

Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority

Monday, October 7, 2024

10:00AM-12:00PM

DRAFT – Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions:

The October 7, 2024, Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium was held virtually via the Microsoft Teams Platform. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 by VNECA Chairman, Tom DePonty, beginning with member and participant roll call, opening message, and severe weather safety message.

The following VNECA Board Members were present virtually: Tom DePonty, Mary Neumayr, Brian Vella, Eric Carr, Glenn Davis, Rhonnie Smith, Gene Grecheck, Scott Kopple, Randi Hefflin, Tim Stuller, Gary Tepper, and John Capps.

The following Virginia Energy staff were present: Brandi Frazier Bestpitch

The following guests were present: April Wade (VNEC), Joe Lerch (VACO), Michael Hatfield (Wise County), Chirstine Cogbill Noonan (Reed Smith LLP.), Bob Bailey (VIN Hub), Charlie Paulin (Virginia Mercury), Matt Glattfelder (SCC), Davis Essah (SCC), Arlen Bolstad (SCC), and Prashanth U. Adel (McGuire Woods Consulting), Ryan Welsh (Office of the Governor).

Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium (VNEC) Briefing, April Wade, Executive Director, VNEC

April briefed members Strategic Planning Summit, September 2024. Objectives of the summit was to identify steps to promote Virginia's strength and advantages in nuclear energy related technologies such as:

- Ensuring Nuclear Energy's contribution to Virginia's carbon-free future (how can nuclear energy meet forecasted load demand)
- Prioritization of Nuclear Energy Innovation
- Developing infrastructure and research and development
- Continue developing nuclear education pathways and workforce

VNEC is currently compiling discussion results from the Strategic Planning Summit and will circulate the updated Strategic Plan to Virginia Energy staff for further circulation to VNECA members in the coming weeks for feedback prior to submission to the Governor's Office.

April also briefed VNECA members on the upcoming Nuclear Energy 101: A Workshop for Virginia Policymakers and Stakeholders on October 10, 2024. For this event, VNEC partnered with the Nuclear Innovation Alliance to host speakers from Virginia's Nuclear Industry to provide deep background on nuclear energy policy perspectives for elected officials, staff, community leaders, and interested policy stakeholders.

VIN Hub (VINH) update

Bob Bailey, Executive Director, Virginia Innovative Nuclear Hub briefed VNECA members on current initiatives that include:

- VINH partnering with [Virginia Energy Workforce Consortium \(VEWC\)](#) to build out a comprehensive workforce strategy
 - Education pipeline
 - Strong K12 outreach
- Develop strategy to build out nuclear research capacity in Virginia

- Stress importance of test reactor in Virginia to strengthen research capabilities
- Look at Virginia Nuclear Technology Supply Chain- for both fuel and component side

Annual Report

Approval of Annual Report with changes discussed on October 7, motioned by Mary Neumayr, seconded by John Capps.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:

May 06, 2024, approval motioned by Gene Grecheck, seconded by John Capps.

August 05, 2024, approval motioned by John Capps, seconded by Rhonnie Smith.

Nuclear News & Member Updates – Tom DePonty, VNECA Chairman

Public Comments : None

Adjournment : 10:49 EST