

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
SMALL RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS; IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
REPORT. (HB 206)**

**REGULATORY ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING #4, 8/23/22**

**MEETING LOCATION:
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND CONFERENCE CENTER
J. SARGEANT REYNOLDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS
1651 E. PARHAM RD, SUITE 108
RICHMOND, VA 23228**

Members (including primaries, alternates, and SMEs):

In Attendance (Last, First):

Allmond, Josephus	Gordon, Chris	Orrell, Jim
Belville-Marrion, Jenny	Green, Charles	Piontek, Emily
Berryhill, Aaron	Harbin, John	Pollard, Speaker
Binder, Cathy	Hawk, Chris	Rovner, Nikki
Boschen, Amelia	Holmes, Dan	Seaford, Kevin
Connors, Corey	Ignosh, John	Seward, Susan
Copenhaver, Brad	Jacobs, Zach	Sili, Jeff
Crum, Katie	Jesensky, Kenny	Sink, Dominika
Daniels, Lee	Killius, Anna	Smiley, Mitchell
Davenport, Melanie	Lasher, Terry	Sydnor, Cutter
Dicks III, Chip	Lerch, Joe	Thomas, Rick
Drazenovich, Rick	Moore, Martha	Utt, Tyson
Dunscomb, Judy	Murray, David	Vaughan, Evan
Fogel, Jonah	Newton, Jacob	Weber, Joe

Absent:

Amores, Jon	Corradi, Rob	Farrelly, Kevin
Anderson, Meade	Crenshaw, Walter	Flavin, Andrew
Bolthouse, Julie	Crockett, Robert	Flowers, Todd
Brumberg, Sam	Dodson, Chris	Forren, Kelsey
Cizenski, Michael	Dreiling, Michael	Francis, Emily
Clark, Hilary	Ericson, Jason	Giese, Will
Coggeshall, Charlie	Fanning, Patrick	Guthrie, Joe

Hammond, Jeff
Hammond, Drew
Hearne, Carrie
Hertz, Heidi
Higgins, Victoria
Howe, Kevin
Jamison, Dan
Joshiyura, Neil
Kane, Stephanie
Machiran, Jeff
Marshall, Elizabeth
Martin, James

Martin, Amy
McDonald, Christopher
Norris, Ben
Rolband, Michael
Sanner, Peggy
Saunders, Ben
Schmidt, Kevin
Shreve, Kyle
Sims, Jessica
Skiffington, Michael
Sundstrom, Craig
Westcott Jr, David

Wheeler, Lauren
Wilder, Joe
Wortzel, Andrea

Facilitators, Institute for Engagement & Negotiation (IEN), University of Virginia:

Altizer, Kelly
Cobb, Tanya Denckla
Oliva, Michelle Montserrat
Rizk, Sarah

Department of Environmental Quality:

Foster, Amber
Meyer, Elena M.
Thompson, Tamera M.
Tripp, Susan
Egghart, Chris (Absent)
Dowd, Michael (absent)

The meeting began at approximately 9:45am.

Logistics:

The workgroup was introduced to the upcoming Qualtrics survey, which primary group members will be able to use to evaluate the proposals from the workgroups (WGS). The facilitators also reminded participants to submit minutes from any sub-group meetings.

WG 2 & 3 Proposals:

Chip Dicks III (WG co-lead) presented the draft proposals from the joint Workgroups 2 & 3, starting at approximately 9:55. Broadly, the group discussed the conflict between the solar goals and conservation goals. He noted that the group had not come to a consensus about the functions and values of ecosystems. The workgroup was

interested in a checklist approach to define functions and values and appropriate mitigations. Solar groups were concerned about the impact of mitigations on solar as a least-cost utility. Broadly, the group agreed that mitigations could be on-site, off-site, or through the payment of in-lieu fees. Some group members felt that preference needed to be given to on-site or highly local mitigations. The WG 2 & 3 group then took questions and concerns from the broader RAP.

Questions and Updates:

Workgroups 1, 4, and 5 were given a chance to update the larger RAP on their progress and/or ask any questions. Some comments regarding concerns about runoff and groundwater were voiced to WG 2 & 3, as well as continued concern about costs. Largely, the other WGs did not have any additional updates.

In the afternoon, all RAP members worked in their individual groups on their proposals.

Future Meeting:

Meeting #5 - **Wed Sep 28**: Review of Final Draft Report Wrap-Up
Location: Charlottesville – Hillsdale Conference Center, 550 Hillsdale Drive,
Charlottesville, VA 22901