

JLARC Meeting
September 14, 2020 – MINUTES

JLARC Members Present:

Delegate Kenneth R. Plum, Chair; Senator Janet Howell, Vice Chair; Delegate Terry L. Austin; Delegate Betsy B. Carr; Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn; Delegate M. Kirkland Cox; Delegate Charniele L. Herring; Senator Mamie E. Locke; Senator Jeremy S. McPike; Senator Thomas K. Norment, Jr.; Delegate Robert E. Orrock; Delegate Mark D. Sickles; Senator Lionel Spruill, Sr.; and Martha S. Mavredes.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Plum. Mr. Hal Greer, JLARC Director, then introduced Mr. Nathan Skreslet, who discussed the virtual meeting logistics and called the roll. Mr. Greer then gave an overview of the meeting agenda.

Operations and Performance of the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD)

Mr. Greer gave an overview of the SBSD review. He then introduced Mr. Justin Brown who addressed the Commission, before introducing Ms. Lauren Axselle. Ms. Axselle then presented the report to the Commission. During and at the conclusion of her report, Ms. Axselle responded to Commission member questions. Ms. Tracey Wiley, Director, SBSD, then addressed the Commission and replied to questions from Commission members. Chairman Plum received a motion, and the Commission voted to receive and authorize printing of the SBSD review.

Infrastructure and Regional Incentives

Mr. Greer gave an overview of JLARC's economic development oversight, then introduced Ms. Kimberly Sarte, who presented the Commission with a brief history of JLARC's oversight of economic development incentives. Ms. Sarte also introduced Dr. Terry Rephann, a Regional Economist from the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, who conducts the evaluations. Ms. Sarte then introduced Ms. Ellen Miller who presented a report on 10 infrastructure and economic development incentives to the Commission. During her presentation, Ms. Miller replied to a question from a Commission member. Following Ms. Miller, Mr. Erik Johnston, Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, spoke briefly regarding enterprise zones and the related incentives. Ms. Miller then discussed JLARC's future evaluation of incentives for international trade and transportation of goods. Chairman Plum received a motion, and the Commission voted to receive the report and authorize printing.

Other Business

Chairman Plum then introduced Delegate Sickles, Chair of the JLARC Topic Selection Subcommittee. Delegate Sickles briefed the Commission on their discussion of potential future study topics to be undertaken by the JLARC staff, during a Subcommittee meeting held on September 11, 2020. Following, there was a brief discussion of these topics among several members of the Commission.

Adjournment

Mr. Greer announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020. There being no further business, the Commission rose at 12:01 p.m.

Approved by: _____
Hal E. Greer, JLARC Director

Date: _____

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