
- c. Any person who is playing a musical instrument when wearing a mask would inhibit the playing of the instrument (e.g., wind or brass instrument) so long as at least ten feet of physical distance can be maintained from other persons, whether the rehearsal or performance is indoors or outdoors;
- d. Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance;
- e. Any person seeking to communicate with people who are deaf or hard of hearing and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
- f. When temporary removal of the mask is necessary to secure government or medical services;
- g. When necessary to participate in a religious ritual; and
- h. Persons with health conditions or disabilities that prohibit wearing a mask. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a mask by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. Adaptations and alternatives for individuals with health conditions or disabilities should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a mask to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.

2. Any person who declines to wear a mask because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

## **F. Masks – Waiver**

The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021, unless amended or rescinded by



further executive order.

### **III. CONSTRUCTION WITH REGULATIONS**

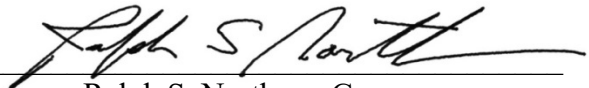
Where the Final Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19 adopted by the Safety and Health Codes Board of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry conflicts with requirements and guidelines applicable to businesses in this Order, this Order governs.

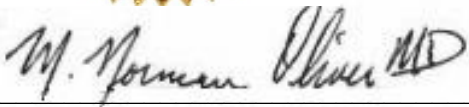
**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order is in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020). Further, this Order shall be effective **midnight on May 15, 2021**, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

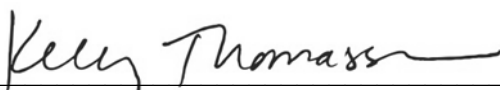
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **this 14th day of May, 2021**.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **NUMBER SEVENTY-THREE (2020)**

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO WINTER WEATHER**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, December 15, 2020, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia to prepare and coordinate our response to a winter storm. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim a state of emergency.

##### **Directive**

Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to

coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.

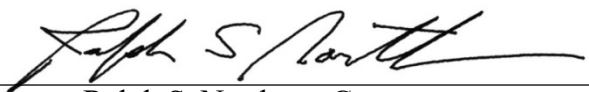
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- D. Activation of § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code* related to price gouging.
- E. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
- F. Authorization of a maximum of \$350,000.00 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$250,000.00 for the Department of Military Affairs, if it is called to State Active Duty.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

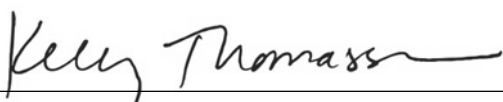
This Executive Order shall be effective December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and shall remain in full force and in effect until January 15, 2021, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further Executive Order. Termination of this Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER SEVENTY-FOUR (2020)**

### **PROTECTING BUSINESSES FROM INCREASING COST OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

Due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, many Virginians are out of work due to business closures, school closures, and other health-related emergencies. The United States Department of Labor has greatly expanded the definition of who is eligible for unemployment compensation benefits, the period of time a person may be on unemployment compensation benefits, and the amount of unemployment pay a dislocated worker receives per week. The increase in workers who are eligible as well as the increase in funds distributed to families in the Commonwealth has depleted the Virginia Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, and resulted in greatly increased levels of employer benefit charges and anticipated increases in the tax rates of covered employers under the *Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act*.

In response to this crisis, the United States Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration has issued guidance letters (Federal Guidance) regarding the broad, emergency flexibility that States have to provide temporary relief to unemployed individuals and employers directly impacted by COVID-19. Pursuant to that guidance and its own authority, the Virginia Employment Commission (Commission) has already taken action with the United States Department of Labor to secure benefits for Virginians and request and repay Title XII advances from the Federal Unemployment Account.

However, there is still work that the Commission can do to lessen the tax burden on businesses that has resulted from record unemployment. Under the Federal Guidance, the Virginia Employment Commission may also relax its ordinary requirements in calculating the annual statement of the employers' benefit charges and taxes for the preceding fiscal year because of the historic demands on the Commonwealth's unemployment system and resulting employer benefit charges during this pandemic. Pursuant to that guidance, the Virginia Employment Commission must take action to provide relief to employers whose experience rating accounts have been chargeable with overwhelming amounts of benefits attributable to record high rates of unemployment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, Section 2.2-104 of the *Code of Virginia*, Item 131, Section F, Chapter 56 of the Acts of Assembly of the 2020 Special Session I, § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby delegate to the Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission the following authority and responsibility. The Commissioner shall:

- Calculate the appropriate tax rate of each covered employer whose experience rating account has been chargeable with benefits for the second quarter (April 2020, May 2020, and June 2020) of the calendar year 2020;
- Modify the annual computation to omit addition of the benefits for the second quarter (April 2020, May 2020, and June 2020) of the calendar year 2020, that she may calculate and provide to every covered employer by December 31<sup>st</sup>, or as soon as practical thereafter, a statement of the employer's benefit charges and taxes for the preceding fiscal year under Article 4 of Title 60.2 of the *Code of Virginia*, and as contained in the *Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act*;
- Calculate a proper variation in the computation of the employers' benefit charges for the preceding fiscal year;
- Execute any necessary agreements with the United States Department of Labor related to continued implementation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), 15 U.S.C. § 9001, et seq., for such other temporary tax relief for such covered employers during this public health emergency.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**


This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and remain in full force and effect until the expiration of Amended Executive Order 51 unless sooner amended or rescinded.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER SEVENTY- FIVE (2020)**

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO CIVIL UNREST IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND POTENTIAL CIVIL UNREST IN THE COMMONWEALTH**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this day, January 6, 2021, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to potential civil unrest that poses a danger to public safety. Due to significant events in Washington, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth is at a heightened risk of civil unrest that may require intervention to restore order, ensure the safety of the public, protect property, and provide additional resources to support our local, state, and federal partners. Specifically, violent protests in Washington, D.C. have led its Mayor to declare a state of emergency and impose a curfew. The District also requested assistance from the Commonwealth to address this unrest and restore order to our nation's Capital.

There is significant concern that the unrest unfolding in our nation's Capital may spark violence in the Commonwealth. This is of particular concern with respect to areas of the Commonwealth in close proximity to the District. To alleviate that potential, the Mayor of the City of Alexandria and the Chair of Arlington County Board requested curfews in the City of Alexandria and the County of Arlington.

The Commonwealth has a compelling interest to maintain peace and order in the face of escalating tension. The effects of this civil unrest constitute an emergency wherein human lives and public and private property are imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Action is necessary to preserve life and property and to alleviate the conditions caused by this situation.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, and as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Accordingly, I direct state and local



governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and respond to this situation, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- D. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty to assist in mitigating this emergency as well as providing support to Washington, D.C. pursuant to the National Guard Mutual Assistance Compact, § 44-54.1 *et seq.* and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, 44-146.28:1 *et seq.* of the *Code*, as well as any other applicable law.
- E. Authorization of a maximum of \$2,750,000.00 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$750,000.00 for the Department of Military Affairs.

Further, I declare that the City of Alexandria and the County of Arlington shall be under a curfew between the hours of 6:00 p.m., January 6, 2021 and 6:00 a.m., January 7, 2021. Unless extended by further executive order, that curfew shall end at 6:01 a.m. January 7, 2021. While the curfew is in place, no person shall be present on any street, road, alley, avenue, park, or other public place in the City of Alexandria and the County of Arlington with the following exceptions:

- Persons traveling to and from home, work, or places of worship;
- Hospital personnel;
- Members of the press;

- State and City of Alexandria or County of Arlington employees and volunteers;
- Military personnel including but not limited to national guard troops;
- Private emergency medical transport workers;
- Travel to and from public meetings of the City of Alexandria and the County of Arlington;
- Persons seeking emergency services; and
- Other emergency workers.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to prohibit or restrict travel to a hospital in the event of a medical emergency, nor shall such travel be considered in violation of this Order.

Further, in the event of any conflict between this Order and Executive Order 72, Order of Public Health Emergency Nine, Section I, this Order governs.

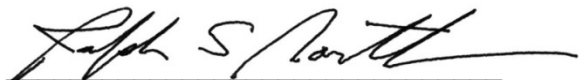
Violation of this Order shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 44-146.17 of the *Code*.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

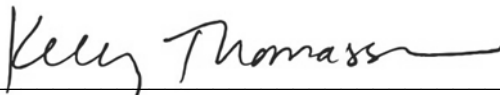
This Order shall be effective immediately, and with the exception to the provisions instituting the curfews, shall remain in full force and effect until February 6, 2021, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **NUMBER SEVENTY-SIX (2021)**

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO ANTICIPATED WINTER WEATHER**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, February 11, 2021, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia to prepare and coordinate our response to anticipated severe winter weather. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim a state of emergency.

Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

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state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.


- D. Activation of § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code* related to price gouging.
- E. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
- F. Authorization of a maximum of \$350,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$250,000 for the Department of Military Affairs.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

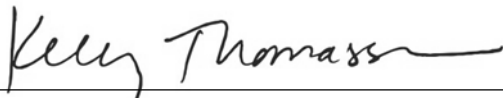
This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and in effect until March 13, 2021, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of this Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 11th day of February 2021.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:



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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **AMENDED NUMBER SEVENTY-SIX (2021)**

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO ANTICIPATED WINTER WEATHER**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

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- E. Authorization of a maximum of **\$1,000,000** in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.*

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

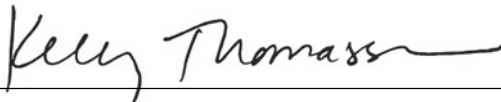
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Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this **18th** day of February 2021.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER SEVENTY-SEVEN (2021)**

### **VIRGINIA LEADING BY EXAMPLE TO REDUCE PLASTIC POLLUTION AND SOLID WASTE**

#### **Importance of the Initiative**

The Commonwealth of Virginia has a growing population and a growing economy that present significant challenges in managing solid waste. Since 2011, solid waste disposed of at landfills and incinerators in Virginia has realized a cumulative increase of two million tons to nearly 23 million tons per year. At the same time, many recycling programs in the Commonwealth have curtailed or ceased operations since China stopped importing U.S. recyclables in 2018.

Landfills or incinerators subject to strict environmental standards are the best option for waste that cannot currently be reused or recycled. Such facilities, however, - no matter how strictly regulated - have negative environmental and social impacts on nearby communities and siting often raises issues of environmental justice. Therefore, it is critical that the Commonwealth focus on reducing its disposal of solid waste, and diverting as much as possible from landfills to beneficial reuse.

Single-use disposable plastic items, in particular, pose a severe and growing threat to fish and wildlife and to the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Plastics are the most pervasive type of marine debris in our ocean and along our coasts. In 2019 alone, volunteers collected more than 12,000 plastics bags and 13,000 plastic bottles, in addition to many other types of marine debris, from Virginia's coastline.

As a large producer of solid waste, the Commonwealth must lead by example and phase out its use of plastics and polystyrene items in favor of better alternatives. The Commonwealth must also significantly reduce the amount of solid waste it sends to landfills and incinerators, and work with the private sector to do the same.

## **Directive**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby order my administration to take the following actions to reduce plastic pollution and eliminate the need for new solid waste disposal facilities in Virginia:

### **I. State Agency Plastic Pollution Reduction**

#### **A. Immediate Cessation of Use**

Within 120 days from issuance of this Order, all executive branch state agencies, including state institutions of higher education, and their concessioners (Agency or Agencies) shall discontinue buying, selling, or distributing these specific items: disposable plastic bags, single-use plastic and polystyrene food service containers, plastic straws and cutlery, and single-use plastic water bottles that:

- An Agency determines are not for medical, public health, or public safety use; or
- An Agency determines, with the concurrence of the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (Department), should be eliminated instead as part of a phase-out plan pursuant to this subsection B below and completed no later than December 31, 2022.

#### **B. Planned Phase-out -- State Agency Plastic Pollution Reduction Plan**

Within 180 days from issuance of this Order, each Agency shall develop a State Agency Plastic Pollution Reduction Plan (Plan) to eliminate the buying, selling, or distribution of **all** non-medical single-use plastic and expanded polystyrene objects (even those utilized for public health or public safety use). These Plans shall include an inventory of all non-medical single-use plastic and expanded polystyrene items typically used by the Agency. Each Agency shall determine appropriate alternative replacement items. Such alternatives should be either reusable, compostable, or recyclable. Each Agency Plan shall set timelines for phasing out single-use items identified in its Plan. The schedule for phasing out **all** non-medical single-use plastic and expanded polystyrene objects shall be:

- 25 percent reduction by December 31, 2022;
- 50 percent reduction by December 31, 2023;
- 75 percent reduction by December 31, 2024; and
- 100 percent reduction by December 31, 2025

Agency Plans shall also identify additional needs and opportunities for reducing all solid waste, including plastics and polystyrene, from Agency operations and facilities, and diverting such waste from landfills through composting, beneficial reuse, enhanced recycling, and other strategies.



## **II. State Agency Plastic Pollution Reduction Reporting and Compliance**

The Department shall provide technical assistance to Agencies to support compliance with the requirements of this Order.

### **A. Department to provide State Agency Plastic Pollution Reduction Plan template**

Within 45 days from the issuance of this Order, the Director of the Department shall provide to state agencies a State Agency Plastic Pollution Reduction Plan template (Plan), including short- and long-term actions.

### **B. Department guidance and recommendations**

Within 90 days from the issuance of this Order, the Department shall issue general guidance and recommendations to all Agencies regarding implementation of this Order and shall update these recommendations annually. In issuing and updating the general guidance and recommendations, the Department shall consult and coordinate with the Department of General Services, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and those institutions of higher education that have autonomy in procurement granted under the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act (*Code of Virginia* § 23.1-1000, et seq.).

### **C. Submission of Agency Plans and Department reports**

Within 180 days of the issuance of this Order, state agencies shall submit their Plastic Pollution Reduction Plans to the Department. Agencies shall submit an annual update of their Plan and a progress report to the Department by July 1 of each year beginning in 2022. The Department shall submit an annual statewide progress report to the Secretary of Natural Resources (Secretary) by December 1 of each year beginning in 2022.

