

**FINAL  
SAFETY AND HEALTH CODES BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, March 14, 2022**

This meeting is being held for the purpose of consideration of the Proposed Revocation of the Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV2 Virus That Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220, as adopted by the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board ("Board") on February 16, 2022, pursuant to Va. Code §40.1-22(6a).

The Safety and Health Codes Board ("Board") held a hybrid meeting that allowed participants to attend in person or electronically utilizing **WebEx**.

Notice of the public hearing was provided to the public as required by VA Code §2.2-3708.2 and Executive Order 14 (2018). The notice invited the public to attend the meeting in person at Patrick Henry Building, 1111 E. Broad Street, East Reading Room, Richmond, VA 23219 or witness the meeting remotely via WebEx. Notice of this public hearing was published in the Richmond Times Dispatch on March 8, 2022. Notice of this hearing was also published on the Virginia Regulatory Townhall's website here: <https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewMeeting.cfm?MeetingID=34938>

A recording of the public hearing in its entirety is available here: <https://www.doli.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Public-Hearing-on-16VAC25-220-Proposed-Amendments-to-Permanent-Standard-20210805-1335-1.mp4>.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PARTICIPATING:**

Mr. Chuck Stiff, Vice-Chair (*in person*)  
Mr. John Fulton (*in person*)  
Mr. Robert Buchler (*virtual*)  
Ms. Elizabeth (Beth) Lohman (*virtual*)  
Mr. Travis Parsons (*virtual*)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Jay Abbott  
Ms. Kelly Bundy  
Mr. Louis (Lou) Cernak  
Dr. Colin Greene/Ms. Julie Henderson (*VDH*)  
Mr. Michael Luce  
Ms. Lutheria Smith  
Mr. Thomas Thurston

**STAFF PARTICIPATING:**

Ms. Princy R. Doss, Director, Policy, Planning (*in person*)  
Ms. Cristin Bernhardt, Regulatory Coordinator (*in person*)  
Mr. Richard White, IT Director (*in person*)  
Ms. Zahra Qarni, Policy & Planning Specialist (*in person*)  
Ms. Marta Fernandes, Director of VOSH Safety Compliance (*virtual*)  
Ms. Jennifer Rose, Director of Consultation Services (*virtual*)

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING:**

Mr. Josh Laws, Assistant Attorney General (*virtual*)  
Ms. Lisa Wright, Court Reporter (*in person*)

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Stiff called the public hearing to order at approximately 10:00 am. Vice-Chair Stiff made opening remarks informing the public that this hybrid in person and virtual public hearing was being held for the purpose of consideration of the Proposed Revocation of the Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV2 Virus That Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220, ("Virginia Standard") as adopted by the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board ("Board") on February 16, 2022, pursuant to Va. Code §40.1-22(6a).

Vice Chair Stiff made announcement that the public will get another opportunity to discuss the proposed revocation when the Board meets on March 21, 2022 to consider whether to adopt the proposed revocation of the Virginia Standard as final. During this meeting, the Board will be able to ask questions and receive questions from the public. More information on the March 21, 2022 SHCB meeting and the opportunity for public comments is posted on the Town Hall website as well as the Department of Labor and Industry website.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FINAL PERMANENT STANDARD.**

After Vice-Chair Stiff made his opening remarks and Roll Call was taken, the opportunity of public comment on the proposed revocation to the Virginia Standard began. This public hearing only included discussion on the proposed revocation to the Virginia Standard. No votes were taken; there were no deliberations, and no decisions were made.

Members of the public had been given the opportunity to sign up to offer their comments on the proposed revocation of the Virginia Standard ahead of the public hearing.

The following members of the public made appearances virtually through Webex to present public comment on the proposed revocation of the Virginia Standard:

1. Nanden Kenkeremath, Leading Edge Policy & Strategy, LLC
2. P. Dale Bennett, Virginia Trucking Association

There were no members of the public that attended in person to present a public comment on the proposed revocation of the Virginia Standard.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Stiff thanked the public comment speakers, Board members, all participants and the Agency. He requested the public speakers send their written version of their oral comments to Princy Doss at [princy.doss@doli.virginia.gov](mailto:princy.doss@doli.virginia.gov). Mr. Stiff adjourned the public hearing at 10:19 am.