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The following Authorities, Boards and Commissions are classified as political subdivisions of the Commonwealth. The Governor appoints the members of the Authority, Board or Commission who in turn appoint an Executive Director or Secretary. The powers conferred upon an authority vary. Please refer to the specific code reference for further information pertaining to a particular Authority. In general, an Authority is vested with the powers of a body corporate, including the power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, make contracts, and adopt and use a common seal and alter the same as may be deemed expedient; may acquire or lease such property or any interest therein.

Not included in this section are Authorities to which the Governor appoints neither the Executive Director nor those whom receive appropriations for the Fiscal Year during which this volume is published.

FORT MONROE AUTHORITY

Location: Old Quarters #1
151 Bernard Road
Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651
Tel. (757)637-7778
Internet: <http://fmauthority.com>

Code Reference: § 2.2-2338

Purpose, Powers and Duties: The Authority shall have the power and duty: 1. To do all things necessary and proper to further an appreciation of the contributions of the first permanent English-speaking settlers as well as the Virginia Indians to the building of our Commonwealth and nation, to commemorate the establishment of the first coastal fortification in the English-speaking New World, to commemorate the lives of prominent Virginians who were connected to the largest moated fortification in the United States, to commemorate the important role of African Americans in the history of the site, including the "Contraband" slave decision in 1861 that earned Fort Monroe the designation as "Freedom's Fortress," to commemorate Old Point Comfort's role in establishing international trade and British maritime law in Virginia, and to commemorate almost 250 years of continuous service as a coastal defense fortification of the United States of America; 2. To hire and develop a professional staff including an executive director and such other staff as is necessary to discharge the responsibilities of the Authority; 3. To establish personnel policies and benefits for staff; 4. To oversee the preservation, conservation, protection, and maintenance of the Commonwealth's natural resources and real property interests at Fort Monroe and the renewal of Fort Monroe as a vibrant and thriving community; 5. To adopt an annual budget, which shall be submitted to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Appropriations and the Department of Planning and Budget by July 1 of each year; 6. To provide for additional, more complete, or more timely services than are generally available in the City of Hampton as a whole; and 7. To serve as the Commonwealth's management agent exercising all the Commonwealth's powers over land in the Area of Operation, including but not limited to regulation of land use, zoning and permitting for the implementation of actions under the Programmatic Agreement, Design Standards, Reuse Plan and any other agreements regarding Fort Monroe to which the Commonwealth is a party, and ensuring adherence to the findings, declarations and policies set forth in this article, unless the Commonwealth and the Authority specifically agree in writing to the contrary.

Composition: There is hereby created a political subdivision and public body corporate and politic of the Commonwealth of Virginia to be known as the Fort Monroe Authority, to be governed by a Board of Trustees (Board) consisting of 12 voting members appointed as follows: the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, or their successor positions if those positions no longer exist, from the

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Governor's cabinet; the member of the Senate of Virginia and the member of the House of Delegates representing the district in which Fort Monroe lies; two members appointed by the Hampton City Council; and five nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, four of whom shall have expertise relevant to the implementation of the Fort Monroe Reuse Plan, including but not limited to the fields of historic preservation, tourism, environment, real estate, finance, and education, and one of whom shall be a citizen representative from the Hampton Roads region.

Term: Cabinet members and elected representatives shall serve terms commensurate with their terms of office. Citizen appointees shall initially be appointed for staggered terms of either one, two, or three years, and thereafter shall serve for four-year terms. Cabinet members shall be entitled to send their deputies or another cabinet member, and legislative members another legislator, to meetings as full voting members in the event that official duties require their presence elsewhere.