## **III. Report on Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion**

The Secretary shall develop recommendations for reducing solid waste and diverting such waste from landfills through composting, beneficial reuse, enhanced recycling, and other strategies. In developing these recommendations, the Secretary shall engage the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Agriculture and Forestry, Education, and Health and Human Resources, as well as stakeholders in these and other areas as appropriate. No later than October 1, 2021, the Secretary shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a report reflecting those recommendations and recommendations for executive and legislative actions necessary to ensure that the Commonwealth does not exceed the capacity of existing landfills and incinerators. The Secretary shall coordinate with the Plastic Waste Prevention Advisory Council established pursuant to Chapter 798 of the 2020 *Acts of Assembly*.

#### IV. Exclusions

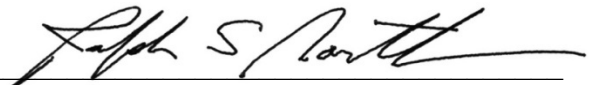
Nothing in this Order shall restrict any Agency from using any items as necessary to respond to any executive action declaring a state of emergency or order of public health emergency that would otherwise be restricted in use by this Order.

#### Effective Date of the Executive Order

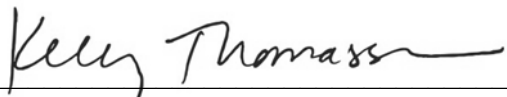
This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **NUMBER SEVENTY-EIGHT (2021)**

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE SHUTDOWN OF THE COLONIAL PIPELINE**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, May 11, 2021, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia to prepare and coordinate our response to the voluntary shutdown of the Colonial Pipeline due to a cyber-attack on its business systems' informational technology infrastructure on May 7, 2021. If prolonged, the pipeline closure will result in gasoline supply disruptions to various retailers throughout the Commonwealth, since the pipeline is the primary source of gasoline to many Virginia retailers. While current gasoline reserves in the Commonwealth are sufficient to address immediate supply concerns, a long-term disruption in the pipelines will require transportation of fuel and other oil-derivatives via interstate and state roadways. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management, I proclaim a state of emergency. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.

C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.

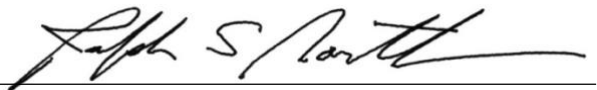
D. Activation of § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code* related to price gouging.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**


This Executive Order shall be effective May 11, 2021, and shall remain in full force and in effect until June 10, 2021, unless sooner amended, terminated, or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of this Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 11th day of May, 2021.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

**NUMBER SEVENTY-NINE (2021)**

**AND**

**ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY TEN**

**ENDING OF COMMONSENSE PUBLIC HEALTH RESTRICTIONS  
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

### **Importance of the Issue**

Since March 2020, Virginians have fought against the spread of COVID-19. We have witnessed service and sacrifice across the Commonwealth from our frontline workers, our students and teachers, our business owners, essential employees, and our families and neighbors. We have lost an astounding number of Virginians to this pandemic, and everyone has lost something. Commonsense public health restrictions have kept many Virginians safe during the last year, and with vaccines now widely available – over three million Virginians are fully vaccinated and safe from serious illness or death caused by COVID-19 – it is time to begin our new normal. COVID-19 remains a serious risk to unvaccinated people, and I encourage all Virginians to get their shot as soon as possible. Masks are a critical tool in protecting yourself and others until you are fully vaccinated.

### **Directive**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, by any other applicable law, and in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), and by virtue of the authority vested in the State Health Commissioner pursuant to §§ 32.1-13, 32.1-20, and 35.1-10 of the *Code of Virginia*, the following is ordered:

## CONTINUED GUIDANCE ON MASK WEARING

### A. Masks – Indoors and Outdoors

All individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older should cover their mouth and nose with a mask in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance linked [here](#).

### B. Masks – Enforcement

1. The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce this Order.  
The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*.
2. Medical-grade masks and personal protective equipment should be reserved for medical personnel. The use of cloth masks does not replace the need to maintain the appropriate physical distancing, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces routinely in all public settings, stay home when sick, and practice frequent handwashing.

### C. Masks – Exceptions

1. Where required to wear a mask, the requirement does not apply to the following:
  - a. While eating or drinking;
  - b. Individuals exercising or using exercise equipment;
  - c. Any person who is playing a musical instrument when wearing a mask would inhibit the playing of the instrument (*e.g.*, wind or brass instrument) so long as at least ten feet of physical distance can be maintained from other persons, whether the rehearsal or performance is indoors or outdoors;
  - d. Any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance;
  - e. Any person seeking to communicate with people who are deaf or hard of hearing and for which the mouth needs to be visible;
  - f. When temporary removal of the mask is necessary to secure government or medical services;
  - g. When necessary to participate in a religious ritual; and

h. Persons with health conditions or disabilities that prohibit wearing a mask. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a mask by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. Adaptations and alternatives for individuals with health conditions or disabilities should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a mask to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.

2. Any person who declines to wear a mask because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition, nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

#### **D. Masks – Public and Private K-12 Schools**

All students, teachers, staff, and visitors must wear a mask over their nose and mouth while on school property subject to **section C**.

#### **E. Masks – Waiver**


The waiver of § 18.2-422 of the *Code of Virginia* is continued, so as to allow the wearing of a medical mask, respirator, or any other protective face covering for the purpose of facilitating the protection of one's personal health in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020, and reflected in Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth. Amended Executive Order 51 (2020) remains so amended. This waiver is effective as of March 12, 2020, and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.


**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Order is in furtherance of Amended Executive Order 51 (2020). Further, this Order terminates Seventh Amended Number Seventy-Two (2021) and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine, shall be effective **midnight on May 28, 2021**, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

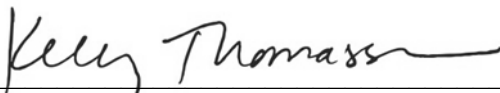
Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Seal of the Office of the State Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **this 14th day of May, 2021.**



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

  
M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **NUMBER EIGHTY**

#### **COMMISSION TO EXAMINE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC INEQUITY IN VIRGINIA LAW**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

On June 4, 2019, Executive Order 32 established the Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in Virginia Law. Its purpose, inspired by the leadership of Senator Lionell Spruill and Delegate Marcia Price, was to review the *Acts of Assembly*, the *Code of Virginia*, and Virginia's administrative regulations to identify and make recommendations to address laws that either were intended to or could have the effect of promoting or enabling racial discrimination or inequity. The Commission's work focused on researching historic law to identify remainders of racially discriminatory language in order to right the wrongs of history. On December 5, 2019, the Commission issued a report to the Governor reflecting the Commission's findings and recommendations. Relying upon those recommendations, the General Assembly repealed 91 discriminatory *Acts of Assembly* in its 2020 Regular Session.

In response to the racial justice demonstrations during the summer of 2020, Amended Executive Order 32 (June 4, 2020) extended the Commission for another year. Under the Amended Order, the Commission's work shifted to identify laws and policies that needed to be amended, repealed, or enacted to address underlying and persistent racial inequities. On August 6, 2020, the Commission issued a memorandum on criminal justice, followed by its second report issued on November 15, 2020. Throughout its existence, the Commission has brought to light racially discriminatory laws and offered policy proposals to address that discrimination.

While the increased focus on racial reckoning magnified the critical need for criminal justice reform, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed economic inequities in the Commonwealth, particularly for Virginians of color. Now citizens and advocates are calling for more equitable economic opportunities as we rebuild Virginia's post-pandemic economy.

Therefore, it is time to establish a new commission to examine the intersection between institutional racism and economic inequality. This new commission will identify racially discriminatory laws and the inequitable economic policies that shadow them. A core initiative of my Administration is to build a Virginia that works for everyone, no matter who you are or where you come from. This new commission will strive to make that vision a reality.

### **Establishment of the Commission to Examine Racial and Economic Inequity in Virginia Law**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and §§ 2.2-134 and 2.2-135 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby establish the Commission to Examine Racial and Economic Inequity in Virginia Law (Commission). The Commission will identify laws and policies in Virginia that have the effect or could have the effect of enabling or promoting racial or economic inequity or inequality.

### **Composition and Support of the Commission**

The Governor will appoint the Commission's members and its chair(s). The Governor will appoint experts, scholars, and community leaders with knowledge of and/or experience in civil rights, race and equity, economics, and the law. The Governor may appoint other members to carry out the Commission's duties at any time. The Commission will have an advisory role, and the members will serve without compensation, in accordance with § 2.2- 2100 of the *Code of Virginia*. In carrying out its duties, the Commission may establish working groups as it deems appropriate and may solicit participation from relevant subject matter experts, practitioners, and historical analysts.

The Office of the Governor and any other agencies or offices as may be designated by the Governor will provide staff support for the Commission. An estimated 250 hours of staff time will be required to support the work of the Commission.

### **Duties of the Commission**

The Commission will meet upon the call of the chair(s) and shall issue an interim report with any findings and recommendations to the Governor no later than September 30, 2021. The Commission shall issue any additional reports to the Governor as necessary or as requested by the Governor. The Commission's reports shall be made available to the public.

Finally, this new Commission will build upon the model of the Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in Virginia Law by continuing to engage advocates, community leaders, and special interest groups who serve and represent Virginia's diverse constituencies.

Effective Date of the Executive Order

This Executive Order shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in force and effect for one year, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 30th day of July, 2021.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly Thomasson".  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### NUMBER EIGHTY-ONE (2021)

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, August 31, 2021, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia to prepare and coordinate our response to severe weather storms. The Virginia Emergency Operations Center has monitored severe weather and rain events that started moving through the western portion of the Commonwealth on August 30, 2021, to include Tropical Storm Ida, which will cover large portions of the entire state beginning today, August 31, 2021. The rainfall experienced so far, in conjunction with the amount forecast in coming days, presents significant resource and operational challenges.

The impacts of these weather systems have already caused flash flooding, downed trees, electrical outages, and significant impacts to roads and bridges. Given the storm's current forecast, the Commonwealth will assist localities, especially those with vulnerable populations, to provide support in response to a large-scale weather event during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pre-positioning response assets and supplies and activating the Virginia Emergency Support Team will be necessary to assist our localities.

The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim a state of emergency. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

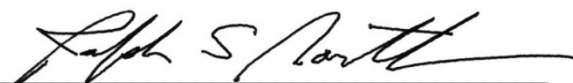
- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- D. Activation of § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code* related to price gouging.
- E. Authorization of a maximum of **\$1,000,000** in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is **\$300,000** for the Department of Military Affairs.
- F. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

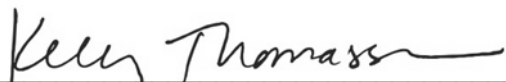
This Executive Order shall be effective August 30, 2021, and shall remain in full force and in effect until September 28, 2021 unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of this Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 31st day of August, 2021.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER EIGHTY-TWO (2021)**

#### **CONSULTATION WITH FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL NATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC PERMITS AND REVIEWS**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

The Commonwealth of Virginia is home to Tribal Nations with whom the Commonwealth has important and unique government-to-government relationships. Virginia's Tribal Nations were firmly established on ancestral lands long before the English arrived to settle in Jamestown in 1607. Prior to English colonization, Algonquian, Siouan, and Iroquoian speaking people flourished on these lands.

These Tribal Nations had their land taken and their identities, culture, and sovereignty attacked and undermined. While Articles 3 and 4 of the 1677 Treaty of Middle Plantation promised to respect the boundaries of reserved Tribal lands in perpetuity, most tribes in the Commonwealth had their land seized and their reservations disbanded.

Over the centuries, the relationship of Virginia's Indian population and the Commonwealth varied greatly. Tribal Nations have often been forced to fight to maintain their identities in the face of racist and assimilationist policies. In recent decades, the Commonwealth has strengthened its relationship with Tribal Nations and now recognizes that Tribal Nations have always been integral to the cultural and historic fabric of the Commonwealth.

Virginia first acknowledged Tribal Nations through a formalized state recognition process in 1983. In 2015, the United States federal government finally formally acknowledged a Virginia Tribe in the modern era. Since 2018, the federal government has recognized seven Tribal Nations indigenous to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Federal agencies are required to offer an opportunity for government-to-government consultation with federally recognized Tribal Nations when taking actions that have tribal implications.

This Order ensures the Commonwealth of Virginia provides similar opportunities for consultation with federally recognized Tribal Nations when evaluating certain state permit applications for potential impacts to environmental, cultural, and historic resources.

### **Consultation**

The Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Historic Resources, and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission shall develop policies and procedures to ensure an opportunity for meaningful and culturally appropriate, written consultation with potentially impacted Indigenous tribes, nations and communities acknowledged pursuant to the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994, 25 U.S.C. 479.

This order shall apply to the following permits and reviews to the extent permitted by law:

- Environmental Impact Reports for major state projects, prepared pursuant to *Code of Virginia* §10.1-1188
- State Corporation Commission project reports, prepared pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 56-46.1; 20 VAC 5-302-25
- Virginia Department of Aviation environmental reports, pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 5.1-7
- Environmental Impact Assessments for Oil or Gas Well Drilling Operations in Tidewater Virginia, pursuant to 9 VAC 15-20
- Federal Consistency Determinations pursuant to Section 307 of the "Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972" (CZMA), 14 U.S.C. § 1456
- Ground water withdrawal permits for groundwater withdrawals greater than one million gallons per day, issued pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 62.1-266
- Designation of historic districts, buildings, structures, or sites as historic landmarks, pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 10.1-2206.1
- Burial Permits for Relocation of Human Remains, pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 10.1-2305
- Cave Collection Permits, pursuant to the *Code of Virginia* § 10.1-1000, for permit applications pertaining to the study, extraction or removal of any archaeological or historic feature in caves
- Local government notifications for new and existing impoundment structures or dams, pursuant to 4 VAC 50-20-58
- Construction or Alteration of Virginia Regulated Impounding Structures Permit, pursuant to 4 VAC 50-20-70 and 4 VAC 50-20-80
- Underwater Recovery Permits, pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 10.1-2214

### **Federal Permitting**

#### *Major Air, Waste, and Water Permits*

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to consult on a government-to-government basis with federally recognized Tribal governments when EPA actions and decisions

may affect tribal interests. The EPA provides an opportunity for consultation with federally recognized Tribes for major air, waste, and water discharge permits issued pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq. and the federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.

