

# Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority Board Meeting

**Monday August 5, 2024**

10:00AM-12:00PM

Fairfield Library

## Minutes

### **Call to Order and Introduction:**

The Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority (VNECA) Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom DePonty at 10:03 A.M.

The following VNECA Board Members were present: Tom DePonty, Calvin Lowe, Mary Neumayr, Brian Vella, and John Capps.

The following VNECA Board Members were present virtually: Scott Kopple and Rhonnie Smite.

The following Virginia Energy staff were present: Ryan Welsh, Brandi Frazier-Bestpitch, and Jonika Rathi.

The following guests were present: April Wade (VNEC), Michael Hatfield (Wise County), Bob Bailey (VIN Hub), Peter Hasting (Kairos Power), Charlie Paulin (Virginia Mercury), Matt Glattfelder (SCC), Davis Essah (SCC), Arlen Bolstad (SCC), Erica Grey (Sierra Club), Nicole Brenner, Jonathan Ward, David Martin, and Prashanth U. Adel.

The following were there for public comment: Erica Grey

Chair DePonty provided the Authority with a safety message about back-to-school time.

- Members introduced themselves for the role
- Peter Hastings from Kairos Power presented on their company and Hermes reactor, a copy of their presentation can be found on the VNECA website.
- VNEC provided the following updates:
  - VNEC worked to educate freshman legislators.
  - Supported HB 1491 and SB 454.
  - Will offer an educational course this fall for legislators about the role and importance of nuclear.
  - Virginia Innovation Nuclear Hub (VIN Hub)
  - A google form will go out for VNECA members related to updating the Strategic Plan
  - Possible creation of an education series with communities and community leaders about nuclear
- VIN Hub provided the following updates
  - A brief background on the formation of the organization
  - The procurement of leadership and supporting positions
- The 2024 Meeting 4 meeting may be in person, held in Richmond, and scheduled for October. Agenda items include:
  - Update of the Annual Report

- Update of the Strategic Plan
  - Dominion RFP update
- Board Members gave industry updates.
  - Bill signing at North Anna for nuclear cost recovery bills
  - Dominion announces nuclear RFP

**Public Comments:**

Erica Grey provided comment about nuclear energy

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 A.M.