



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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MINUTES

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Attending

JLARC Members:

Senator Thomas K. Norment, Chairman; Delegate Leo C. Wardrup, Vice-Chairman; Delegate Vincent Callahan; Senator Charles J. Colgan; Delegate Kirkland Cox; Delegate Morgan Griffith; Delegate Johnny Joannou; Delegate Dwight Jones; Delegate Lacey E. Putney; Senator Walter Stosch; Senator Martin Williams; and Mr. Walter J. Kucharski, *ex officio*.

JLARC Staff:

Phil Leone, Director; Glen Tittermary, Deputy Director; Janice Baab, Aris Bearse, Trish Bishop, Jamie Bitz, Jenny Breidenbaugh, Justin Brown, Ashley Colvin, Martha Erwin, Eileen Fleck, Hal Greer, Paula Lambert, Brad Marsh, Eric Messick, Nathalie Molliet-Ribet, Jason Powell, Bob Rotz, Kimberly Sarte, Walt Smiley, Elisabeth Thomson, Christine Wolfe, and Kent Wyatt.

Others:

Jeff Shapiro, Richmond Times Dispatch; Rob Jones, Virginia Education Association; Mary Jo Fields, Virginia Municipal League; David Blount, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission; Dana Steger, Virginia Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging; Sandra Gill, Department of General Services; Keith Cheatham, Virginia Chamber of Commerce; Myles G. Louria, Vectre Corporation; Steve Ford, Department of Medical Assistance Services; Catherine Harrison, Joint Commission on Health Care; Susan Hogge, House Appropriations Committee; Christina Nuckols, Virginian-Pilot; Martha Mavredes, Auditor of Public Accounts.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Delegate Putney, acting Chairman. The first order of business was the election of a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Senator Williams moved to nominate Senator Norment for Chairman. The motion was seconded by Senator Colgan, and Senator Norment was unanimously elected Chairman by the other Commission members. Delegate Joannou then moved that Delegate Wardrup be elected Vice-Chairman. Senator Williams seconded the motion, and Delegate Wardrup was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

Senator Norment then recognized Phil Leone who presented Delegate Putney with two awards for serving as JLARC's Chairman. In addition, he presented the Commission members with JLARC lapel pins. Following this presentation, Mr. Leone provided the Commission with an overview of the meeting agenda (Enclosure 1) and the 2006 Legislative Impact of JLARC Studies (Enclosure 2).

Mr. Leone then introduced Glen Tittermary who began the presentation of the 2006 JLARC Workplan (Enclosure 3) by providing an overview of the projects under his supervision. These included: (1) *Impact of Assisted Living Facility Regulations*, (2) *Growth in State Spending (2006 Update)*, (3) *Mandated Health Insurance Benefits*, (4) *Virginia Retirement System Oversight (VRS)*, (5) *Internal Service Fund Oversight*, and (6) *Ongoing Computer Resources and Website Support*. He then turned the meeting over to Walt Smiley, project leader of the Assisted Living Facility study.

Mr. Smiley gave a brief overview of the Assisted Living Facility study and the 2006 State Spending update. After a few questions from the Commission, Mr. Smiley turned the meeting over to Kimberly Sarte who spoke about Mandated Health Insurance Benefits. Ms. Sarte then turned the presentation over to Trish Bishop who provided an overview on the staff's VRS oversight activities. Following questions from the Commission, Ms. Bishop then turned the presentation over to Glen Tittermary. Mr. Tittermary briefly discussed the staff's oversight of internal service funds and his ongoing responsibilities for computer systems and website support.

Mr. Tittermary then introduced Bob Rotz, Senior Division Chief, who gave a brief overview of the projects assigned to his division: (1) *Impact of Regulations on Virginia's Manufacturing Sector*, (2) *Feasibility of Underground Electric Transmission Lines in Virginia*, (3) *Regulation of Small and Very Small Community Drinking Water Systems*, (4) *State Spending on Standards of Quality (SOQ) Costs (2006 Update)*, and (5) *Review of Higher Education Management Agreements*. Mr. Rotz then introduced Justin Brown, project leader for the Manufacturing study.

Mr. Brown provided a brief overview of the study, then introduced Ashley Colvin, project leader for the underground transmission lines study. Mr. Colvin presented a summary of the study and then introduced Jason Powell, a project member of the drinking water systems study. Mr. Powell provided the Commission with a short presentation of the study then turned the presentation back over to Bob Rotz who presented an overview of the spending on SOQ costs and Higher Education Management Agreements studies.

Following questions of the Commission, Mr. Rotz introduced Hal Greer, Division Chief, who gave an overview of the projects assigned to his division: (1) *Severance Agreements in State Employment Contracts*, (2) *Monitoring of Federal Restrictions on Asset-Sheltering to Qualify for Medical Long-Term Care*, (3) *Evaluation of Children's Residential Services Delivered Through the Comprehensive Services Act*, and (4) *Options for Extending Health Insurance Coverage to Uninsured Virginians*. Mr. Greer then introduced Eric Messick, project leader of the severance agreement study.

Mr. Messick gave a brief overview of the severance agreement study, then turned the presentation over to Kimberly Sarte who provided the Commission with a summary of the asset sheltering study. Ms. Sarte then introduced Nathalie Molliet-Ribet, project leader of the Comprehensive Services Act study. Subsequent to summarizing this study, Ms. Molliet-Ribet introduced Aris Bearse, project leader for the uninsured study.

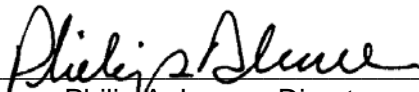
At the conclusion of Mr. Bearse's presentation, Senator Norment asked if there were any questions of the Commission and requested a motion to receive the *2006 JLARC Workplan* (Enclosure 4). Delegate Callahan made a motion to receive the workplan, which was seconded by Senator Colgan and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Walt Kucharski then presented the Auditor of Public Accounts workplan (Enclosure 5). Following Mr. Kucharski's presentation, Delegate Putney moved to approve the APA's workplan (Enclosure 6). This motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Following the approval of the APA workplan, Glen Tittermary provided the Commission with a brief summary of JLARC's FY 2007 Strategic Plan (Enclosure 7). Senator Colgan made a motion to receive the Strategic Plan. This motion was seconded and approved by the Commission.

Lastly, Phil Leone provided the Commission with a brief summary of the *Special Report: Review of Virginia's Cost-Savings Initiatives* (Enclosure 8). There being no further business, the Commission rose at 12:25 p.m.

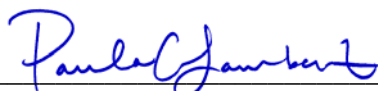
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