The Department of Environmental Quality shall continue to coordinate, as requested by both the EPA and federally recognized Tribes, in the issuance or modification of these major permits to ensure there is an opportunity for tribal input during the permit development process.

*Joint Permit Applications for shoreline erosion control projects, piers, wharfs, dredging, and construction related activities*

As part of its regulatory duties, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) coordinates with the Department of Environmental Quality and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in its review of local, state and federal Joint Permit Applications for shoreline erosion control projects, piers, wharfs, dredging, and other marine and non-marine construction related activities.

VMRC shall continue to coordinate with the Corps and federally recognized Tribal Nations in the issuance or modification of Joint Permit Applications to ensure there is opportunity for tribal input during the development process.

**Ombudsman for Tribal Consultation**

The Secretary of the Commonwealth, with advice from the Tribal Nations, shall designate an Ombudsman for Tribal Consultation within the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The Ombudsman shall:

- Facilitate communication and consultation between federally recognized Tribal Nations and the agencies identified in the Order to ensure an opportunity for meaningful consultation on the permits and reviews listed in this Order.
- In consultation with Tribal Nations and within 60 days, develop a list of localities in which federally recognized Tribal Nations should be consulted.
- In consultation with Tribal Nations, make recommendations to the Governor for additional types of permits and reviews for which consultation shall be required.
- In consultation with Tribal Nations, make recommendations to the Governor regarding circumstances under which Tribal consent should be required for issuance of certain permits.

**Implementation**

Within 90 days of the effective date of this Executive Order, each impacted agency shall establish a Tribal consultation policy to ensure an opportunity for meaningful and timely input by Tribal representatives for the permits and reviews listed in this order.



An agency Tribal consultation policy shall, to the extent permitted by law, include provisions that:

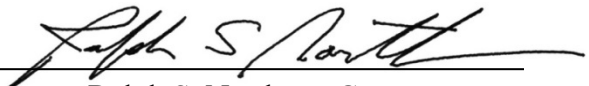
- Designate a consultation official who has the authority to define agency actions appropriate for consultation, evaluate the adequacy of the consultation, and ensure that agency programs consultation practices are consistent.
- Define appropriate means of notifying federally recognized Tribal Nations, which may be dependent on tribal preferences.
- Establish procedures to ensure that sufficient information and time is provided for Tribal officials to make an informed opinion.
- Establish procedures for the agency to provide feedback to the federally recognized Tribal Nations involved in the consultation process to explain how their input was considered.

**Effective Date of the Executive Order**

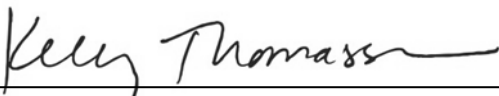
This Executive Order shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



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## Executive Order

**NUMBER EIGHTY-THREE (2022)**

### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE WINTER WEATHER**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, January 5, 2022, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia to prepare and coordinate our response to severe winter weather involving two storms, the first of which began Monday, January 3, 2022, and the second which is forecasted to move into Virginia in the afternoon of January 6, 2022. The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim a state of emergency. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
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**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

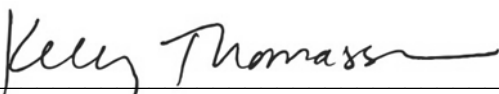
This Executive Order shall be effective January 2, 2022, and shall remain in full force and in effect until January 31, 2022 unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of this Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 5th day of January, 2022.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER EIGHTY-FOUR (2022)**

#### **ACTION TO PROVIDE CERTAIN OPERATIONAL RELIEF FOR HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS, VIA DECLARATION OF A LIMITED STATE OF EMERGENCY**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

As the Commonwealth of Virginia continues to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the highly-transmissible Omicron variant is driving a significant increase in hospitalizations. This increase in people hospitalized due to COVID-19—the overwhelming majority of whom are unvaccinated—is placing stress on Virginia’s general hospitals and nursing facilities and creating a sudden yet temporary need to increase bed capacity in these facilities. In addition, the winter season is spurring an increasing number of flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases in Virginia, impacting hospital capacity. Staffing levels at these facilities are severely strained by a national shortage of healthcare workers. Healthcare workers across the country are facing severe burnout and exhaustion 22 months into the pandemic. Reinstating both the authorization of out-of-state licensed professionals to provide care to the citizens of the Commonwealth and the availability of telehealth services will assist in meeting that demand.

Over 3,500 patients are hospitalized statewide as a result of COVID-19, with a seven-day average of 3,118 patients hospitalized as of January 9, 2022. Statewide ventilator numbers have significantly increased over last month, with 314 patients on ventilator support as of January 10, 2022 compared to 146 ventilated COVID-19 patients on December 1, 2021. ICU COVID-19 hospitalizations have more than doubled—increasing from 235 to 567 patients in the ICU—since December 1, 2021. Virginia is quickly approaching its record of 585 COVID-19 ICU patients reported on January 13, 2021.

The increase in COVID-19 continues to result in increased demand for certain health-care services that, coupled with significant burden on the health-care system, require additional flexibilities for health-care providers to ensure access to care for Medicaid and Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) members.

Vaccines are now approved for all persons aged five and older and booster shots are now recommended for certain persons who have previously been vaccinated, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control guidance. It is anticipated that additional vaccinators will again be necessary. It remains critical that all doses of COVID-19 immunizations administered in the Commonwealth are reported to the Virginia Immunization Information System in a manner consistent with the Virginia Immunization Information System Regulations.

The General Assembly afforded immunity from certain liability in circumstances such as those presented by the COVID-19 health crisis. Sections 8.01-225.01 and 8.01-225.02 of the *Code of Virginia* provide certain liability protection to healthcare providers during a state of emergency. Section 44-146.23 of the *Code of Virginia* provides certain liability protection to public and private agencies and their employees engaged in emergency services activities, which include medical and health services.

### **Directive**

Therefore, on this date, January 10, 2022, I declare that a limited state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to COVID-19, a communicable disease of public health threat and its impact on hospitals and the health-care workforce. The effects of COVID-19 constitute a disaster as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. By virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and by § 44-146.17 of the *Code*, I declare that a limited state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:

1. Authorization for the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health, the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Director for the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Director of the Department of Health Professions, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state regulation, and enter into contracts as required to implement this order without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1.1 of Chapter 4 of Title 32.1 of the *Code*, I direct the State Health Commissioner, at his discretion, to authorize any general hospital or nursing home licensed by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) or to increase licensed bed capacity as determined necessary by the Commissioner to respond to increased demand for beds resulting from COVID-19. Notwithstanding § 32.1-132 of the *Code*, I further direct that any beds added by a general hospital or nursing home pursuant to an authorization of the Commissioner under this Order will constitute licensed beds that do not require further approval or the issuance of a new license. Any authorization by the Commissioner to increase bed capacity, and the authority for any resulting increased number of beds, will expire 30 days after the expiration or rescission of this Order, as it may be further amended.

3. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in Title 54.1 of the *Code*, a license issued to a health-care practitioner, pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician by another state, and in good standing with such state, shall be deemed to be an active license or registration issued by the Commonwealth to provide health-care or professional services as a health-care practitioner of the same type for which such license or registration is issued in another state provided the health-care practitioner is engaged by a hospital (or an affiliate of such hospital where both share the same corporate parent), licensed nursing home, dialysis facility, the VDH, or a local or district health department for the purpose of assisting that facility with public health and medical and health operations. Hospitals, licensed nursing homes, dialysis facilities, and health departments must submit to the applicable licensing authority each out-of-state health-care practitioner's name, license type, state of license, and license identification number within a reasonable time of such health-care practitioner providing services at the applicable facility in the Commonwealth.
4. Health-care practitioners with an active license issued by another state may provide continuity of care to their current patients who are Virginia residents through telehealth services. Establishment of a relationship with a new patient requires a Virginia license unless pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Order.
5. Physician assistants licensed in Virginia with two or more years of clinical experience may practice in their area of knowledge and expertise and may prescribe without a written or electronic practice agreement.
6. A health-care practitioner may use any non-public facing audio or remote communication product that is available to communicate with patients, provided that such communication product is not inconsistent with the waivers and flexibilities issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This exercise of discretion applies to telehealth services provided for both COVID-19 and for other diagnosis and treatment services unrelated to COVID-19.
7. A licensed practical nurse may administer the COVID-19 vaccine without the supervision of a registered nurse or licensed medical practitioner.
8. Licensed health professionals of health systems or hospitals whose scope of practice includes administration of the vaccine and who have administered the COVID-19 vaccine in a health system or hospital setting may administer the COVID-19 vaccine at any point of distribution that is held in collaboration between a health system or hospital and a local health department without undergoing additional training.
9. A local health department may collaborate with a federal health facility, whether civilian or military, for the purpose of COVID-19 vaccine administration. Federal personnel whose scope of practice includes vaccination may serve with the Medical Reserve Corps after a training and skills assessment as required by VDH.
10. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) shall suspend pre-admission screening pursuant to § 32.1-330 of the *Code*. All new nursing home admissions will be treated

as exempted hospital discharges. Community based LTSS screening teams shall be exempt from face-to-face screenings and may screen for nursing home admission from a community setting or waiver services using telehealth or telephonic screening.

11. DMAS shall waive requirements pursuant to § 32.1-325(A)(14) of the *Code* concerning certificates of medical necessity. Any supporting verifiable documentation requirements are waived with respect to replacement of durable medical equipment (DME). DMAS shall also suspend enforcement of additional replacement requirements for DME, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies that are lost, destroyed, irreparably damaged, or otherwise rendered unusable, such that the face-to-face requirement, a new physician's order, and new medical necessity documentation are not required for replacement equipment.

12. Any health-care provider as defined in §32.1-127.1:03 of the *Code*, or any other person permitted by law to administer the COVID-19 vaccine, who administers COVID-19 immunizations, shall report to the Virginia Immunization Information System in a manner consistent with the Virginia Immunization Information System Regulations.

13. The number of technicians a pharmacist may supervise shall be increased. No pharmacist shall supervise more than five persons performing the duties of a pharmacy technician at one time. Pharmacy technicians performing COVID-19 administrative tasks will not be counted in the ratio count.

14. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies shall continue to coordinate and work with health-care providers to address the overwhelming demands and capacity shortages being experienced by EMS agencies and other first responders. This includes strategies to manage and coordinate pre-hospital care as well as patient discharge and transport.

15. Temporary nurse aides practicing in long term care facilities under the federal Public Health Emergency 1135 Waiver may be deemed eligible by the Board of Nursing to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program examination upon submission of a completed application, the employer's written verification of competency and employment as a temporary nurse aide, and provided no other grounds exist under Virginia law to deny the application.

16. Copays required under § 32.1-351(C) of the *Code* for Virginians receiving health insurance through the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan are waived.

17. Personal care, respite, and companion providers in the agency- or consumer-directed program, who are providing services to individuals over the age of 18, may work for up to 60 days, as opposed to the current 30-day limit in § 32.1-162.9:1 of the *Code*, while criminal background registries are checked. Consumer-directed Employers of Record must ensure that the attendant is adequately supervised while the criminal background registry check is processed. Agency providers must adhere to current reference check requirements and ensure that adequate training has occurred prior to the aide providing the services in the home. Agency providers shall conduct weekly supervisory visits through telehealth methods when the aide works prior to receiving criminal background registry results. This section does not apply to services provided

to individuals under the age of 18, with the exception of parents of minor children in the consumer-directed program.

18. Requirements under § 2.2-4002.1 of the *Code* related to the 30-day advance -public notice and comment period are waived as to DMAS only, so that DMAS can issue Medicaid Memos to ensure that healthcare providers receive immediate information on flexibilities to ensure access to care for Medicaid members.

19. Prior to the transfer and transport of a patient subject to a temporary detention order to a state-operated psychiatric hospital, the facility where the patient is located and the transporting law enforcement agency or alternative transportation provider are strongly encouraged to contact the state-operated psychiatric hospital of temporary detention to ensure that a bed is available for the patient. If the state-operated psychiatric hospital system is at or over total bed capacity, the facility where the patient is located and the transporting law enforcement agency or alternative transportation provider are encouraged to work with the state-operated psychiatric hospital to delay transportation of the patient until the state-operated psychiatric hospital can provide a bed.

20. Prior to releasing a patient under a temporary detention order for transport to a state-operated psychiatric hospital, providers participating in the State Medicaid Plan must comply with the applicable *Criteria for Medical Assessment Prior to Admission to a Psychiatric Hospital, Inpatient Psychiatric or Crisis Stabilization Unit* found at <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/about/masg/adults-medical-and-screening-guidelines-11-5-2018.pdf> and <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/about/masg/peds-medical-assessment-and-screening-guidelines-11-5-2018.pdf>. Such providers shall screen patients under emergency custody or temporary detention for COVID-19 in accordance with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Virginia Department of Health. In addition, with consent of the patient subject to emergency custody or temporary detention, such providers should administer a COVID-19 active infection test prior to the transfer of the patient to a state-operated psychiatric hospital. If no other payment source is available, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services will reimburse the provider for the cost of the test.

