



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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## JLARC Meeting – Minutes

September 8, 2014

### Attending

#### JLARC Members:

Senator John C. Watkins, Chairman; Delegate Robert Orrock, Vice-Chairman; Delegate David B. Albo, Senator Charles J. Colgan, Delegate M. Kirkland Cox, Senator Janet Howell, Delegate Johnny Joannou, Delegate Chris Jones, Delegate R. Steven Landes, Senator Thomas K. Norment, Delegate John M. O'Bannon, Delegate Lionell Spruill, Sr., Senator Walter Stosch, Ms. Martha Mavredes, Ex Officio.

#### JLARC Staff:

Hal Greer, Director; Nathalie Molliet-Ribet, Senior Associate Director; Justin Brown, Associate Director; Lauren Axselle, Erik Beecroft, Sarah Berday-Sacks, Jamie Bitz, Susan Bond, Drew Dickinson, Chris Duncombe, Kathy DuVall, Bridget Farmer, Mark Gribbin, Nia Harrison, Bornha Kazerooni, Liana Kleeman, Paula Lambert, Jeff Lunardi, Joe McMahon, Ellen Miller, David Reynolds, Beth Singer, Tracey Smith, Nichelle Williams, Christine Wolfe, Sandra Wright.

#### Others:

The Honorable Karen Jackson, Secretary of Technology; David Von Moll (State Comptroller, Department of Accounts); Sam Nixon, Ashley Colvin, and Eric Link (Virginia Information Technologies Agency); John Heard (VACoRP and Virginia Self-Insurers Association); Jim Kane (Northrop Grumman); Heidi Abbot (Hunton & Williams); John Westrick (Office of the Attorney General); Brian Logwood, Jason Saunders, and Emil Grimes (Department of Planning and Budget); Sarah Herzog and Jason Powell (Senate Finance Committee); Michael Jay and Susan Hogge (House Appropriations Committee); Marty Farber (Division of Legislative Services); Jim Regimbal (Fiscal Analytics); Jane Woods (Driftwoods Consulting); Katie Webb (Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association).

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Senator Watkins, Chairman. Senator Watkins recognized Hal Greer, JLARC staff Director, who introduced Nichelle Williams, a new staff member, to the Commission who joined the JLARC staff on August 4. Mr. Greer then provided the Commission with a brief overview of the meeting agenda and introduced Mark Gribbin who presented a briefing of *Virginia's Information Technology Structure* report. Following his presentation, Mr.

Gribbin responded to several questions from the Commission. Subsequently, Senator Watkins invited The Honorable Karen Jackson, Secretary of Technology, to provide the Commission with remarks in response to the JLARC study. Following Secretary Jackson's remarks, Senator Watkins requested a motion to receive the report and authorize printing. A motion was made by Senator Colgan, seconded by Delegate O'Bannon, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Next, Mr. Greer provided the Commission with some brief remarks regarding the format changes to JLARC reports and the report summary. He thanked the JLARC staff publications team, Kathy DuVall and Beth Singer, and Nathalie Molliet-Ribet for their efforts to implement these changes.

Mr. Greer then introduced Sam Nixon, Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth. Mr. Nixon provided the Commission with a status report on VITA. During his presentation, Mr. Nixon responded to a number of questions from the Commission. Following Mr. Nixon's presentation, Senator Watkins requested that JLARC be provided with another status update from VITA in June or July 2015 regarding the Northrop Grumman contract and implementation of the JLARC report recommendations.

Mr. Greer then requested the Commission's attention to the two draft study resolutions included in their meeting packets directing JLARC staff to review the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the development and management of state contracts. Mr. Greer recognized Justin Brown who presented the Commission with some background information on the DMV and a summary of the key resolution topics. Delegate Joannou noted that JLARC staff should also look into accident report information from DMV. Senator Watkins then requested a motion to approve the study resolution directing JLARC staff to review the DMV. A motion was made by Senator Colgan, seconded by Delegate Spruill, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Subsequently, Mr. Greer noted that Kimberly Sarte was not able to attend the meeting due to a family emergency so he proceeded with presenting an overview of the impacts and costs of state contracting, opportunities to strengthen state contracting, as well a summary of the key topics included in the draft study resolution. Delegate Albo noted that this review should also include how persons are able to access grievances pertaining to the state contracting process. Delegate Landes mentioned that Tier I higher education institutions have certain exclusions from the state's procurement policies and procedures so JLARC staff should look into what the institutions are doing with regard to procurement. Mr. Greer noted that exemptions would be included in the review. Delegate Albo stated that JLARC staff should not only look at the exemptions of higher education institutions but also at the procurement processes used at the institutions. Delegate Albo also noted that SWaM (Small, Women-owned, and Minority-owned business) certification is not specifically mentioned in the study resolution and noted that there are concerns regarding the cost to the state of using SWaM vendors, as well as whether these vendors have access to state contract opportunities. Delegate Orrock noted that depending on the scope of the issues, this could be a two-year study and JLARC staff could present an interim report at the end of the first year. Subsequently, Senator Watkins requested a motion to approve the study resolution directing JLARC staff to review the development and management of state contracts as it was presented to the Commission. A motion was made by Delegate O'Bannon, seconded by Delegate Orrock, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

