

**Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority
Board Meeting**

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 | 10:00 a.m.

VCU East Engineering Hall | Room E3218 | Richmond, VA

Proposed Minutes

The Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority (VNECA) Board meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM on May 20, 2015 in Richmond.

Don Hoffman, Chairman of VNECA, called the meeting to order.

The following members were present: Chairman Don Hoffman, Bob Bailey, Jennifer Boykin (on behalf Matthew Mulherin), John Capps, Colleen Deegan, Jerry Giles, Mary Alice Hayward, Ganapati Myneni, Mike Skiffington and Gary Tepper.

The following members were absent: Jim Aylor, David Christian, Srinath Ekkad, Frank Gillespie, Maureen Matsen and Mark Troutman.

The Board approved the minutes from the March 24, 2014 meeting.

Gary Tepper, on behalf of the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium, provided an update on the Consortium's activities since the March 24 VNECA Board meeting. The Consortium has continued to move forward with its organizational activities including retaining a law firm to assist with establishing the Consortium as a 501 (c)(6) entity and preparing a statement of purpose for the application. Four candidates were interviewed for the Executive Director position and an offer letter is being prepared for the preferred candidate.

The Consortium has continued to work on several strategic priorities, including workforce development and technology asset facilitation. Several Consortium members have held meetings with interested parties in the workforce development pipeline to take advantage of existing activities and programs from entities such as the Nuclear Energy Institute.

Consortium members Sama Bilbao y Leon and Ali Haghghat have been in active discussions on the future of the B&W IST facility including promoting a workshop on June 4-5 at CAER. The workshop, which will include representatives from VT, VCU, NCST and Pittsburgh among others, will address the R&D challenges and opportunities of the utilizing IST and I&C Lab at CAER as a platform incorporating interfaces for process-scale thermal-hydraulic investigations.

Staff initiated a follow up discussion on updating the asset inventory of nuclear energy utilities, private industry, educational programs and degrees offered in Virginia. Members agreed to work with their organizations and VNECA staff to have a first draft of inventory for review at the August 20 Board Meeting.

Staff reviewed the member's terms of appointment with the Board and requested recommendations to fill an open position for the Virginia nuclear industry representative.

Craig Piercy, American Nuclear Society Washington Representative, provided a detailed and informative presentation on federal nuclear policy issues. Mr. Piercy addressed current and emerging topics including EPA's 111(d) regulations and their impact on nuclear energy, renewable and low carbon energy standards, nuclear fuel cycle and storage policy and nuclear energy's role in fulfilling long-term international energy demands. Mr. Piercy's presentation can be found on the VNECA website - <https://commerce.virginia.gov/initiatives/va-nuclear/>.

Chairman Hoffman led a discussion about what VNECA can do to enhance understanding of nuclear energy and technology in Virginia that included developing a simple message to be amplified with many voices, educating legislators through individual contact about the nuclear assets in the area and across Virginia and compiling areas of ongoing nuclear research within the Commonwealth.

Chairman Hoffman opened the meeting to public comment and the Board received comment from Erica Gray, representing the Sierra Club, who opposed expanded nuclear energy due to expressed concerns about the safety of existing nuclear generation.

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 P.M.