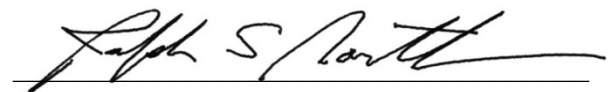


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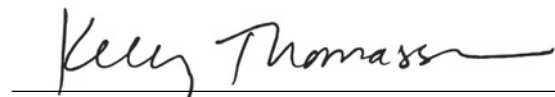
This Executive Order shall be effective January 10, 2022, and shall remain in full force and in effect until February 11, 2022, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 10th day of January, 2022.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **NUMBER EIGHTY-FIVE (2022)**

#### **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE WINTER WEATHER**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On this date, January 14, 2022, I declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia to prepare and coordinate our response to severe winter weather. The Virginia Emergency Operations Center has been actively monitoring the movement of a major winter weather system heading toward Virginia, with anticipated tracks showing impacts beginning the evening of Saturday, January 15, 2022. The National Weather Service is still refining its forecasts based on real-time data, but initial forecasts are predicting impactful to highly impactful snow, sleet, ice, and freezing rain across broad swaths of the Commonwealth, to include higher impacts in the same area affected by the first event. This area is still dealing with the consequences of last week's back-to-back events, including power restoration and significant debris removal. This upcoming weather system is likely to include additional downed trees, more electrical outages, and significant impacts on travel conditions.

Given the storm's current forecast, the Commonwealth is leaning forward to assist localities and assist all Virginians who face the impacts of this complex, statewide storm while also coordinating continued COVID operations. Pre-positioning response assets and supplies will be necessary to assist our local and state partners whose resources have been severely strained by ongoing events. The Virginia Emergency Support Team will activate for this incident.

The anticipated effects of this situation constitute a disaster as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim a state of emergency. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

## **Directive**

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I order the following actions:


- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- D. Activation of § 59.1-525 *et seq.* of the *Code* related to price gouging.
- E. Authorization of a maximum of \$1,000,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$500,000 for the Department of Military Affairs.
- F. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**


This Executive Order shall be effective January 14, 2022, and shall remain in full force and in effect until February 13, 2022, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of this Executive Order is not intended to terminate any federal type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 14th day of January 2022.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVES

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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### Executive Directive One (2018)

#### **Directing The Virginia Racing Commission Regarding Regulations Related To Historic Horse Racing Pursuant To House Bill 1609**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

The Commonwealth of Virginia has a rich history of horse racing dating back to when Virginia was still a colony. Virginians have been breeding and racing thoroughbreds for hundreds of years, and it is an important part of our economy. From early days to the Triple Crown-winning Secretariat from Caroline County and continuing to today, horse racing holds a special place in Virginia's history.

Currently, Virginia no longer hosts thoroughbred racing on the scale that reflects our state's close historic association with the sport. The horse track at Colonial Downs that once held regular races has not seen a horse race in several years. Without a major thoroughbred track in the state where Virginia-bred horses can race, and without a source of revenue to support the industry, it will be difficult for Virginia to once again be a place where the horse industry can thrive.

For these reasons, I was pleased to sign House Bill 1609 into law. I am hopeful that this legislation will reinvigorate the horse industry and allow thoroughbred racing to return to Virginia.

While I am excited about the opportunities that this legislation presents to Virginia's horse industry, the signing of this legislation begins an important process regarding the regulation of historic horse racing. HB 1609 authorizes the expansion of Virginia's pari-mutuel wagering laws to include wagering on horse races that have already taken place. As seen in other states that have adopted similar legislation, this type of wagering often takes place through an electronic machine. These machines can allow for multiple, simultaneous bets and for numerous bets in a very short period of time. House Bill 1609 allows this type of wagering to take place at a significant infrastructure facility horse track and at up to ten satellite facilities across the state. This is a significant departure from the type of pari-mutuel wagering that has taken place in Virginia to date.

House Bill 1609 empowers the Virginia Racing Commission ("Commission") to craft regulations regarding the conduct of historic horse racing. The Administrative Process Act (Va. Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*) requires that I approve any regulations promulgated by the Virginia Racing Commission before they become effective.

Given the importance of these regulations to the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Virginia horse racing industry, local communities, law enforcement, and various other interests, it is essential that these regulations be crafted in an open, deliberate, and responsible manner. It is also important that the regulations be comprehensive to ensure that any gaming activity in Virginia is conducted responsibly and in a manner consistent with the intent of the General Assembly.

### **Directive to the Virginia Racing Commission**

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth and pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby provide the following directives to the Commission regarding the promulgation of regulations related to historic horse racing as authorized by House Bill 1609 (2018).

In crafting these regulations, the Commission shall consider the following:

- Identification of a revenue source for the Virginia horse racing industry in order to support the reintroduction of thoroughbred racing in Virginia;
- That any license or authority granted by the Commission for the purpose of conducting historic horse racing be used for the purpose of conducting wagering on live horse racing, simulcast horse racing, or historic horse racing and not for any other purpose;
- Placement of reasonable limitations on the proliferation of gaming in Virginia through historic horse racing machines in order to ensure the safety and welfare of the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- Local community opinions in determining whether to allow historic horse racing in a given locality;
- Ensuring due attention is paid to gambling addiction education, prevention, and treatment in the conduct of historic horse racing; and
- Establishment of a maximum number of historic horse racing machines at a racetrack and a maximum number of historic horse racing machines at a satellite facility as well as provisions related to physical size of satellite facilities.

In order to provide a full opportunity for public engagement during the development of regulations related to historic horse racing, I direct:

- That the Commission and its staff shall maximize opportunities for public engagement, comment, and public review of draft proposed and final regulations and that such public engagement begin immediately;
- That the Commission and its staff shall actively engage interested parties in public meetings, including local government representatives and organizations and law enforcement, in drafting regulations and that such engagement begin immediately; and
- That the Commission shall work to keep the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade and Finance, the Office of the Governor, and members of the Virginia General Assembly informed regarding the regulatory development process.

I further direct:

- That the Department of Planning and Budget, in conducting its economic impact analysis, consider the impact these regulations will have on potential future revenues to the Commonwealth from other sources.

**Effective Date**

This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in force and effect unless amended or rescinded by future executive order or directive.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 9th day of April, 2018.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth





# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### Executive Directive Two (2018)

#### Establishing The Governor's Executive Leadership Team on Highway Safety

##### Importance of the Initiative

Motor vehicle crashes present a clear and significant threat to the safety and well-being of those who use Virginia's roads.

In 2017, there were 843 fatalities on Virginia's roadways. This represents a 20.4 percent increase in fatalities from 700 deaths in 2014. Of the 843 fatalities, 308 involved motorists not wearing seatbelts, 318 were speed related, 248 were alcohol related, and 208 involved distracted driving. In addition, the number of people ages 15 to 20 who died not wearing seat belts during motor vehicle crashes doubled from January 1 through June 30, 2018, compared to the same time period the prior year.

Those who work in transportation and public safety view every crash as preventable and are committed to the vision of zero fatalities on our roadways.

The Transportation Secretariat and the Public Safety and Homeland Security Secretariat, in partnership with other public and private entities, have undertaken a concerted effort to stop the upward trend in fatalities and strive for a meaningful and continuous reduction in fatalities.

Therefore, I am establishing an Executive Leadership Team on Highway Safety (Team) to address this critical public safety concern. This Team shall have the mission of reducing motor vehicle crash related fatalities.

The Team will be led by the Deputy Secretaries of Transportation and Public Safety and Homeland Security. In addition, the Team shall be comprised of designated leadership from the following state agencies:

- Department of Education;
- Department of Health;
- Department of Motor Vehicles;

- Department of Transportation; and
- Virginia State Police.

### **Key Objectives**

To meet its mission, the Team will work with the Commonwealth's many partners to:

1. Prioritize key safety strategies and actions using the emphasis areas identified in the Virginia Strategic Highway Safety Plan and in consideration of Vision Zero and other government and private partner safety efforts;
2. Use a data-driven approach to target areas of immediate focus and determine ways to support current highway safety efforts to provide the most significant return on investment;
3. Identify resources to assist with the implementation of action plans to promote highway safety and reduce motor vehicle accident-related deaths, injuries, and crashes;
4. Implement coordinated multi-agency campaigns to strengthen and support efforts to reduce motor vehicle deaths, injuries, and crashes; and
5. Make recommendations on strategies, and report progress to the Governor.

The Team shall convene as necessary to accomplish these objectives and meet with stakeholders to gather information and report on efforts.

### **Staffing**

The Team shall be staffed by existing staff in the Office of the Secretaries of Transportation and Public Safety and Homeland Security and any other Secretariats, agencies, or offices as designated by the Governor.

**Effective Date**

This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in force and effect unless amended or rescinded by future executive order or directive.

Given under in my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph S. Northam", written over a horizontal line.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomasson", written over a horizontal line.

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### Executive Directive Three (2019)

#### Continuing the Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS)

##### Importance of the Initiative

Virginia has recognized the necessity of establishing a statewide system of integrated land mobile radio and wireless data communication to be used and maintained for state agencies. As a result, the Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS) was developed. This system seeks to meet the mutual communication needs of state and local entities that are engaged in public protection and safety. Interoperable communications among state agencies and localities is just as important now as it was then. The Northam Administration reaffirms its commitment to enhancing communications systems with this Directive.

The management of a statewide radio system shared between numerous agencies and localities poses considerable challenges. Due to the complex, multi-user nature of STARS, a centralized structure is necessary to meet the needs of users and to provide direction, troubleshooting support, and communication that ensures efficient system operation.

In order to be effective, a statewide radio system must meet the demands of a diverse group of agencies. Therefore, Cabinet Secretaries for each of the participating agencies, must be empowered to oversee the system. Additionally, a Virginia State Police (VSP) maintenance and operation unit will manage, maintain, and operate the reliable integrated radio communications system.

##### Continuation of the Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS)

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to § 2.2-103 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters. I hereby continue the STARS Initiative.

Pursuant to Chapter 3, Title 52, of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby continue the initiatives associated with STARS to meet the need for an integrated land mobile radio and wireless data communications system for certain state and local entities for interconnection via the Commonwealth Link to Interoperable Communications (COMLINC), between state and local communication systems. As part of this initiative, I hereby continue the STARS Steering Group

(Steering Group), the STARS Management Team (Management Team), and the User Agency Requirements Committee (UARC).

### **STARS Initiative Membership**

The STARS Initiative Membership shall consist of the following entities, and any other state and local entities that the Steering Group approves:

- Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Police;
- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
- Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control;
- Division of Capitol Police;
- Department of Conservation and Recreation;
- Department of Corrections;
- Department of Emergency Management;
- Department of Environmental Quality;
- Department of Fire Programs;
- Department of Forestry;
- Department of Game and Inland Fisheries;
- Department of Health;
- Department of Juvenile Justice;
- Department of Military Affairs;
- Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy;
- Department of Motor Vehicles;
- Department of State Police;
- Department of Transportation;
- Virginia Information Technologies Agency;
- Virginia Marine Resources Commission;
- Virginia Port Authority; and
- Buchanan County.

Withdrawal by state agencies from the STARS system shall only be done upon written approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security.

All STARS-allotted equipment used by a departing state agency, locality or authority shall be returned to the VSP. If an agency purchases additional radios and later decides to leave the STARS system, the radios will be wiped and returned to that agency. All equipment purchased by a state agency, locality, or authority for use on STARS will be maintained and asset managed as part of the STARS radio cache of the VSP. Additional radios can be added to the fleet with the concurrence of the STARS Management Team after determining the impact on the overall network's performance.

## **STARS Steering Group**

The Steering Group shall provide overall direction and governance for the development, implementation, and ongoing operation of STARS.

### **A. Composition of the Steering Group**

The Secretaries of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Transportation, Natural Resources, Commerce and Trade, Health and Human Resources, Agriculture and Forestry, and Finance shall serve as members of the Steering Group.

The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security shall serve as chair (Chair) of the Steering Group. The Chair of the Steering Group shall have the power to set meetings and make assignments to members of the user group established below.

### **B. Duties of the Steering Group**

The Steering Group shall

- Provide direction and overall governance for STARS, including communications, privacy, and security;
- Coordinate and assign radio frequency licenses granted by either the Federal Communication Commission or the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to agencies of the Commonwealth. Although assigned to individual state agencies, it is within the purview of the STARS Steering Group to determine the use of spectrum resources;
- Promote interagency cooperation and coordination in the use of communications resources;
- Hold meetings at least semiannually; and
- Designate and oversee the Management Team.

## **STARS Initiative Management Team**

The Management Team shall be comprised of VSP staff to oversee the technical development, implementation, and ongoing operation of STARS.

### **A. Composition of the Management Team**

The Management Team shall be led by the VSP Communications Officer and consist of persons with project management, electrical engineering, civil engineering, communications technology, procurement, contract administration, and accounting expertise. The Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator shall be a member of the Management Team.

## **B. Duties of the Management Team**

The Management Team shall be responsible for maintaining a comprehensive management plan and procedures for the use and operation of STARS. It shall be responsible for resolving general operating issues between STARS users. Any issues that cannot be resolved by the Management Team shall be addressed by the Steering Group. It shall also take possession of all equipment used on STARS by user agencies and authorities (independent of how the equipment was obtained) and be responsible for maintenance and asset management.

The Management Team is responsible for determining which equipment is appropriate for use on STARS on the basis of operability, interoperability, and maintainability. The Management Team shall meet as necessary.

## **STARS Initiative User Agency Requirements Committee (UARC)**

The User Agency Requirements Committee (UARC), consisting of representatives from each member agency, authority and institution, shall assist the Management Team. The UARC shall have two co-chairs. The VSP Communications Officer shall serve as co-chair and the second co-chair shall be recommended by the UARC membership and approved by the Steering Group. The Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator shall attend all meetings.

### **A. Composition of UARC**

The head of each member agency, authority, and institution shall appoint one member of their respective staffs and a designated alternate to serve on UARC.

### **B. Duties of UARC**

The UARC shall assist the Management Team by establishing such procedures, committees, and subcommittees as the UARC deems appropriate to carry out its work. The UARC shall meet as necessary, but no less often than quarterly.

The designated representative or alternate shall attend meetings of the UARC and shall coordinate a yearly agency audit of STARS equipment with the support of the Management Team. The representatives are the sole points of contact for their agencies pertaining to acquiring, installing, and moving STARS equipment. The representative shall consult with the Management Team prior to adding any electrical device to a STARS-equipped vehicle.