Executive Director: Glen Oder

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

John Lawson, II, Newport News term expires 6/30/2015
Colin Cooper Campbell, Williamsburg term expires 6/30/2016
Frances C. Wilson, Virginia Beach term expires 6/30/2016
G. Robert Aston, Portsmouth term expires 6/30/2017
Kimberly Maloney, Williamsburg term expires 6/30/2017

Senate Appointees

Senator Mamie E. Locke, Hampton

House Appointees

Delegate Gordon C. Helsel, Jr., Poquoson

City of Hampton Appointees

Lawrence G. Cumming
Kim Maloney

Ex Officio

Maurice Jones, Secretary of Commerce and Trade
Molly Ward, Secretary of Natural Resources
John Harvey, Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security

HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT COMMISSION

Location: 1434 Air Rail Avenue
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455
Tel. (757) 460-2261
Internet: <http://www.hrsd.com/index.shtml>

Code Reference: § 21-291.2

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To collect and treat wastewater within the District within permits issued by the State Water Control Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Composition: Eight members appointed by the Governor, one from each of the following districts: the Cities of Norfolk; Virginia Beach; Newport News; Hampton; Chesapeake; Portsmouth; Suffolk or Isle of Wight County; and Williamsburg or James City County, Poquoson, Gloucester County, King William County, Mathews County,

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Middlesex County, Town of Urbana, King and Queen County, or York County. Each member and his successors shall be residents of the territory of the districts. Any member who shall cease to reside within the territory from which he was appointed shall thereupon be disqualified from holding office. The commission elects a general manager.

Term: Four years
General Manager: Edward G. Henifin, Hampton
Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Michael E. Glenn, Norfolk..... term expires 6/07/15
- Willie Levenston, Portsmouth..... term expires 6/07/15
- Steve Rodriguez, Chesapeake term expires 6/07/16
- Susan Mary Rotkis, Hampton term expires 6/07/16
- Arthur Bredemeyer, Suffolk term expires 6/07/17
- Maurice Lynch, Gloucester Point term expires 6/07/17
- Frederick Newberry Elofson, Newport News term expires 6/07/18
- Vishnukumar K. Lakdawala, Virginia Beach term expires 6/07/18

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

Location: 1 Aviation Circle
Washington, DC, 20001
Tel. (703) 417-8600
Internet: www.mwaa.com

Code Reference: § 5.1-155

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To acquire, operate, maintain, develop, promote, and protect Washington National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport as the primary public airports serving the Metropolitan Washington area.

Composition: A. The Authority shall consist of 17 members: seven appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, four appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, three appointed by the Governor of the State of Maryland, and three appointed by the President of the United States. Members representing the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be subject to confirmation by the Virginia General Assembly. For the purposes of doing business, nine members shall constitute a quorum. The failure of a single appointing official to appoint one or more members, as herein provided, shall not impair the Authority's creation when the other conditions thereof have been met.

B. Members shall (i) not hold elective or appointive public office, (ii) serve without compensation, and (iii) reside within the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, except that the members appointed by the President of the United States shall be registered voters of states other than Maryland, Virginia, or the District of Columbia. The members of the Authority shall be entitled to reimbursement for their expenses incurred in attendance upon the meetings of the Authority or while otherwise engaged in the discharge of their duties.

Term: Six years; no more than two consecutive terms.

Chairman: Frank M. Conner III

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Joan DuBois, McLean..... term expires 11/24/14
- Bruce Allen Gates, Alexandria term expires 11/23/16
- Lynn C. Chapman, Ashburn term expires 06/30/18

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Caren D. Merrick, McLean.....term expires 06/30/18
Frank M. Conner, Alexandriaterm expires 11/23/18
Chuck Caputoa, Herndon.....term expires 11/23/20
Katherine K. Hanley, Restonterm expires 11/23/20

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Location: 3040 Williams Drive Suite 200
Fairfax, Virginia 22031
Tel. (703) 642-4652
Internet: <http://www.thenovaauthority.org/>

Code Reference: § 15.2-4830

Purpose, Powers and Duties:

There is hereby created a political subdivision of the Commonwealth known as the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, hereinafter known as "the Authority." In addition to such other powers vested in the Authority by this chapter, the Authority shall have the following powers and functions: 1. The Authority shall prepare a regional transportation plan for Planning District Eight, to include, but not necessarily be limited to, transportation improvements of regional significance, and those improvements necessary or incidental thereto, and shall from time to time revise and amend the plan. The provisions of Article 7 (§ 15.2-4527 et seq.) of Chapter 45 of this title shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to preparation of such transportation plan. 2. The Authority may, when a transportation plan is adopted according to subdivision 1, construct or acquire, by purchase, lease, contract, or otherwise, the transportation facilities specified in such transportation plan. 3. The Authority may enter into agreements or leases with public or private entities for the operation of its facilities, or may operate such facilities itself. 4. The Authority may enter into contracts or agreements with the counties and cities embraced by the Authority, with other transportation commissions of transportation districts adjoining any county or city embraced by the Authority, with any transportation authority, or with any state, local, private or federal entity to provide, or cause to be provided, transportation facilities and services to the area embraced by the Authority. Such contracts or agreements, together with any agreements or leases for the operation of such facilities, may be used by the Authority to finance the construction and operation of transportation facilities and such contracts, agreements or leases shall inure to the benefit of any creditor of the Authority.

Notwithstanding the above, however, the Authority shall not have the power to regulate services provided by taxicabs, either within municipalities or across municipal boundaries, which regulation is expressly reserved to the municipalities within which taxicabs operate. 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary the Authority may: a. Acquire land or any interest therein by purchase, lease, or gift and provide transportation facilities thereon for use in connection with any transportation service; b. Acquire land or any interest therein by purchase, lease, or gift in advance of the need for sale or contribution to an agency, for use by that agency in connection with an adopted transportation plan; c. Prepare a plan for mass transportation services with persons, cities, counties, agencies, authorities, or transportation commissions and may further contract with any such person or other entity to provide necessary facilities, equipment, operations and maintenance, access, and insurance pursuant to such plan.

Composition:

The Authority shall consist of 17 members as follows: The chief elected officer of the governing body of each county and city embraced by the Authority or, in the discretion of the chief elected officer, his designee, who shall be a current elected officer of such governing body; Two members of the House of Delegates who reside in different counties or cities embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Speaker of the House, to the extent practicable, from the membership of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Finance, or the House Committee on Transportation; One member of the Senate who resides in a county or

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city embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, to the extent practicable, from the membership of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Transportation; and Two citizens who reside in counties and cities embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Governor. One gubernatorial appointment shall include a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board who resides in a county or city embraced by the Authority. The remaining gubernatorial appointment shall be a person who has significant experience in transportation planning, finance, engineering, construction, or management and shall be a resident of a county or city embraced by the Authority, but shall not be a resident of the same county or city as the other gubernatorial appointee to the Authority.

Term: Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. The gubernatorial appointee who is not a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall serve for a term of four years. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

F. Gary Garcznski, Clifton..... term expires 6/30/14
Sandra Bushue, Washington DC..... term expires 6/30/16

Senate Appointee

Senator Adam Ebbin, Alexandria

House Appointees

Delegate J. Randall Minchew, Leesburg
Delegate Thomas Davis Rust, Herndon

Designated Members

Sharon Bulova, Fairfax
William D. Euille, City of Alexandria
R. Scott Silverthorne, City of Fairfax
Martin Nohe, Prince William
Harry J. "Hal" Parrish, II, City of Manassas
Jeanette Rishell, City of Manassas Park
David F. Snyder, City of Falls Church
Scott York, Loudon County
Mary Hughes Hynes, Arlington County

Ex Officio

Jennifer Mitchell, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Helen Cuervo, Northern Virginia District, VDOT

VIRGINIA BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP AUTHORITY

Location: 800 East Leigh Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Tel. (804) 828-5390 Fax (804) 828-8566
Internet: www.vabiotech.com

Code Reference: Acts of Assembly Chapter 946, 1993, Chapter 731, 2000, Chapter 788, 2005

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To facilitate and coordinate scientific and technological research and development and to promote the industrial and economic development of the Commonwealth.

