



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

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MINUTES

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Attending

JLARC Members:

Senator Thomas K. Norment, Chairman; Delegate Leo C. Wardrup, Vice-Chairman; Senator John H. Chichester; Senator Charles J. Colgan; Delegate Kirkland Cox; Delegate Morgan Griffith; Delegate Frank D. Hargrove, Sr.; Delegate Johnny Joannou; Delegate Dwight C. Jones; Delegate Robert D. Orrock, Sr.; Delegate Lacey E. Putney; Senator Walter A. Stosch; and Mr. Walter J. Kucharski, *ex officio*.

JLARC Staff:

Phil Leone, Director; Glen Tittermary, Deputy Director; Aris Bearse, Trish Bishop, Jamie Bitz, Martha Erwin, Hal Greer, Paula Lambert, Stefanie Papps, Greg Rest, Bob Rotz, Kimberly Sarte, and Walt Smiley.

Others:

The Honorable Thomas Morris, Secretary of Education; Suzette Denslow, Governor's Office; Brian Shepherd, Governor's Policy Director; Sarah Herzog, Senate Finance Committee; Rob Jones, Virginia Education Association; Mary Jo Fields, Virginia Municipal League; Linda McMinimy, Lobbyist of Virginia First Cities; Carolynne Stevens, Department of Social Services; Richard Grossman, Vectre Corporation; Christina Nuckols, Virginian Pilot reporter; Glen Pond, Virginia Governmental Employees Association; Anne Marie Morgan, Virginia Public Radio; Jim Regimbald, Lobbyist; Jason Powell, Senate Finance Committee; Bernie Caton, Lobbyist from the City of Alexandria; Susan Hogge, House Appropriations Committee; Mark Rubin, Governor's Cabinet; Kay Kemper, Kemper and Associates; Kathy Glazier, Assistant Secretary of Education.

The meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m. by Senator Norment, Chairman. Senator Norment recognized Mr. Phil Leone who provided the Commission with an overview of the meeting agenda (Enclosure 1). Upon Senator Norment's request, Mr. Leone introduced Walt Smiley who gave a presentation of the findings from the 2007 Review of State Spending report (Enclosure 2). Mr. Smiley addressed several questions from the Commission. At the conclusion of Mr. Smiley's presentation, Senator Norment requested a motion to receive the report (Enclosure 3). Senator Stosch made a motion to receive the report, which was seconded by Senator Chichester and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Leone introduced then Bob Rotz who presented the Commission with the findings from the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) report (Enclosure 4). Mr. Rotz responded to several questions from the Commission during his presentation. At the conclusion of Mr. Rotz's presentation, the Honorable Thomas Morris, Secretary of Education, commented briefly on the report and answered several questions from the Commission. At the conclusion of Secretary Morris' remarks, Senator Norment requested a motion to receive the report (Enclosure 5). Senator Colgan made a motion to receive the report, which was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Under other business, Senator Norment recognized Walt Kucharski who briefly noted that the audit report of the General Assembly was released and there were only two minor issues that were handled by agencies after the completion of the audits. Following Mr. Kucharski's update, Delegate Cox expressed his appreciation to the JLARC staff assigned to the preschool study. Finally, Mr. Leone noted that the December Commission meeting will begin at 10:00 and lunches will be provided.

There being no further business, the Commission rose at 11:25 p.m.

Approved by: 
Philip A. Leone, Director

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