## **STARS Initiative Procurement**

As provided in Item 457 of the 2002 Appropriation Act (Chapter 899 of the 2002 Acts of Assembly), the Commonwealth entered into a contract with Motorola on July 13, 2004, for the design, construction, and implementation of STARS with the approval of the Governor and the

General Assembly. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, with the assistance of the Secretary of Finance, the Department of Planning and Budget, and the Treasurer, continues the oversight of the funding for STARS.

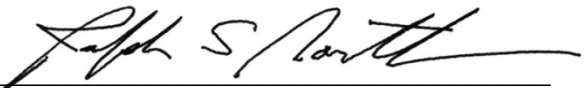
The Steering Group shall report on the status of STARS, including the status of any contract negotiations within the limitations of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*) to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1 of each year.

**Effective Date of this Executive Directive**

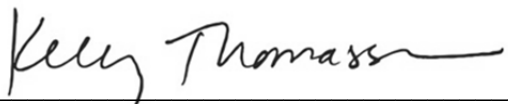
This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in force and effect unless amended or rescinded by future executive order or directive.

Given under in my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Four (2019)**

#### **Establishing The Governor's Executive Leadership Team on School Readiness**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

Nearly 100,000 students enter kindergarten classrooms in Virginia schools each fall. Only 60% of these children start school with the key literacy, math, and socio-emotional skills needed to be successful in school. When considering the most vulnerable young learners, the numbers are more concerning; fewer than half of children from economically disadvantaged families enter school fully prepared for success.

Every Virginia child, regardless of background or zip code, is capable of and deserves to enter school prepared to reach his or her full potential. Yet the stark disparities in access to quality early childhood care and education contribute to disparate outcomes for children, especially for children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, children who are English Language Learners, and children in rural or underserved areas.

Last year, I directed my administration to explore ways to increase access to early childhood care and education for Virginia families through Executive Orders 11, 12, and 13. My administration remains committed to building on this progress and the good work of our partners across the Commonwealth.

##### **School Readiness Landscape**

In recent years, state leaders have worked in a collaborative, bipartisan manner to strengthen Virginia's early childhood system. The General Assembly created the School Readiness Committee, a state-level advisory council, in 2016. In recent sessions, the legislature strengthened criminal background checks, expanded health and safety expectations, and invested in improving instruction quality. As part of these efforts, the legislature directed the Joint Legislative and Audit Review Commission (JLARC) to analyze and improve the system. JLARC released its analysis in December 2017. Through bipartisan efforts, during the 2018 session, actions were taken to improve school readiness outcomes in the Commonwealth. This included measuring kindergarten readiness through the Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program and creating and monitoring a uniform measure of quality in all Virginia Preschool Initiative classrooms. The state's most recent expansion of quality preschool through Virginia Preschool Initiative Plus, provided by a federal grant, resulted in the elimination of the school readiness

gap between economically disadvantaged children and their non-disadvantaged peers, according to analysis by SRI International.

Additionally, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Secretary of Education, in combination with the School Readiness Committee, and other public and private entities, have made a concerted effort to improve school readiness in the Commonwealth over the last five years. The Commonwealth has invested state dollars and secured significant federal funds to pilot and promote efforts in local communities, including the 2019 Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5). Eleven communities across Virginia are leading the way in efforts to unify, measure, and strengthen access and quality in their early childhood systems. Through PDG B-5, the state has undergone a needs assessment and strategic planning process, which included data analysis, synthesis of 15 state reports, focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and intensive engagement with an Impact Workgroup. This culminated with a convening of the School Readiness Committee in June 2019 to review and establish statewide priorities and goals for improving school readiness.

### **Achievement Gap and Funding Needs**

Virginia is ranked 33rd nationally in terms of state spending on preschool according to the National Institute for Early Education Research. The vast majority of economically disadvantaged families with children five and under in Virginia do not have access to an affordable early childhood care and education option. As of Fall 2018, 24% of economically disadvantaged four-year-olds and 72% of economically disadvantaged three-year-olds were not served through federal, state, or local government funding, which includes childcare subsidy, Head Start and school-based preschool. To close the gap for underserved children, Virginia needs to increase state funding to offer more children an affordable, quality publicly-funded option. Families should still be able to choose the setting that best serves their children, whether from a public provider or private provider who accepts public funding.

### **Establishment of Quality Metrics**

Current data about publicly-funded programs – preschool, Early Head Start, Head Start and Child Care Assistance – is incomplete. Although the Virginia Quality initiative is open to all publically funded early learning programs, there is no mandate for participation and therefore no uniform way that quality is measured in Virginia. Without a consistent standard for comparison of early learning programs, it is difficult for families to understand their options and for communities to strengthen their local systems.

The Commonwealth must focus on building a uniform quality measurement and improvement system that evaluates and supports every publicly-funded program serving children five and under. This includes centers, family day homes, and school settings. A uniform measurement system would allow the Commonwealth to align supports and incentives to reach uniform quality measurements. As part of this process, it will be important to balance the availability of care with educational standards so that quality options for low-income families are expanded and not lowered.

Increasing public funding and implementing a quality measurement and improvement system will require more unified oversight and accountability at the state level. The Bipartisan Policy Institute ranked Virginia as 37<sup>th</sup> in the nation for state integration of early childhood programs. The Commonwealth must address this fragmentation of funding and programs in order for efforts to support and scale high quality options to be successful.

### **Establishment of the Executive Leadership Team on School Readiness**

Therefore, I am establishing an Executive Leadership Team on School Readiness (Executive Leadership Team or Team) to address these critical concerns. This Team shall make recommendations that unify and strengthen the early childhood system to ensure all Virginia children have equal opportunities to enter school ready to succeed. This Team will identify and seek to address disparities both in access to and quality of early childhood care and education across the Commonwealth.

The Executive Leadership Team's core objectives include:

1. Ensure that all at-risk three-year-olds and four-year-olds in Virginia have access to a publicly-subsidized option; and
2. Ensure that all publicly-funded programs that serve children birth to five are measured as quality as part of a uniform quality rating system by 2025.

### **Executive Leadership Team Priorities**

To meet its mission, the Team will work with the Commonwealth's many partners to:

1. Conduct a series of stakeholder listening sessions around the state to share needs assessment and strategic plan findings and to solicit feedback on how to improve school readiness in the Commonwealth.
2. Analyze existing funding streams and formulas including, but not limited to the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI), IDEA Part B, Title I, Early Head Start, Head Start and the Child Care Development Block Grant in order to make recommendations on how to maximize access for underserved children and families. Analysis should illustrate what would be required to ensure that every underserved three-year-old and four-year-old has access to a publicly subsidized option by 2025 without jeopardizing access for infants and toddlers.
3. Build, pilot and scale a uniform quality measurement and improvement system for all early childhood care and education programs that accept public funds to serve children five and under outside of their homes.
4. Develop recommendations to most effectively consolidate state oversight and administration for all early care and education programs that serve children out of their home.

**Reporting**

The Team shall convene as necessary to accomplish these objectives and meet with stakeholders to gather information. A written report shall be provided to the Governor by September 30, 2019, and subsequent reports will provided upon the request of the Governor.

**Composition of the Executive Leadership Team**

The Executive Leadership Team will be co-chaired by the Chief School Readiness Officer and the Commissioner of Virginia Department of Social Services. In addition, the Team shall be comprised of staff from the following executive branch agencies, and any other state agencies, as designated by the co-chairs:

- Department of Education;
- Department of Social Services; and
- Department of Planning and Budget.

**Effective Date**

This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in force and effect unless amended or rescinded by future executive order or directive.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Five (2019)**

#### **Access to Affordable, Quality Health Care Coverage**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

Prior to the passage of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), Virginians seeking access to health care faced significant barriers. One of the barriers was pre-existing condition exclusions, which either denied access to commercial health insurance outright or allowed an individual to obtain insurance but not for the services related to the pre-existing condition. Others fell into the Medicaid coverage gap, which meant that they were ineligible for Medicaid under the traditional requirements, yet their income proved to be too low to qualify for the Affordable Care Act's subsidies and credits. This put meaningful health care coverage out of reach.

When individuals and families have quality meaningful coverage, they can access critical services to treat medical and behavioral conditions before symptoms hinder physical, social, and emotional wellbeing. Individuals and families with a stable source of health coverage are more likely to obtain and maintain employment, complete educational goals, and report a higher overall satisfaction and quality of life. Virginia took a step in the right direction by expanding access to Medicaid to approximately 400,000 Virginians as of January 1, 2019. Medicaid expansion, coupled with reforms to make coverage in the private market more affordable, could help cut the uninsured rate in Virginia by more than half.

Unfortunately, recent federal actions threaten Virginia's trajectory to expand affordable healthcare coverage to more people across the Commonwealth. Whether through the expansion of substandard health plans, reduction in federal support for consumer outreach and enrollment assistance, Medicaid work requirements without appropriate employment supports, or increasing barriers to enrollment in comprehensive plans (including shortening the open enrollment period), federal policies are making meaningful coverage out of reach. If left unchecked, these policies will reduce affordability, decrease quality, and increase the number of Virginians forced to go uninsured or underinsured. To minimize the adverse impact these harmful federal policies can have on Virginians entails an unwavering commitment to a multipronged strategy that leverages state resources, achieves affordability through state innovation, and prioritizes consumer interest and protection. Achieving measurable improvement will require leaders at the highest levels of state government to direct and prioritize the resources and activities that will have the greatest impact on improving access to health coverage, as well as ensure each individual is treated equitably and with dignity and respect.

## **Access Health Care Coverage**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, I hereby direct the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (Secretary) to identify, develop, and implement actions that will increase the number of Virginians enrolled in quality, affordable health care coverage.

This Executive Directive is premised on a steadfast commitment by this Administration to ensure that all Virginians, regardless of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, ability status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, or political affiliation can afford meaningful high-quality health coverage.

The Secretary, in collaboration with the Secretaries of Finance and Public Safety and Homeland Security, is directed to review policies and programs to promote greater access and enrollment in meaningful, affordable health insurance coverage. The Secretary shall work with other state agencies, community partners, providers, health plans, and policy makers to implement policies and processes that will result in measurable and sustained improvement in access to affordable health care coverage.

## **Directive to Ensure Access to Affordable, Quality Health Care Coverage**

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth and pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby issue the following directives to promote health coverage and meaningful access for all Virginians. The Secretary shall pursue the following:

### *Leverage State Resources*

- Improve and streamline eligibility and enrollment policies, processes, and systems to ensure timely access to needed health and social services.
- Target data-driven outreach strategies and resources to measurably increase health and other benefits coverage of eligible but not yet enrolled Virginians.
- Foster community partnerships in order to further promote and advance progress for equity in health care and outcomes.

### *Provide Affordability through State Innovation*

- Address outlier health care costs to reduce health insurance premiums statewide.
- Develop an approach that allows Virginia to make decisions that best meet the specific needs of the Commonwealth's consumers.
- Develop a data-driven strategy to create efficiencies in coverage and improve health outcomes, with a special focus on particularly vulnerable populations, including but not limited to: pregnant women, justice-involved populations, non-English speaking populations, individuals with disabilities, and youth in foster care.

*Focus on Consumers*

- Develop a publicly-available Language Access Plan to regularly assess compliance with accessibility and usability of services, regardless of reading level, limited English proficiency, or disability.
- Propose actions to evaluate and improve consumer communications, including applications, notices, marketing, and outreach; and ensure that such communications whether written, electronic, or spoken, are fully accessible to all individuals and provide clear information.
- Increase transparency of health care coverage choices to empower consumers to make informed, timely decisions about which services and plans best meet their individual/family needs.
- Improve consumer protection policies for short-term limited duration plans and association health plans.
- When relevant, the Secretary shall provide an implementation timeline and/or legislative proposals.

**Effective Date**

This Executive Directive shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive directive.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Six (2020)**

#### **Continuing the Community Integration Team**

##### **Community Integration Team**

Virginians with disabilities have a right to enjoy the same benefits of society and freedoms of everyday life that Virginians without disabilities enjoy. The Commonwealth has an obligation under the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Olmstead v. L.C. by Zimring*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999) decision, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Virginians with Disabilities Act to provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to become fully integrated into the community if they choose. This is more than an obligation—it is a necessity. Virginia must continue to prioritize the mandate of the *Olmstead* decision to ensure the integration of individuals with disabilities into every community in the Commonwealth, as set forth in § 51.5-1 of the *Code of Virginia*, “to encourage and enable persons with disabilities to participate fully and equally in the social and economic life of the Commonwealth.”

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of Virginia and § 2.2-103 and § 2.2-104 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby direct the following Cabinet Secretaries and their respective executive branch agencies and councils to continue their collaborative efforts to complete and update a comprehensive, cross-governmental strategic plan designed to ensure continued community integration of Virginians with disabilities:

##### **Secretary of Commerce and Trade**

Department of Housing and Community Development

##### **Secretary of Education**

Department of Education

Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind

##### **Secretary of Health and Human Resources**

Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services

Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Virginia Board for People with Disabilities



**Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs**  
Department of Veterans' Services

**Secretary of Transportation**  
Department of Rail and Public Transportation

**Chief Workforce Development Officer**

**Strategic Plan for Individuals with Disabilities**

The goals of this strategic plan shall be to provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity to choose to move from institutions to appropriate, more integrated settings and to avoid institutionalization. The plan shall contain strategies that comprehensively address community services and supports, housing, transportation, employment and workforce issues, and shall be accompanied by a report on statewide progress in addressing these issues. Additional agencies that are not part of the Community Integration Implementation Team may be consulted in the development of the plan. The plan shall be submitted to me for my approval no later than August 31, 2020, and shall be updated and submitted every four years by August 31.

I hereby direct the Cabinet Secretaries, executive branch agencies and councils to work in close collaboration with local governments, local government agencies, and stakeholders in the Commonwealth.

**Effective Date of the Executive Directive**

This Executive Directive rescinds Executive Directive 6 (Kaine 2007) and will remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive action.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2020.



