



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission
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JLARC Meeting – Minutes

September 9, 2013

Attending

JLARC Members:

Delegate John M. O'Bannon, Chairman; Senator John C. Watkins, Vice-Chairman; Delegate David B. Albo, Senator Charles J. Colgan, Delegate M. Kirkland Cox, Senator Janet Howell, Delegate Johnny Joannou, Delegate Chris Jones, Delegate James P. Massie III, Senator Thomas K. Norment, Delegate Lacey E. Putney, 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, Jamie Bitz, Drew Dickinson, Kathy DuVall, Bridget Farmer, Katie Francis, Nicole Gaffen, Mark Gribbin, Nia Harrison, Borna Kazerooni, Liana Kleeman, Paula Lambert, Joe McMahon, Ellen Miller, Laura Parker, Greg Rest, David Reynolds, Kimberly Sarte, Anna Seymour, Beth Singer, Walt Smiley, Christine Wolfe, Sandra Wright.

Others:

Sam Nixon, Eric Link, Ashley Colvin (Virginia Information Technologies Agency); Betsey Daley, Sarah Herzog, April Kees (Senate Finance Committee); Robert Vaughn, Tony Maggio, Paul Van Lenten, Michael Jay (House Appropriations Committee); Mark Smith (George Mason University); Karah Gunther (Virginia Commonwealth University); Rob Lockridge (University of Virginia); Brenda Atkins (Longwood University); Don Finley, Gil Minor (Virginia Business Higher Education Council); Peter Blake (State Council of Higher Education for Virginia); Mary Jo Fields (Virginia Municipal League); Christopher Whyte (Vectre Corporation); Anne Marie Morgan (Virginia Public Radio); Olympia Meola (Richmond Times Dispatch); Bob Lewis (Associated Press); Alan Wambold (Division of Legislative Services); Joe DaMico (Department of General Services); Eric Sandridge (Auditor of Public Accounts);

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Delegate O'Bannon, Chairman. Delegate O'Bannon recognized Hal Greer, JLARC staff Director, who provided the Commission with an overview of the meeting agenda and presented a briefing of the *2013 Report to the General Assembly*. At the conclusion of Mr. Greer's presentation, Senator Howell noted that the Commission still lacks a system to implement report recommendations. Following some additional discussion among the Commission members, Delegate O'Bannon requested a motion to receive the *2013 Report to the General Assembly*

and authorize printing. Delegate Spruill made a motion, which was seconded by several members and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Greer then introduced Justin Brown who provided a brief overview of the higher education series of JLARC studies. Mr. Brown then turned the meeting over to Walt Smiley who presented a briefing of the *Review of Non-Academic Services and Costs at Virginia's Public Higher Education Institutions* report. During his presentation, Mr. Smiley responded to several questions from the Commission. At the conclusion of Mr. Smiley's presentation, Delegate O'Bannon requested a motion to receive the report and authorize printing. A motion was made by Delegate Jones and seconded by Delegate Spruill. The motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

At this time, Mr. Greer introduced Mr. Sam Nixon, Chief Information Officer for VITA. Mr. Nixon congratulated Hal Greer on his appointment as the JLARC staff Director and provided the Commission with a status report on VITA. During Mr. Nixon's presentation, Delegate Jones indicated that the Commission would need to receive recommendations from VITA so the General Assembly is aware of what changes may be needed in the Appropriations Act. Senator Watkins noted that JLARC staff should serve as a sounding board for any recommendations from VITA. Subsequently, Mr. Greer stated that JLARC staff would be able to conduct one additional full study in 2014 if the Commission were to submit a study request. Otherwise, any VITA-related work would fall under JLARC's oversight of VITA.

Lastly, Mr. Greer announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2013, which will include presentations on JLARC's studies of preparedness coordination and planning and the Virginia Port Authority's operations and performance.

There being no further business, the Commission rose at 12:20 p.m.

Approved by: Hal E. Greer
Hal E. Greer, Director

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