

JLARC Meeting
December 11, 2023 – MINUTES

JLARC Members Present:

Delegate Robert Orrock, (acting Chair) Vice Chair; Senator Jeremy S. McPike; Senator Thomas K. Norment, Jr.; Senator Lionel Spruill, Sr.; Delegate Terry L. Austin; Delegate Betsy B. Carr; Delegate Barry D. Knight; Delegate Kenneth R. Plum; Delegate R. Lee Ware; Delegate Tony Wilt; and Staci Henshaw, Auditor of Public Accounts.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Orrock, who welcomed the Commission members. Mr. Greer then recognized four retiring members of JLARC, Senator Janet Howell, Senator Lionell Spruill, Senator Thomas Norment, and Delegate Kenneth Plum, and presented the three attending members with a plaque of appreciation.

Study Resolutions for Consideration

Senator McPike, chair of the JLARC Topic Selection Subcommittee, presented two additional study resolutions not voted on in November, directing reviews of data centers and higher education cost efficiency. Senator McPike moved a motion and Delegate Carr seconded the motion to approve the resolutions. The Commission decided unanimously by voice vote to approve both resolutions.

Virginia's State Psychiatric Hospitals

Mr. Greer gave an overview of the study of Virginia's State Psychiatric Hospitals, then introduced Mr. Drew Dickinson, who presented the report to the Commission. During and after the presentation, there were several questions from Commission members. Mr. Dickinson then introduced Mr. Nelson Smith, commissioner, DBHDS, who addressed the Commission. Following, Commission members raised several questions.

GO Virginia Program

Mr. Greer gave an overview of the GO Virginia program study, then introduced Mr. Mark Gribbin, who presented the report to the Commission. During and following the presentation, there were comments and questions from Commission members.