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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Seven (2020)**

#### **DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO TAKE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On March 12, 2020, I declared that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the potential impacts of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and general welfare of Virginia residents require that state action be taken to help alleviate the conditions caused by this situation.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I direct the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to undertake the following measures:

- Effective March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm, close DMV Customer Service Center (CSC), DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations statewide for 14 days. During this time, online and mail services will remain available to customers.
- Extend the validity of every driver, vehicle, and special identification credential due to expire on or before May 15, 2020, for 60 days. Such action will give customers an additional 60 days, beyond the expiration date, to renew credentials.
- Minimize customer contact during driver training at Class B Virginia Driver Training Schools by:
  - Waiving the two-student minimum requirement under the Virginia Driver Training Schools Regulations;
  - Waiving the student-to-student observation periods during in-vehicle instruction; and
  - Allowing one-on-one in-vehicle instruction.

**Effective Date of this Executive Directive**

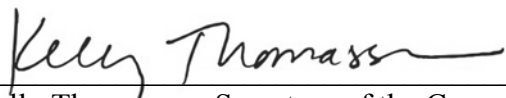
This Executive Directive shall be effective from March 17, 2020, 11:59:59 p.m. EDT, and shall remain in full force and effect until May 16, 2020.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Amended Executive Directive Seven (2020)**

#### **Directing the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Continue Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

Since issuing Executive Directive Seven on March 17, 2020, the Commonwealth of Virginia has continued to implement aggressive measures to respond to and to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on Virginians. Data collected by the Virginia Department of Health, however, shows that the virus continues to spread across the state adversely affecting thousands of Virginians. Therefore, it is necessary to extend certain actions previously undertaken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Virginians.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I direct the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to undertake the following measures:

- DMV Customer Service Centers (CSC), DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations statewide shall remain closed to the public until May 11, 2020. During this time, online and mail services will remain available to customers. DMV services should reopen to the public with limited operations on May 11, 2020.
- Extend the validity of every driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credential due to expire on or before June 10, 2020, for up to 90 days not to exceed July 31, 2020. Such action will give customers additional time beyond the expiration date to renew the credentials.
- Minimize customer contact during driver training at Class B Virginia Driver Training Schools by suspending behind-the-wheel training until June 10, 2020.

**Effective Date of this Amended Executive Directive**

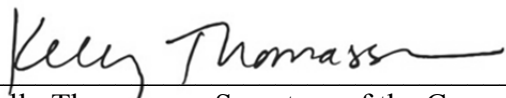
This Executive Directive amends Executive Directive Seven and shall remain in full force and effect unless rescinded or amended.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Second Amended Executive Directive Seven (2020)**

#### **Directing the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Further Extend Certain Administrative Actions Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

Since issuing Amended Executive Directive Seven on April 23, 2020, the Commonwealth of Virginia has continued to implement aggressive measures to respond to and to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on Virginians. Data collected by the Virginia Department of Health, however, shows that the virus continues to spread across the state adversely affecting Virginians. Therefore, it is necessary to further extend certain actions previously undertaken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Virginians.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I direct the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to undertake the following measures:

- DMV Customer Service Centers (CSC), DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations statewide shall remain closed to the public until **May 18, 2020**. During this time, online and mail services will remain available to customers. DMV services should reopen to the public with limited operations on **May 18, 2020**.
- Extend the validity of every driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credential due to expire on or before June 10, 2020, for up to 90 days not to exceed July 31, 2020. Such action will give customers additional time beyond the expiration date to renew the credentials.
- Minimize customer contact during driver training at Class B Virginia Driver Training Schools by suspending behind-the-wheel training until June 10, 2020.

**Effective Date of this Amended Executive Directive**

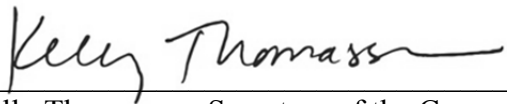
This Executive Directive further amends Executive Directive Seven and shall remain in full force and effect unless rescinded or amended.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Third Amended Executive Directive Seven (2020)**

#### **Directing the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Take Certain Administrative Actions Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

Since issuing the Second Amended Executive Directive Seven on May 8, 2020, the Commonwealth of Virginia has continued to implement aggressive measures to respond to and to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on Virginians. **On May 8, 2020, Executive Order Sixty-One and Order of Public Health Emergency Four, later amended, was executed presenting a detailed framework of Phase One of the “Forward Virginia” plan to safely and gradually ease public health restrictions while containing the spread of COVID-19.** Therefore, it is necessary to **modify** actions previously undertaken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Virginians.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I direct the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to undertake the following measures:

- DMV Customer Service Centers (CSC), DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations **continue a phased reopening to the public with limited operations by appointment that began on May 18, 2020.** Online and mail services will continue to remain available to customers.
- Extend the validity of every driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credential due to expire on or before **July 31, 2020**, for up to 90 days not to exceed **August 31, 2020.** Such action will give customers additional time beyond the expiration date to renew the credentials.
- Minimize customer contact during driver training at Class B Virginia Driver Training Schools by suspending behind-the-wheel training until **the date the locality in which the school is located enters Phase One as outlined in Executive Order 61 and Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Four.** When these driver training schools reopen, they should adhere to the **Guidelines for All Business Sectors as best practices linked [here](#).**

- **In addition, when a Class B Virginia Driver Training School reopens, DMV will support the minimization of customer contact during driver training until the school's respective location enters Phase Two by:**
  - **Waiving the two-student minimum requirement under the Virginia Driver Training Schools Regulations;**
  - **Waiving the student-to-student observation periods during in-vehicle instruction; and**
  - **Allowing one-on-one in-vehicle instruction.**

**Effective Date of this Amended Executive Directive**

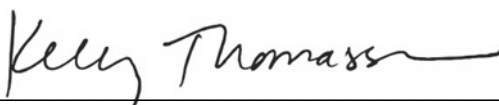
This Executive Directive further amends Executive Directive Seven and shall remain in full force and effect unless rescinded or amended.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Fourth Amended Executive Directive Seven (2020)**

#### **Directing the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Further Extend Certain Administrative Actions to Support the Department's Phased Reopening**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

Executive Directive Seven (2020) initially issued on March 17, 2020, directed the closure of Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Customer Service Centers (CSC), DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations statewide effective March 18, 2020, as part of the Commonwealth's response to and mitigation of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on Virginians. The Third Amended Executive Directive Seven (2020) issued on May 27, 2020, extended the validity of every driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credential due to expire on or before July 31, 2020, for up to 90 days not to exceed August 31, 2020.

Since that time, Executive Orders Sixty-One and Public Health Emergency Three, Executive Order Sixty-Two Public Health Emergency Four, and Sixty-Five and Public Health Emergency Four and Six have been issued, and where applicable, amended to provide guidance for easing various imposed restrictions related to the pandemic. The DMV began a phased reopening of the DMV Customer Service Centers (CSC), DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations to the public, with limited operations by appointment, on May 18, 2020. As of June 22, 35 of the 75 DMV CSCs have reopened and with full subscription of available appointments.

The phased reopening of DMV offices necessitated by the pandemic limited DMV operations and now poses additional challenges to providing Virginians services within the time period provided by Third Amended Executive Directive Seven. This new occurrence makes additional action necessary to maintain the validity of Virginian's driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credentials.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I direct the DMV to undertake the following additional measures:


- DMV CSC, DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations shall continue the phased reopening to the public with limited operations by appointment that began on May 18, 2020. Online and mail services will continue to remain available to customers.
- Extend the validity of every driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credential due to expire on or before July 31, 2020, for up to an additional 90 days not to exceed October 31, 2020. Such action will provide customers additional time beyond the current extension period in the Third Amended Executive Directive Seven to obtain an appointment as needed to renew their credentials.

**Effective Date of this Amended Executive Directive**

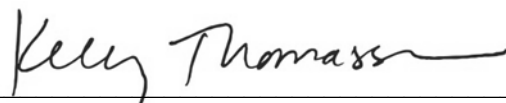
This Executive Directive shall remain in full force and effect unless rescinded or further amended.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Fifth Amended Executive Directive Seven (2020)**

#### **Directing the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Further Extend Certain Administrative Actions to Support the Department's Phased Reopening**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

Executive Directive Seven (2020) initially issued on March 17, 2020, directed the closure of Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Customer Service Centers (CSC), DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations statewide effective March 18, 2020, as part of the Commonwealth's response to and mitigation of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on Virginians. The Third Amended Executive Directive Seven (2020) issued on May 27, 2020, extended the validity of every driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credential due to expire on or before July 31, 2020, for up to 90 days not to exceed August 31, 2020. The Fourth Amended Executive Directive Seven (2020) issued on June 25, 2020, extended the validity of every driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credential due to expire on or before July 31, 2020, for up to an additional 90 days not to exceed October 31, 2020.

Since that time, the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) adopted § 16VAC25-220 Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) on July 15, 2020, which became effective July 27, 2020, placing additional restrictions on Virginia employers to protect the health and general welfare of Virginia residents. Third Amended Executive Order Sixty-One (Public Health Emergency Three), Amended Executive Order Sixty-Two (Public Health Emergency Four), and Amended Executive Order Sixty-Five (Public Health Emergency Six), impose restrictions related to the pandemic, and the DOLI regulations further impact DMV operations. Together, these make additional actions necessary to maintain the validity of Virginian's driver and special identification credentials.

DMV has continued a phased reopening of the DMV Customer Service Centers (CSC) and DMV Connect locations to the public, with limited operations by appointment and in compliance with the governing regulations. As of August 24, 2020, 68 of the 75 DMV CSCs have reopened and with full subscription of available appointments.

To help mitigate the challenges to providing Virginians services to maintain credentials while responsibly operating during this pandemic, by mid-September DMV will offer eight-year credential holders who are currently required to renew in-person the option to obtain a two-year credential without requiring an appointment for an in-person visit to a CSC. While this will reduce the need for thousands of appointments and in-person visits, there will remain thousands

of new customers each month who will continue to be impacted by the operating restrictions required to protect the health and general welfare of Virginia residents.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I direct the DMV to undertake the following measures to provide customers additional time to obtain an appointment for in-person visits needed to renew their credentials:

- Extend the validity of every driver and special identification credential not previously extended and due to expire between August 1, 2020, and October 31, 2020, for 60 days from the expiration date on the face of the credential; and
- Extend the validity of every driver and special identification credential not previously extended and due to expire between November 1, 2020, and November 29, 2020, for up to an additional 29 days from the expiration date on the face of the credential not to exceed November 30, 2020.

**Effective Date of this Amended Executive Directive**

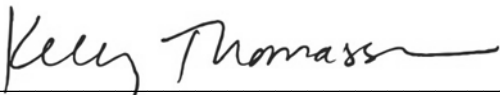
This Executive Directive shall be effective from August 28, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect unless rescinded or further amended.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Eight (2020)**

#### **Directing the Superintendent of the Virginia Department of State Police to Take Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

On March 12, 2020, I declared that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the potential impacts of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and general welfare of Virginia residents require that state action be taken to help alleviate the conditions caused by this situation.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I direct the Virginia Department of State Police (VSP) to undertake the following measure:


- Suspend the enforcement of Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections (MVSIs) required under § 46.2-1157 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Effective Date of this Executive Directive**

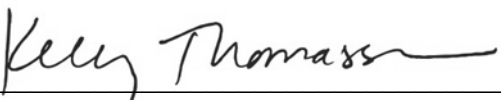
This Executive Directive shall be effective from March 19, 2020, 11:59:59 p.m. EDT, and shall remain in full force and effect until July 31, 2020.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Amended Executive Directive Eight (2020)**

#### **Directing the Superintendent of the Virginia Department of State Police to Continue Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

Since issuing Executive Directive Eight on March 19, 2020, the Commonwealth of Virginia has continued to implement aggressive measures to respond to and to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on Virginians. Data collected by the Virginia Department of Health, however, shows that the virus continues to spread across the state adversely affecting thousands of Virginians. Therefore, it is necessary to extend and expand certain actions previously undertaken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Virginians.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I direct the Virginia Department of State Police (VSP) to undertake the following measures:


- Continue suspension of the enforcement of Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections (MVSI) required under § 46.2-1157 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- Effective 11:59 p.m., April 23, 2020, suspend the enforcement of the time period in which a new resident must get a Virginia driver's license required under § 46.2-308 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- Effective 11:59 p.m., April 23, 2020, suspend the enforcement of the time period in which a new resident must register his/her vehicle required under by § 46.2-662 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- Effective 11:59 p.m., April 23, 2020, suspend the enforcement of the time period temporary residents may operate vehicles with out-of-state plates required under § 46.2-656 of the *Code of Virginia*.
- Effective 11:59 p.m., April 23, 2020, suspend the enforcement of the expiration of temporary license plates issued by a dealer when a person buys a car required under §§ 46.2-1542 and 46.2-1565 of the *Code of Virginia*.

**Effective Date of this Amended Executive Directive**

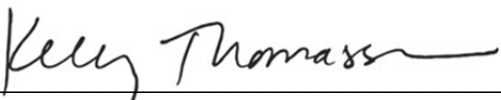
This Amended Executive Directive amends Executive Directive Eight and shall unless sooner amended or rescinded remain in full force and effect until July 31, 2020.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2020.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Nine (2020)**

#### **Directing the Virginia Marine Resources Commission Regarding Regulations Related to Atlantic Menhaden Pursuant to HB 1448 and SB 791**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

Atlantic menhaden serve as the base of the marine food chain in the Chesapeake Bay and along the U.S. Atlantic Coast. They are a primary food source for commercially and recreationally important fish species such as striped bass, bluefish, red drum, and seatrout that bring in tens of billions of dollars and support hundreds of thousands of jobs in Virginia and other East Coast states. Whales, dolphins, and seabirds also depend on menhaden for their survival. Atlantic Menhaden are important to recreational and commercial fishermen in other ways, as well. The fish are the primary bait option for commercial crabbers and for anglers targeting many species of gamefish. They are also the target of purse seine fisheries based on Virginia's Northern Neck that provide either full time or seasonal employment to hundreds of people living in that area, and support the regional economy.