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Composition: The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of not less than nine nor more than 15 members, three of whom shall be the President of Virginia Commonwealth University, the Mayor of the City of Richmond, and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade for the Commonwealth, who shall serve as directors during their terms of office. Any of the aforesaid ex officio members of the board may, from time to time and by written notice to the chairman of the board of the Authority, appoint a designee, under such terms as the designator may provide, to act on behalf of such designator. Such designee, for the term of the designation, shall be treated in all respects as a director and shall have all powers of a director, including, without limitation, the powers to (i) attend and be heard at meetings of the board, thereby counting toward the number of the directors present for the purpose of determining whether a quorum exists; (ii) vote as a member of the board; and (iii) function as the holder of any office held by the designator or as a member of any committee of which the designator is a member. Six members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of nominations submitted by the board of directors of the Virginia Biotechnology Research Park, a not-for-profit non-stock Virginia corporation. Two of the directors appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for terms of one year, two for terms of two years, and two for terms of three years, from the effective date of their appointment; and thereafter, the members of the board shall be appointed for terms of three years.

Term: Three years

Executive Director: Carrie Roth

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Mary Boswell, Richmond term expires 6/30/15
- Gail L. Letts, Midlothian term expires 6/30/15
- Douglas Harvey, Richmond..... term expires 6/30/16
- Tonya Mallory, Richmond..... term expires 6/30/16
- Kenneth E. Ampy, Midlothian term expires 6/30/17
- Eric S. Edwards, Moseley term expires 6/30/17

Designated Members

- Maurice Jones, Secretary of Commerce and Trade
- Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of the City of Richmond
- Dr. Michael Rao, President, Virginia Commonwealth University

VIRGINIA COALFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Location: Post Office Box 1060
527 East Main Street
Lebanon, Virginia 24266
Tel. (800) 735-9999 Fax (276) 889-1830
Internet: <http://www.vaceda.org/>

Code Reference: § 15.2-6000

Purpose, Powers and Duties: The primary purpose of the Authority is to enhance the economic base for the seven county and one city coalfield region of Virginia (Lee, Wise, Scott, Buchanan, Russell, Tazewell and Dickenson Counties and the City of Norton).

The Authority shall provide financial support for the purchase of real estate, construction of buildings for sale or lease, installation of utilities, direct loans and grants to private for-profit basic employers; may apply for matching funds from the state or federal government, or the private sector; and any other support improvements it deems necessary, including flood control dams. All such loans and

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grants may be managed by the LENOWISCO and Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commissions in their respective service areas.

The exercise of the powers granted by this chapter shall be in all respects for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Commonwealth, particularly the aforesaid seven county and one city areas, for the increase of their commerce, and for the promotion of their safety, health, welfare, convenience and prosperity.

Composition: Three initial members shall be the sitting chairmen of the county boards of supervisors of the three counties which are the three largest contributors to the coal and gas road improvement fund for the fiscal year immediately preceding July 1, 1988, as reported by the treasurers of the affected counties and city. Every four years thereafter, the three members shall be supervisors from the county boards of supervisors of the three counties which are the three largest contributors to the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Fund for the fiscal year immediately preceding July 1 of the year in which new terms of members are to begin. Such supervisors shall be selected by their respective county boards of supervisors.

Five members shall be appointed by the Governor at large; however, if there is any participating county or city in which there resides no member of the Board appointed by the other methods herein specified, the Governor shall include at least one member who is a resident of each such county or city among his appointees. For the first four-year terms these five members shall be selected to the extent possible from former members of the Southwest Virginia Economic Development Commission who reside in Planning District 1 or 2. One member shall be a representative of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, as designated by the Chief Executive Officer of the Partnership. One member shall be a representative named by the Virginia Coal Association. Two members shall be the Executive Directors of the LENOWISCO and Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commissions. Three initial members shall be representatives named by the three largest coal producers determined by the dollar value of their contribution to the respective county coal and gas road improvement funds for the fiscal year immediately preceding July 1, 1988, as reported by the treasurers of the affected counties and city. Every four years thereafter, the three members shall be representatives named by the three largest coal producers determined by the dollar value of their contributions to the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Fund for the fiscal year immediately preceding July 1 of the year in which new terms of members are to begin. One member shall be a representative named by the largest oil and gas producer determined by the dollar value of its contributions to the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Fund for the fiscal year immediately preceding July 1 of the year in which new terms of members are to begin.

