

JLARC Meeting
December 9, 2024 – MINUTES

JLARC Members Present:

Delegate Mark D. Sickles, chair; Senator Mamie E. Locke, vice chair; Senator R. Creigh Deeds; Senator Adam P. Ebbin; Senator Ryan T. McDougle; Senator Jeremy S. McPike; Delegate Betsy B. Carr; Delegate Charniele L. Herring; Delegate Sam Rasoul; Delegate Marcus B. Simon; Delegate Anne Ferrell Tata; Delegate Luke E. Torian; Delegate R. Lee Ware; Delegate Tony O. Wilt; and Staci Henshaw, auditor of public accounts.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Delegate Sickles, chair, who welcomed the Commission members and gave an overview of the agenda. Delegate Sickles then announced that Ms. Staci Henshaw, auditor of public accounts, was up for reappointment. Delegate Rasoul made a motion that Ms. Henshaw be recommended for reappointment as auditor of public accounts for a term of four years, subject to election by the General Assembly. The motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Data Centers in Virginia

Mr. Greer gave an overview of the study of data centers in Virginia, then introduced Mr. Mark Gribbin, who presented the report to the Commission. During and after, there were several questions from Commission members.

Broadband Deployment in Virginia

Ms. Tracey Smith gave an overview of the broadband study, prior to introducing Ms. Lauren Axselle, who presented the first portion of the report. Ms. Axselle then introduced Mr. Dillon Wild, who presented the remainder of the report. During and following their presentations, there were questions from Commission members. Following, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Director, Mr. Bryan Horn, addressed the Commission.

Legislative Compensation

Mr. Justin Brown presented the report on legislative compensation. Following, there were no questions from Commission members.

VRS Oversight Report


Ms. Kimberly Sarte presented the Commission with JLARC's yearly oversight report. Following, there was a question from a Commission member. Ms. Sarte, along with VRS director, Ms. Trish Bishop, provided a response.

Adjournment

Mr. Greer gave closing remarks and there being no further business, Delegate Sickles adjourned the Commission at 12:13 p.m.

Approved by: 
Hal E. Greer, JLARC Director

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