Earlier this month, the General Assembly passed and I signed House Bill 1448 and Senate Bill 791 transferring all management authority for Atlantic Menhaden from the legislature to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), which manages all other saltwater fish species in Virginia waters. VMRC implements science-based quotas established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), a regional fishery management organization composed of voting members from all the East Coast states. This transfer was necessary because the General Assembly did not always adopt ASMFC recommendations on Atlantic Menhaden in a timely manner, which led most recently to an exceedance of Virginia's 2019 Chesapeake Bay quota and a moratorium on Atlantic Menhaden fishing in Virginia waters imposed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce effective June 17, 2020.

House Bill 1448 and Senate Bill 791 give VMRC the authority to set regulations that will bring Virginia into compliance with the ASMFC menhaden management plan and prevent the moratorium from becoming effective. As this regulatory authority is a significant new responsibility for VMRC, it is appropriate for me to offer guidance to the agency on how I expect it to implement the law.

##### **Directive to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission**

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby provide the following directives to the Commission regarding the promulgation of regulations related to management of Atlantic menhaden in Virginia waters as authorized by House Bill 1448 and Senate Bill 791 (2020).

In crafting these regulations, the Commission shall consider the following:

- Ensuring that regulations are finalized in a timely manner to demonstrate to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the U.S. Department of Commerce that the current moratorium on Atlantic Menhaden fishing in Virginia waters should be lifted before its June 17, 2020 effective date;
- Establishing the Chesapeake Bay harvest cap for the Atlantic Menhaden reduction fishery at the level necessary to ensure compliance with current and future Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission management plans;
- The economic importance of menhaden to the Northern Neck and coastal Virginia, and ensuring continued sustainable harvest of Atlantic Menhaden by the purse seine reduction and bait fisheries, including in the Chesapeake Bay; and
- Ensuring continued protection of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem.

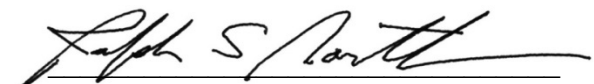
Additionally, the Commissioner of the VMRC shall request of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission that the Commonwealth be allowed to pay back the purse seine reduction fishery harvest overage from the 2019 fishing season in equal amounts over the 2020 and 2021 fishing seasons.

**Effective Date of the Executive Directive**

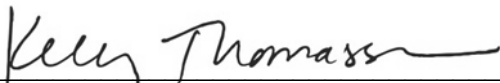
This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in force and effect unless amended or rescinded by future executive action.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Ten (2020)**

#### **Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to Take Certain Administrative Action Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

#### **Importance of the Issue**

On March 12, 2020, I declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the potential impacts of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and general welfare of Virginia residents require that state action be taken to help alleviate the conditions caused by this situation.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I direct the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) to take the following measures:

1. Defer for 90 days the collection of any renewal fees for any license or permit issued by ABC that expired or will expire on or after March 31, 2020, and before the later of (i) July 1, 2020, or (ii) 30 days following the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 51. A licensee or permittee whose renewal fees are deferred shall pay the required renewal fee no later than 90 days after the original expiration date of such license or permit. Such action will give licensees an additional 90 days, beyond the original expiration date, to pay any renewal fees for their licenses and permits. All applicable penalties prescribed in § 4.1-203 of the *Code of Virginia* shall be waived.
2. Allow the sale and service of cocktails off-premises by establishments licensed to sell mixed beverages pursuant to §§ 4.1-210(A)(1) or 4.1-210(A)(12) of the *Code of Virginia*.
3. Allow the sale and service of cocktails off-premises by distilleries licensed pursuant to §§ 4.1-206(A)(1), 4.1-206(A)(2), and 4.1-206(A)(3) of the *Code of Virginia* exercising the privilege to sell samples granted by §§ 4.1-119(D) and 4.1-119(G) of the *Code of Virginia*.
4. Prescribe the terms and conditions under which the sale and service of cocktails off-premises shall be permitted under paragraphs two and three above. The terms

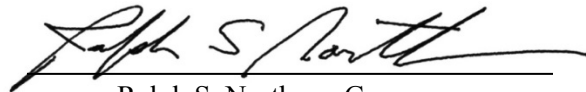
and conditions shall affirmatively state that the privilege of any licensee to sell and serve cocktails off premises shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the date on which Executive Order 51 expires or is rescinded, or upon revocation of such privilege by the Board of Directors for Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.

**Effective Date of this Executive Directive**

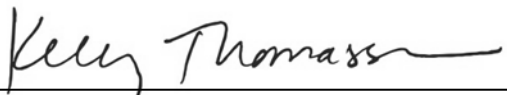
This authority granted to ABC by this Executive Directive shall be effective from April 9, 2020, 11:59 p.m., and shall remain in full force and effect until Executive Order 51 expires, or is rescinded

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Number Eleven (2020)**

#### **Continuing the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign: Employee Workplace Giving and Volunteerism**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

The Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC) is an annual charitable giving campaign created in 1997 under the Virginia Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) to promote a culture of caring and giving within the Commonwealth of Virginia. The CVC assists the Commonwealth's employees in their charitable giving by providing a single vehicle for charitable contributions that minimizes workplace disruptions and maximizes charitable contributions. Since its inception, employees of the Commonwealth have given over \$50 million, including \$2.2 million in 2019.

In 2010, Governor McDonnell recognized the CVC as an annual campaign and created the Advisory Council in Executive Order 26 (2010). Recognizing the importance of charitable giving by state employees, Governor McAuliffe continued the CVC through Executive Order 27 (2014). In his Executive Order, Governor McAuliffe expanded the size of the Advisory Council and established Agency Coordinators to organize the CVC within each agency.

The success of the campaign in 2020 is vital due to the global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now more than ever, Virginians helping Virginians when they are able is important. The CVC's newly-designed website makes it easy for state employees to support trusted local and global charities. [The website](#) contains everything employees need to support charities, including online pledges using ePledge.

I know that state employees stand ready at a moment's notice to step up and help where needed and, with the support and guidance of Virginia's leadership, can accomplish anything.

##### **Directive to all State Agencies**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to Sections 2.2-103A and 2.2-104 of the *Code of Virginia* and subject to my continuing and



ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby authorize all agencies of the Commonwealth to renew their efforts to continue the annual Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign as established in Executive Order 27 (2014) and supplemented by this Executive Directive.

### **Key Objectives**

The Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign will continue to provide a responsive and convenient system to facilitate charitable giving.

The goals of the campaign will be to:

1. Ensure maintenance of a value-based Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign.
2. Serve as a model for other state workplace giving campaigns.
3. Enhance commitment from leadership across secretariats.
4. Establish employee-supported annual campaign giving goals.
5. Provide assistance to participating 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organizations in serving the needs within the Commonwealth.
6. Facilitate an efficient and cost-effective vehicle by which state employees can voluntarily contribute to charities that align with their passion or cause.
7. Recognize the need for transparency of the campaign by offering an online giving guide that increases employee knowledge about CVC and how employees can start their own campaigns.
8. Ensure fiscal accountability.
9. Consolidate all fundraising solicitations into one campaign, and prohibit interruptions in the state workplace from outside fundraising.
10. Encourage employees to volunteer their time and share their skills in support of their communities.

### **Role of the Advisory Council and Agency Coordinators**

The Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign will continue to be conducted annually in all state agencies through the participation and leadership of the CVC Advisory Council and the Agency CVC Coordinators:

1. **The CVC Advisory Council (CVCAC)** shall oversee, articulate, and review the

general campaign's annual goals and procedures and set the campaign's strategic direction. The members shall serve as the "Ambassadors" of the campaign and provide governance to both the Virginia State Employee Assistance Fund and the Virginia State Employee Loan Program, and manage both programs. The committee's members will continue to serve three-year terms and include one representative from each cabinet secretariat, the legislative branch, the judicial branch, seven regional representatives, and three state employees chosen at-large.

2. **Agency CVC Coordinators** will continue to be appointed by the agency heads and serve as the "Ground-Level Advocates" tasked with organizing the campaign within their respective agencies. Agency CVC Coordinators shall continue to collaborate with the statewide campaign and serve as the point of contact for their agency. Agency CVC Coordinators will work closely with their agency heads in the planning of a successful campaign by coordinating special fundraising events, promoting peer-to-peer fundraising, monitoring their campaign's progress, and reporting direct giving to achieve their agency's goals. This role is critical to conducting a successful campaign.


The Director of DHRM shall continue to serve as the chairperson of the CVCAC and lead the development and implementation of the operating procedures for the campaign's organization and administration.

**Effective Date of the Executive Directive**

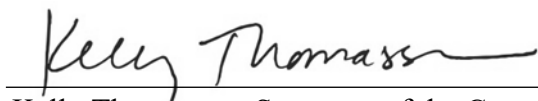
This Executive Directive supplements Executive Order Number 27 (2014), issued by Governor Terrence R. McAuliffe. This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded or amended by further executive action.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 30th day of September, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Number Twelve (2020)**

#### **Continuing the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign: Employee Workplace Giving and Volunteerism**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

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##### **Directive to all State Agencies**

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The Director of DHRM shall continue to serve as the chairperson of the CVCAC and lead the development and implementation of the operating procedures for the campaign's organization and administration.

**Effective Date of the Executive Directive**

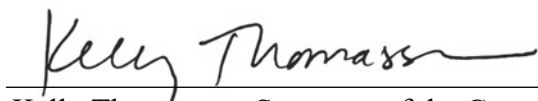
This Executive Directive supplements Executive Order Number 27 (2014), issued by Governor Terrence R. McAuliffe. This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded or amended by further executive action.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 30th day of September, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Thirteen (2020)**

#### **Directing the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program Regarding Responsibility and Reporting to the Commonwealth's Chief Resilience Officer**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

The Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan (Master Plan) was initiated by Executive Order 24 (2018) and positions the Commonwealth to take the lead in making Virginia's coast more resilient to the impacts of climate change and sea level rise. Among its many accomplishments, the Master Plan defines the responsibilities of the Chief Resilience Officer (CRO) and the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection (SACAP). This leadership is key to addressing the economic, social, environmental, and public health and safety threats of coastal natural hazards. The Coastal Resilience Master Planning Framework (Framework) that was developed pursuant to Executive Order 24 demonstrates how the Commonwealth will lead by providing a sound approach to developing and implementing solutions that will build resilience and maintain thriving coastal communities.

In using the Framework to develop and implement a full Master Plan, the CRO and SACAP will require significant administrative and technical support. This support will include decision option identification; stakeholder and advisor input management; data collection and synthesis; and performance monitoring. The Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM) is well positioned to provide this support.

The CZM Program is a network of state agencies and coastal localities led by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and grant funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). CZM is of particular importance to the master planning process because it funds a variety of projects that support coastal adaptation and protection. The CZM Program is housed within DEQ, an appropriate arrangement given the CZM mission and the need for financial administration and support from a state agency. However, the CZM Program also has professional coastal planning expertise that should be applied directly to the master planning process. Therefore, a system of direct reporting to the Chief Resilience Officer on issues of coastal adaptation and protection will improve coordination of the Commonwealth's coastal resilience initiatives while also retaining financial and administrative support from DEQ.



## **Directive to the Coastal Zone Management Program**

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby provide the following directives to the Coastal Zone Management Director regarding responsibility and reporting to the Commonwealth's Chief Resilience Officer.

The Director of the CZM Program shall report directly to the Chief Resilience Officer on matters of coastal adaptation and protection, pursuant to the Chief Resilience Officer's role as the primary point of contact on all issues relating to pre-disaster hazard mitigation and responsibility for coordination and planning of resilience initiatives across state government.

In the Chief Resilience Officer's absence, or under other circumstances as determined by the Chief Resilience Officer, the Director of the CZM Program shall report directly to the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection on all matters of coastal adaptation and protection, and shall, in any event, inform the Special Assistant for Coastal Adaptation and Protection of the CZM Program's actions and activities, and coordinate with the Special Assistant for further development of the Coastal Resilience Master Plan.

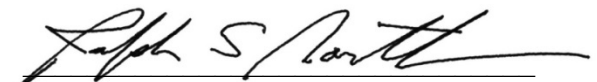
Consistent with the terms of its NOAA grant agreement, the Coastal Zone Management Plan, and the Coastal Needs Assessment and Strategies, the Director of the CZM Program shall provide technical support to the CRO and the SACAP as necessary to develop and implement the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan.

**Effective Date of the Executive Directive**

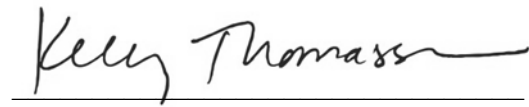
This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in force and effect unless amended or rescinded by future executive action.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 16th day of November, 2020.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Number Fourteen (2021)**

#### **Establishing Virginia's Security Corridors Sentinel Landscapes State Coordinating Committee**

#### **Importance of the Initiative**

The Commonwealth of Virginia is home to multiple critical military installations. The land on which those installations is situated, along with the surrounding communities and natural resources, is an increasingly important part of our Nation's national security infrastructure. In order to protect, preserve, and expand the resilience and capabilities of these essential facilities, Virginia believes it is of utmost importance to receive a Sentinel Landscape designation from the federal government.

A Sentinel Landscape is an undeveloped or primarily agricultural land area around a military installation that has been designated for special protection from development that could constrain the military's ability to carry out training and testing activities. A Sentinel Landscape is anchored by at least one military installation and includes agricultural and forestry lands that would significantly benefit from natural resource restoration and/or conservation projects. When designated as a Sentinel Landscape, the military installations will be protected from land uses that are incompatible with the military's mission. Furthermore, the surrounding land and landowners will benefit from increased access to certain federal funding opportunities, thereby protecting working lands and improving the health and resilience of our environment.

Because the lands around the Commonwealth's military installations are also often affected by other environmental initiatives, a Sentinel Landscape designation will help the Commonwealth support and build on established initiatives such as:

- The Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Planning Framework, signed October 22, 2020, which will lead to a Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan and planning process, directed by Executive Order Number 24 (2018).
- Implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan Phase III, which will achieve federal water quality goals for the Chesapeake Bay by 2025.
- ConserveVirginia, a first in the nation, data-driven, statewide, land conservation strategy that identifies high value lands and conservation sites across the Commonwealth of Virginia, launched in April 2019.

