

JLARC Meeting

June 17, 2019 – MINUTES

JLARC Members Present:

Senator Thomas K. Norment, Jr., Chairman; Delegate R. Steven Landes, Vice-Chairman; Delegate Terry L. Austin; Delegate Betsy B. Carr; Speaker M. Kirkland Cox; Senator, Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.; Delegate Charniele Herring; Senator Janet D. Howell; Delegate S. Chris Jones; Senator Ryan T. McDougle; Senator Frank M. Ruff, Jr.; Delegate Christopher P. Stolle, and Martha S. Mavredes.

The meeting was called to order at 1:22 p.m. by Chairman Norment. Chairman Norment recognized Hal Greer, JLARC staff Director, who announced that the Economic Development Subcommittee meeting would be cancelled and the presentation planned for the Subcommittee would instead be given to the, full Commission.

Data Center and Manufacturing Incentives

Mr. Greer then introduced Ms. Kimberly Sarte who gave an overview of JLARC's Economic Development oversight. Ms. Sarte then introduced Ms. Ellen Miller, who presented the report on Data Center and Manufacturing Incentives. Ms. Miller answered questions from Commission members as did Mr. Terance Rephann, Regional Economist for the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

Following Ms. Miller's presentation, Mr. Stephen Moret, President and CEO of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership addressed the Commission.

At the conclusion of Mr. Moret's presentation, Chairman Norment requested a motion to receive the report. A motion was made and the Commission voted to receive the report.

Recognition of Ms. Betsy Jackson

Chairman Norment presented Ms. Betsy Jackson, JLARC's Fiscal and Administrative Assistant, with a framed letter, honoring her retirement and 40 years of service to JLARC and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Greer then introduced Ms. Kimberly Potter, JLARC's new Fiscal and Administrative Assistant, who will be replacing Ms. Jackson at the end of June.

Implementation of STEP-VA

Ms. Tracey Smith gave an overview of the work that JLARC's HHR unit is conducting, then introduced Mr. Jeff Lunardi who gave a presentation on the status of the implementation of STEP VA. Following his presentation, Mr. Lunardi answered several questions from the Commission members. Mr. Lunardi then introduced Dr. S. Hughes Melton, Commissioner

