

**Minutes of the
BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
March 30, 2026
10:01 AM
All-Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

Members Present

Louie Berbert, Chair
Sylvia Bryant
Cindy Davis
Bill Garrett
Lynne Goldberg
Jenna Goodman
Keith Johnson
Charlie Jones
Roger Jones, Vice Chair
Tammy Neale
Hank Osleger
J.M. Snell
Scott Stosser
Mark Trostle

Members Absent

None

Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) staff present for all or part of the meeting:

Jeff Brown, Deputy Director of Building and Fire Regulation
Kenrick Cameron, Policy Analyst
Tamarah Holmes Ph.D., Director
Alan Jones, Sr. Public Finance Analyst
Peter Mahoney, Sr. Advisor
Andrew Malloy, Sr. Policy Analyst
Florin Moldovan, State Building Code Office Director
Trisha Lindsey, Policy and Legislative Services Director
Sandra Powell, Sr. Deputy Director of Community Development and Housing
Cassidy Rasnick, Chief Operating Officer
Chase Sawyer, Policy and Legislative Services Manager

Call to Order

Mr. Berbert, Chair of the Board of Housing and Community Development, called the meeting of the Board to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Malloy. Mr. Malloy reported that a quorum was present.

Mr. Berbert introduced and welcomed DHCD's new Director, Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D. Dr. Holmes greeted the Board.

Public Comment

Mr. Berbert opened the floor for public comment.

After seeing no speakers, Mr. Berbert closed public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Davis requested an amendment to the January 12, 2026 meeting minutes, ensuring Mr. John Ainslie was mentioned among the Virginia representation on the International Code Council (ICC) Advisory Committee for the Housing Affordability Study. A motion was made by Mr. R. Jones and seconded by Mr. Snell to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, meeting of the Board as amended. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote (YEAS: Berbert, Bryant, Davis, Garrett, Goldberg, Goodman, Johnson, C. Jones, R. Jones, Neale, Osleger, Snell, Stosser, Trostle; NAYS: None).

State Fire Marshal's Office Fee Report

Mr. Malloy updated the Board on the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) Fee Report. Mr. Malloy reminded the Board that Item 407c in the 2025 Budget Bill required the Department of Fire Programs, in cooperation with the State Fire Marshal's Office, Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB), DHCD, and the Board to conduct an assessment of the fees charged by the State Fire Marshal's Office to conduct fire safety inspections. Mr. Malloy continued that the Budget Bill also requires a joint recommendation to be made as to whether the fees should be adjusted. Mr. Malloy reminded the Board that it approved a motion to allow the Chair to designate Board members to meet with members of the VFSB to reach consensus on a joint recommendation for the fee report. Mr. Malloy shared that the designees, Ms. Davis and Mr. Garrett, met with members of the VFSB. Mr. Malloy added that the Directors of DHCD and the Department of Fire Programs also met to discuss a joint recommendation. Mr. Malloy noted that the Board deferred action on the State Fire Marshal's Office Fee Report at the two previous meetings (December 8, 2025, and January 12, 2026).

Mr. Malloy pointed to materials in the meeting packet, including the most recent SFMO Fee Report and a letter from the VFSB that was included as an appendix to the report. Mr. Malloy noted that the letter contained a joint recommendation based on discussions with the Board's designees and DHCD leadership. Mr. Malloy added that the VFSB letter was approved at the February 20, 2026, meeting of the VFSB.

Mr. Malloy also pointed to a draft letter in the meeting packet from the Chair of the Board, drafted by staff in consultation with the Board's designees, which expresses general agreement with the joint recommendation from the most recent version of the SFMO Fee Report and clarifies the Board's position on the non-consensus items. Mr. Malloy shared that the consensus item and joint recommendation is to allow the SFMO to begin assessing fees for voluntary general fire inspections and re-inspections that are requested by property owners in localities where the SFMO is responsible for conducting those inspections. Mr. Malloy noted that proposals relating to the findings of the SFMO Fee Report and the specific increase in the fees were submitted during the normal code development cycle and will be considered by the Board at its May meeting. Mr. Malloy also noted the explanation of the non-consensus items in the draft letter.

Mr. Snell spoke in support of the draft letter and opined that the joint recommendation is a reasonable step towards rectifying the budget deficit at the SFMO.

A motion was made by Mr. Snell and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the draft letter as presented. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote (YEAS: Berbert, Bryant, Davis, Garrett, Goldberg, Goodman, Johnson, C. Jones, R. Jones, Neale, Osleger, Snell, Stosser, Trostle; NAYS: None).

Amusement Device
Technical Advisory
Committee (ADTAC)
Appointments

Mr. Malloy provided information related to the Amusement Device Technical Advisory Committee (ADTAC), a committee appointed by the Board to assist in the administration of the Virginia Amusement Device Regulations. Mr. Malloy noted that ADTAC consists of five members representing the code enforcement community, amusement park/private operators, and third-party inspectors. Mr. Malloy shared that staff recommends the reappointment of Mr. Danny Abner, representing third-party inspectors, to serve another four-year term. Mr. Malloy also shared that staff recommends the appointment of Mr. Richard Schoenfeld to represent private operators.

A motion was made by Mr. Trostle and seconded by Ms. Davis to reappoint Mr. Danny Abner to ADTAC. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote (YEAS: Berbert, Bryant, Davis, Garrett, Goldberg, Goodman, Johnson, C. Jones, R. Jones, Neale, Osleger, Snell, Stosser, Trostle; NAYS: None).

A motion was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Goodman to appoint Richard Schoenfeld to ADTAC. The motion

passed on a unanimous voice vote (YEAS: Berbert, Bryant, Davis, Garrett, Goldberg, Goodman, Johnson, C. Jones, R. Jones, Neale, Osleger, Snell, Stosser, Trostle; NAYS: None).

Private Activity Bond Update

Mr. Malloy provided an update related to Private Activity Bonds (PABs). Mr. Malloy noted that DHCD is responsible for the portion of Virginia's PABs set aside for local housing authorities and state allocation. Mr. Malloy reminded the Board it approved the new guidelines for PAB allocation in May 2024 – going from first-in-first-out process to a scoring criteria. The Board made additional updates to the guidelines based on federal changes in September 2025, affecting the 2026 program year. Mr. Malloy shared that for the current program year, the window for the first round of applications closed on February 13, 2026. Mr. Malloy shared that those applications are being reviewed and awaiting final approval from the Governor's Office.

Legislative and Regulatory Update

Mr. Malloy shared a brief update on the code development cycle. Mr. Malloy confirmed the next in-person meeting will be May 11, 2026, wherein the Board will consider all code change proposals. Mr. Malloy added that the recommendations made at the May 11 meeting will enable staff to compile proposed regulations which the Board will act on later this year.

Mr. Malloy gave an update on the 2026 General Assembly Session. Mr. Malloy shared updates on DHCD's efforts analyzing and tracking legislation. Mr. Malloy noted a few bills that would affect the Board that have passed both chambers of the General Assembly and are pending action by the Governor. These bills include HB735/SB132 related to temporary tents for agritourism purposes, and HB395 related to portable solar devices. The board discussed and asked questions about other legislation that may affect the Board, including a bill requiring the Board to consider and vote on all proposals brought forth in ad hoc committees (HB951).

Virginia Housing Report

Ms. Neale shared an update on the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) which provides oversight of the tax credit programs administered by Virginia Housing. Ms. Neale shared that Virginia Housing is currently engaging stakeholders on the QAP. Ms. Neale shared that Virginia Housing is working with the Spanberger Administration on Executive Order 1 regarding cost savings and Executive Order 3 on housing affordability. Board members asked about Innovation Tax Credits and Ms. Neale shared that Virginia Housing now administers the Innovation Grant, rather than the tax credits.

Fire Services Board
Report

Mr. Snell recapped the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association February meeting in Hampton Roads. Mr. Snell highlighted the Fire Services Board's (VFSB) ongoing efforts related to the Live Fire Training Structure Grant Program in light of new National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Mr. Snell shared the VFSB will meet again in June. Mr. Snell noted the upcoming Annual Virginia Fallen Firefighters & EMS Memorial Service at the Richmond Raceway. Mr. Johnson confirmed that the service will be on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Report of the Director

Dr. Holmes introduced Ms. Cassidy Rasnick, DHCD's new Chief Operating Officer, and Mr. Peter Mahoney, DHCD's new Senior Advisor. Ms. Rasnick greeted the Board and shared her background which includes twenty years of public service experience, including roles in multiple Virginia administrations as Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade and Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry. Ms. Rasnick most recently served at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Ms. Rasnick is a graduate of JMU. Mr. Mahoney greeted the Board and shared his background, which includes decades of high-level legal, regulatory, and financial leadership at Truist, SunTrust, and Freddie Mac. Mr. Mahoney is a graduate from UVA and UVA School of Law. Mr. Mahoney shared he is looking forward to finishing his career in a public service role.

Dr. Holmes shared agency updates, including recent funding announcements from the Governor: \$14 million in Housing Trust Fund Homeless Reduction Grants to support permanent supportive housing, rehousing, and innovation projects statewide, and \$1.5 million through the Port Host Communities Revitalization Fund for building renovations and infrastructure improvements in Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News. Dr. Holmes noted that the Housing Needs Assessment is currently being updated, with the report expected later this year. Dr. Holmes shared the Virginia Enterprise Zone grant year 2025 applications remain open until April 1, and staff anticipates exceeding application totals from previous years through active stakeholder engagement and technical assistance. DHCD is also celebrating 50 years of weatherization programs, recognizing grantees and highlighting the broad range of energy efficiency and home improvement services provided to families. Dr. Holmes extended special thanks to Mr. Jeff Brown and Mr. Florin Moldovan, and DHCD's entire Building and Fire Regulations (BFR) team for their diligent work preparing code books and materials for the upcoming Board meeting. Dr.

Holmes shared that DHCD is also working with the administration on Executive Order 1 and Executive Order 3.

Unfinished Business There was no unfinished business to be discussed.

New Business There was no new business to be discussed.

Board Matters There were no new Board matters.

Future Meetings Mr. Malloy shared that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 11, 2026.

Adjournment A motion was made by Mr. R. Jones and seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote (YEAS: Berbert, Bryant, Davis, Garrett, Goldberg, Goodman, Johnson, C. Jones, R. Jones, Neale, Osleger, Snell, Stosser, Trostle; NAYS: None). The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.