- The Virginia-led Healthy Watersheds partnership project, which expands the use of forestland to meet critical climate adaptation efforts through carbon sequestration and ecosystem services enhancement to affect water and air quality.
- The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), which Virginia joined on January 1, 2021, and the Clean Energy and Community Flood Preparedness Act, which the General Assembly passed in 2020, authorizing the use of 45% of funds from RGGI carbon credit sales for the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund.
- Collaboration with the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security Installations to address expanded resilience opportunities as directed by the 2018 – 2021 National Defense Authorization Acts and 2018 National Defense Strategy.

States can apply to have land designated as a Sentinel Landscape by submitting an application to the Federal Coordinating Committee (FCC). The FCC is led by the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership comprised of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Defense, and Department of the Interior.

### **Directive to Establish Virginia Security Corridors Sentinel Landscape State Coordinating Committee**

Therefore, I am establishing a Virginia Security Corridors Sentinel Landscape State Coordinating Committee (State Coordinating Committee) to lead Virginia’s effort to seek a Security Corridors Sentinel Landscape designation from the FCC.

The State Coordinating Committee will:

- Prepare and submit an application to the FCC by April 1, 2021 to designate a Sentinel Landscape in Virginia.
- Facilitate collaboration to develop goals for Virginia’s Security Corridors Sentinel Landscape implementation.
- Determine recommendations for identifying the initial priorities and desired outcomes for each of the four sub-sentinel landscapes. Each sub-sentinel landscape will represent a discrete section of the larger Sentinel Landscape. Each sub-sentinel landscape will be designated based on its location and will conduct the Sentinel Landscapes’ initiatives within its geographic area.

### **Composition of the State Coordinating Committee**

The Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry will lead the State Coordinating Committee in partnership with the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs. The Secretaries will continue their collaborative efforts with state, local, tribal, and regional leaders, federal partners, scientific

experts, other Secretariats and state agencies, and other stakeholders to meet the goals of the State Coordinating Committee.

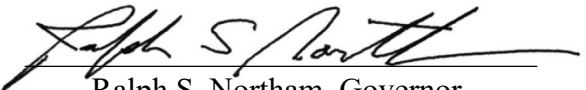
The State Coordinating Committee shall be staffed by existing staff in the Office of the Secretaries of Agriculture and Forestry, Veterans and Defense Affairs, and any other Secretariats, agencies, or offices as designated by the Governor.

**Effective Date of the Executive Directive**

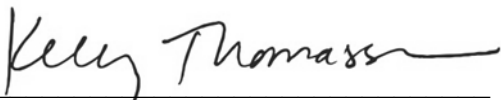
This Executive Directive shall be effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order or directive.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE FIFTEEN (2021)**

#### **Authorization for the Department of Military Affairs to Cover Health Insurance Costs for Service Members Called to State Active Duty**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

During emergencies, the Commonwealth of Virginia is often required to call members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force to State Active Duty, a temporary state employee status, to respond to natural or man-made threats. These citizen-soldiers are required to leave their civilian employment to become full-time members of the Virginia National Guard or Virginia Defense Force and often place themselves in harm's way. Under current Virginia law, these service members are not allowed to become participants in the Virginia State Employee Health Care program. When State Active Duty requires service longer than 14 days, some of these service members may lose their civilian health care insurance within 15-30 days of leaving their civilian employment for military duty unless they pay both the employer and the employee portions of their employer-sponsored health care insurance costs. These costs are prohibitively expensive for most service members.

##### **Directive to the Department of Military Affairs**

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, and by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I authorize the Virginia Department of Military Affairs (Department) to pay the employer portion of health care insurance premiums for any member of the Virginia National Guard or Virginia Defense Force (Service Member) when the following circumstances are met:

- A state of emergency has been declared for the Commonwealth; and
- The declaration of a state of emergency activated the Virginia National Guard or the Virginia Defense Force; and
- A service member was called to State Active Duty under the declaration of state of emergency for greater than 14 days; and

- The Service Member demonstrates the following to the satisfaction of the Department:
  - Immediately prior to being called to State Active Duty, the Service Member was employed; and
  - The Service Member received health care insurance coverage through his or her employer; and
  - The employer paid an insurance premium to maintain the Service Member's health care insurance coverage; and
  - As a result of the Service Member's State Active Duty status during the declared state of emergency, the employer is no longer paying an insurance premium to maintain the Service Member's health care insurance coverage.

Any payment made by the Department for health care insurance premiums pursuant to this Directive shall cover only the employer portion of the health care insurance premiums from day 15 of the State Active Duty until the date the Service Member is discharged from State Active Duty. Such payments by the Department may cover insurance premiums where the same health insurance plan covers both the Service Member and his or her family.

The Department may use the sum sufficient identified in the relevant state of emergency declaration for any payment authorized by this Directive.

The Department shall establish policies, procedures, and protocols to implement and record any payment authorized by this Directive. On or before November 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Department shall report to the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs all payments made pursuant to this Directive.


Nothing in this Directive shall create a legal cause of action against the Commonwealth of Virginia or the Department for health insurance premiums or for payment of health care costs.

**Effective Date of this Executive Directive**

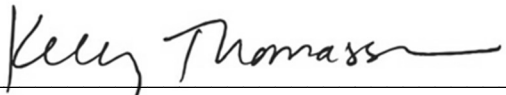
This Executive Directive is effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2022.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 30th day of April, 2021.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth





# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Number Sixteen (2021)**

#### **Directing the Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) to Further Expand Capacity of Unemployment Insurance (UI) System**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

The Commonwealth of Virginia ranks 51<sup>st</sup> out of 53 states and territories regarding the amount of federal funding it receives relative to what Virginia businesses pay in taxes. Despite being underfunded, the Commonwealth's UI system successfully distributed \$12.9 billion in benefits to over 1.3 million eligible Virginians since the start of the pandemic. This is a testament to the incredible value of this system to Virginia citizens and the economy. The Commonwealth is now ranked sixth in the nation and first in the Mid-Atlantic region for the timely payment of benefits to eligible applicants.

It is evident, however, that we must do more to ensure that Virginians' unemployment benefit claims are resolved in a timely manner and that those who are eligible for benefits receive them quickly. VEC must have access to and mobilize additional staff and funding to carry out this critical role.

##### **Directive to Further Expand Capacity of Unemployment Insurance System**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby direct VEC to undertake the following measures to prioritize the adjudication of UI claims:

- A. Increase the number of adjudications being processed by VEC per week from 5,700 to 10,000 by June 30, 2021, and to 20,000 by July 31, 2021.
- B. Coordinate with the Virginia Department of Human Resource Management to identify employees across Virginia's state agencies who can temporarily serve as VEC adjudicators, program support and administrative staff, or fraud investigators.
- C. Continue to hire staff and upgrade and enhance technology to improve call wait times. This will include, if necessary, procuring an additional contract for contact center services and staff to augment the ongoing expansion.

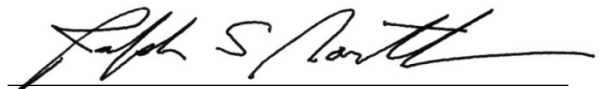
- D. Complete the UI system modernization project in order to launch the new live system by October 2021.
- E. Collaborate with Virginia’s congressional delegation, with support from the Office of the Governor, to resolve the disparity in federal funding across state unemployment systems.

**Effective Date of the Executive Directive**

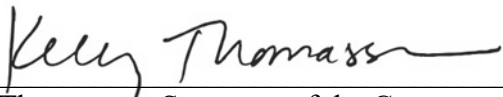
This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive action.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 18th day of May, 2021.



  
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Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
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Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Number Seventeen (2021)**

#### **Virginia Leading by Example to Restore the Chesapeake Bay and Its Tributaries**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

Overwhelming scientific evidence shows us that nutrient and sediment pollution degrade water quality and harm living resources. The Commonwealth of Virginia has pursued and achieved significant reductions in nutrient and sediment pollution to the Chesapeake Bay and the rivers and streams that are tributaries to the Bay. Despite real progress, continued reductions in nutrient and sediment pollution are necessary both to restore the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem and to meet federal Clean Water Act requirements.

A restored Chesapeake Bay will make Virginia a more desirable place to live, work, and play. It will enhance our state and local economies by supporting tourism, outdoor recreation, fisheries, aquaculture, and other sustainable, water-oriented economic development. Restoration work also creates jobs, improves land management, and benefits local communities by making them more attractive and resilient places to live.

In order to meet our commitment to restoring the Bay, the Commonwealth developed a Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) to achieve the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load no later than 2025 while also accounting for the additional pollution loads resulting from climate change. The WIP calls for additional actions to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution by local governments, homeowners, wastewater treatment facilities, developers and farmers. State agencies and public institutions of higher education that own land in the Commonwealth's Chesapeake Bay watershed must also take action to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution. The Commonwealth therefore committed in the Phase III WIP to develop a watershed implementation plan specific to state lands.

##### **State Lands Watershed Implementation Plan**

The goal of the State Lands Watershed Implementation Plan (SWIP) is to achieve significant reductions in, or to offset, unregulated, nonpoint source nutrient and sediment pollution originating from the lands and activities of all Virginia agencies, public institutions of higher education, and other state governmental entities that own or manage land within Virginia's Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The SWIP required development of a comprehensive dataset of acreage of state lands within the Chesapeake Bay watershed and calculation of pollution load reductions using the Chesapeake Bay Watershed model. The SWIP details reduction targets of 122,000 pounds of nitrogen and 10,100 pounds of phosphorus.

To achieve the reduction targets, the SWIP describes 11 programmatic actions:

1. Standards for Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry
2. Converting Managed Turf to Native Landscapes
3. Unregulated Stormwater Runoff from Impervious Surfaces on Developed Land
4. Native Habitat Valuation for Human Health, Wildlife, and Water Quality
5. Onsite Sewer Systems
6. Pilot Fee-for-Documented-Performance Projects
7. Community Outreach and Education
8. Aligning Habitat Restoration, Resilience, and Water Quality Goals
9. Build Water Quality Improvements into Virginia's Hazard Mitigation Plan
10. Interagency Technical Support and Collaboration
11. Clean Water Jobs Training Collaborative

The SWIP also identifies specific pollutant load reducing practices, treatments, and technologies to be implemented between 2021 and 2025 in order to achieve nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment reduction targets by major river basins.

The SWIP can be found [here](#).

### **Directive**

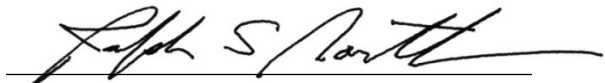
Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Chief Executive by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby order the Secretary of Natural Resources in partnership with the Secretary of Administration, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, and the Conservation Cabinet to ensure that the SWIP is fully implemented by all Virginia executive branch agencies, public institutions of higher education, and other state governmental entities that own or manage land within Virginia's Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**Effective Date of the Executive Directive**

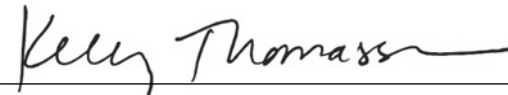
This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive directive.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 3rd day of June, 2021.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Executive Department

### **Executive Directive Number Eighteen (2021)**

#### **Ensuring a Safe Work Place**

##### **Importance of the Initiative**

For the past 16 months, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted all of our lives. The Commonwealth implemented policies over this time to protect state workers, including expanding telework policies, masking, and social distancing measures. While these measures have proven effective, vaccination is the only method to protect fully against the virus.

Vaccinations are now widely available and easily accessible, and Virginia's vaccination rates are outpacing most other states. More than 73 percent of Virginia adults have received at least one shot, and 54 percent of all Virginians are fully vaccinated against the virus. Because the vaccines are safe and effective, unvaccinated Virginians account for nearly everyone who is now being hospitalized or dying from COVID-19. But the urgency to expand vaccinations further is growing, as the highly-contagious Delta variant spreads, case numbers rise again, and hospitalizations increase. In order to protect the safety of Virginia's workforce and the people we serve, it is necessary to require state employees to be vaccinated and to encourage other employers to do the same.

##### **Directive**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, by Article V, Sections 1 and 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, and by § 2.2-103 of the *Code of Virginia*, I direct the following:

##### A. Disclosure of Vaccine Status

All Executive Branch Employees and state contractors who enter the work place or who have public-facing work duties must disclose their vaccine status to the designated agency personnel.

##### B. Weekly Testing

Executive Branch Employees who are not fully vaccinated or who refuse to disclose their current vaccine status, according to paragraph A, must undergo weekly COVID-19 testing and disclose weekly the results of those tests to the designated agency personnel.

### C. Mask Requirement

1. All Executive Branch Employees and state contractors who have not been fully vaccinated must cover their mouth and nose with a mask in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention while indoors and conducting public business.

### D. Scope

For purposes of this Directive, “Executive Branch Employees” should be construed broadly and includes but is not limited to employees in the following offices, agencies, institutions, and authorities:

- Office of the Governor;
- Office of the Lieutenant Governor;
- Secretary of the Commonwealth;
- Executive Branch Agencies;
- Institutions of Higher Education; and
- Authorities established within the Executive Branch by the *Code of Virginia* or designated under a Secretariat in the *Code of Virginia*.

This Directive does not apply to Executive Branch Employees or state contractors while they work remotely without in-person contact with other employees, the public, visitors, vendors, those in custodial care, or customers.

### E. Implementation

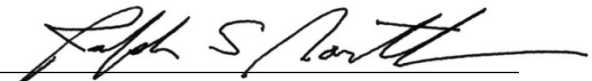
The Department of Human Resource Management shall issue policies, procedures, and guidance to implement this Directive no later than August 15, 2021. Such policies, procedures, and guidance shall address any exceptions and the availability of a process to evaluate requests related to religious objections or a disability.

**Effective Date**

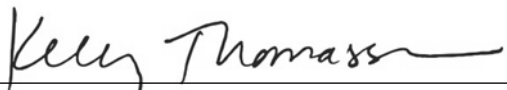
This Executive Directive shall be effective September 1, 2021 and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive action.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth