



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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JLARC Meeting – Minutes  
September 14, 2015

## Attending

### JLARC Members:

Senator John C. Watkins, 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, Delegate James P. Massie III, 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; Kimberly Sarte, Assistant Director; Erik Beecroft, Sarah Berday-Sacks, Jamie Bitz, Susan Bond, Drew Dickinson, Kathy DuVall, Mark Gribbin, Nia Harrison, Matt Johnson, Paula Lambert, Jeff Lunardi, Liana Major, Bridget Marcek, Joe McMahon, Michael Mehen, Ellen Miller, Nathan Skreslet, Nichelle Williams, Christine Wolfe.

### Others:

The Honorable Anne Holton, Secretary of Education; Cynthia Cave, Kent Dickey, Eric Steigleder (Department of Education); Michael Martz (Richmond Times Dispatch); Joe Damico (Department of General Services); Anne Marie Morgan (Virginia Public Radio); Susan Hogge (House Appropriations Committee Staff); Sarah Herzog (Senate Finance Committee Staff); Eric Link (VITA); Rob Jones (Virginia Education Association); Bob Rotz (former JLARC staff); Peter Blake (SCHEV); Phil Leone (Virginia Tech); Mark Smith (George Mason University); John Ringer (Department of Planning and Budget); Jim Reginbal (Fiscal Analytics, Ltd.); Mary Ann Curtin (Chesterfield County); Jillian Sherman (VRS); and Chris Duncombe (The Commonwealth Institute).

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Senator Watkins, Chairman. Senator Watkins then recognized Hal Greer, JLARC staff Director, who provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda and introduced a new JLARC staff member to the Commission (Nathan Skreslet). Mr. Greer then introduced Kimberly Sarte who presented a briefing of the 2015 Report to the General Assembly. At the conclusion of Ms. Sarte's presentation, Senator Watkins requested a motion to receive the report and authorize printing. A motion was made by Delegate Cox, seconded by Delegate O'Bannon and Delegate Jones, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Greer then introduced Jamie Bitz who presented a briefing of the *Efficiency and Effectiveness of K-12 Spending* report. Mr. Bitz answered several questions of the Commission throughout his presentation. In addition, the following members requested additional information to be sent to the Commission:

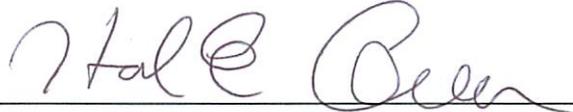
- Senator Howell: Virginia's ranking compared to other states (showing all states) for percentage of total K-12 funding from the state and localities.
- Senator Watkins: change, by each school division, over time in total spending per student, as well as state and local funding per student. Additionally, state funding for non-instructional spending categories.
- Delegate Cox: percentage of total instructional staffing that are teachers and other instructional staff.
- Delegates Albo and Joannou: definitions of instruction and non-instruction for both staffing and spending.
- Delegate Landes: Virginia's ranking compared to other states for the change over time in the percentage of students in poverty and with limited English proficiency.
- Delegate Albo: number and type of non-instructional staff, per student, by each school division.

Following Mr. Bitz's presentation, Senator Watkins invited Anne Holton, Secretary of Education, to provide some comments in response to the JLARC report. Subsequent to Secretary Holton's remarks, Senator Watkins requested a motion to receive the report and authorize printing. A motion was made by Delegate O'Bannon, seconded by Senator Colgan and Delegate Landes, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Lastly, Mr. Greer announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, which will include staff presentations on the DMV and annual state spending reports.

There being no further business, the Commission rose at 11:55 a.m.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



Hal E. Greer, Director

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