Term: Board members shall serve for terms of four years except that all vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term.

Executive Director: Jonathan S. Belcher

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Donald Baker, Clintwood term expires 6/30/16
- Ross C. Jenkins, Gate City..... term expires 6/30/16
- Ronald McCall, Norton..... term expires 6/30/16
- Stacy Munsey, Jonesville..... term expires 6/30/16
- Joe Street, Vansant..... term expires 6/30/16

Designated Members

- Jim Baldwin
- James Carroll Branham
- J.P. Richardson
- Joe Gillespie

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Steve Greer
Dana G. Kilgore
Michael J. Quillen
Frank Underwood
Donnie Rife
Glen Skinner
Donald Ratliff

VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL SPACE FLIGHT AUTHORITY

Location: NASA/GSFC/WFF
Bldg. N-134
Wallops Island, Virginia 23337-5009
Tel. (757) 824-2335 Fax (757) 824-2332
Internet: <http://www.marsspaceport.com/>

Code Reference: § 2.2-2202

Purpose, Powers and Duties: A. The General Assembly has determined that there exists in the Commonwealth a need to (i) disseminate knowledge pertaining to scientific and technological research and development among public and private entities, including but not limited to knowledge in the area of commercial space flight, and (ii) promote industrial and economic development. In order to facilitate and coordinate scientific and technological research and development and to promote the industrial and economic development of the Commonwealth, which purposes are declared to be public purposes. B. To achieve the objectives of subsection A, there is created a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to be known as the "Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority" (the "Authority"). The Authority's exercise of powers conferred by this article shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential governmental function and matters of public necessity for which public moneys may be spent and private property acquired.

Composition: The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of 9 members, two of whom shall be the Secretary of Transportation and the Director of the Virginia Department of Aviation or their respective designees. The remaining seven members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: one member representing the business community; one member representing the financial industry; one member representing the marketing industry; one member representing the legal industry; one member representing the research and development industry; and two at-large members.

Term: Of the members appointed by the Governor, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, two for terms of two years, two for terms of three years, and two for terms of four years from the effective date of their appointment. Thereafter, the members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of four years. All members shall serve until their successors are appointed. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. No member appointed by the Governor shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms; however, a member appointed to fill a vacancy may serve two additional consecutive terms. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and shall be confirmed by the General Assembly.

Chairman: Dale Nash

Vice Chairman: Randy Burdette

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**
John R. Broderick, Norfolk..... term expires 6/30/15

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John Jester, Chincoteague Island term expires 6/30/15
William F. Readdy, Arlington..... term expires 6/30/16
Kay N. Sears, Vienna..... term expires 6/30/16
Thomas Young, Onancock..... term expires 6/30/16
Jack. Kennedy, Wise..... term expires 6/30/17
Bittle Porterfield, III, Roanoke term expires 6/30/17

Designated Members

Aubrey Lane, Secretary of Transportation
Randall Burdette, Director, Department of Aviation
Peter Jobse, President, Center for Innovative Technology

VIRGINIA PORT AUTHORITY

Location: 600 World Trade Center
Norfolk, Virginia 23510
Tel. (800) 446-8098
Internet: www.portofvirginia.com

Code Reference: § 62.1-128

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To develop and improve harbors and seaports, and promote shipment of cargo and commerce through Virginia's ports.

Executive Director: John R. Reinhart

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE VIRGINIA PORT AUTHORITY

Code Reference: § 62.1-129

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To provide oversight for the Virginia Port Authority.

Composition: A. All powers, rights and duties conferred by this chapter, or other provisions of law, upon the Authority shall be exercised by the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority, hereinafter referred to as Board or Board of Commissioners. The Board shall consist of the State Treasurer and 11 members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The terms of members of the Board of Commissioners appointed or reappointed by the Governor on or after January 1, 1981, shall be for five years. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. Members of the Board shall receive their expenses and shall be compensated at the rate provided in § 2.2-2813 for each day spent on business of the Board. No member appointed by the Governor shall be eligible to serve more than two successive terms. A person heretofore or hereafter appointed to fill a vacancy may be appointed to serve two additional terms. Beginning with those members of the Board of Commissioners appointed or reappointed by the Governor on or after January 1, 1981: (i) appointments shall be made by the Governor in such a manner as to ensure the widest possible geographical representation of all parts of the Commonwealth, and (ii) no resident of the Cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, or Virginia Beach shall be eligible for appointment or reappointment to the Board of Commissioners if his appointment or reappointment would increase or maintain the number of members of the Board of Commissioners residing in such cities above the number of three. One of the members appointed or reappointed from the cities previously mentioned in this section shall be a resident of the City of Portsmouth or the City of Chesapeake, one of the members appointed or reappointed shall be a resident of the City of Norfolk or the City of Virginia Beach, and one of the members appointed or reappointed shall be a resident of the City of Newport News or the City of Hampton. Of the members appointed by the Governor, all members shall have executive level

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experience and represent one of the following industries: agriculture, distribution and warehousing, manufacturing, logistics and transportation, mining, marketing, legal, financial, or transportation infrastructure.

Term: Five years; no more than two successive terms.

Chairman: John G. Milliken

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- G. Robert Aston, Portsmouthterm expired 6/30/16
- Faith B. Power, Winchesterterm expired 6/30/16
- Kim Scheeler, Richmondterm expired 6/30/16
- Jennifer Aument, Falls Churchterm expired 6/30/16
- John Geddes Milliken, Arlingtonterm expired 6/30/17
- Val McWhorter, Clifton.....term expired 6/30/17
- Alan A. Daimonstein, Newport News.....term expired 6/30/17
- Gary McCollum, Norfolk.....term expired 6/30/17
- John Pullen, Richmondterm expired 6/30/19
- Deborah C. Waters, Suffolk.....term expired 6/30/19
- James William Cofer, Virginia Beachterm expired 6/30/19

Designated Member

Manju Ganeriwala, State Treasurer

VIRGINIA RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Location: 1505 Shorevue Circle
Hardy, Virginia 24101
Tel. (540) 890-2195

Code Reference: § 10.1-1601

Purpose, Powers and Duties: In order to (i) provide a high quality recreational attraction in the western part of the Commonwealth; (ii) expand the historical knowledge of adults and children; (iii) promote tourism and economic development in the Commonwealth; (iv) set aside and conserve scenic and natural areas along the Roanoke River and preserve open-space lands; and (v) enhance and expand research and educational programs, there is created a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to be known as "The Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority." The Authority's exercise of the powers conferred by this chapter shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential governmental function.

Term: Pleasure of the Board

Executive Director: Debbie Pitts

VIRGINIA RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Code Reference: § 10.1-1602

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To provide for residents and tourists quality recreational attractions in the western part of the Commonwealth; promote public awareness of the role the Commonwealth played in opening the American West during the early 19th Century; conserve the scenic and natural areas along the Roanoke River; and enhance and expand research and educational programs in such areas as veterinary care, horticulture, agriculture, botany, biology, and natural resources.

Composition: The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of 19 members who shall be appointed as follows: two members of the Senate to be appointed by

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the Senate Committee on Rules; four members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; and 13 nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, upon consideration of the recommendation of the River Foundation, if any, and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Authority shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Term: Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of five years. Vacancies in the membership of the Board shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as original appointments are made. All members may be reappointed.

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Alfred Anderson, Vinton term expires 6/30/15
- Louellen L. Averill, Vinton term expires 6/30/15
- Dennis Cronk, Roanoke term expires 6/30/15
- Mark Lawrence, Roanoke term expires 6/30/15
- Jane Sullivan Horne, Penhook term expires 6/30/15
- W. Tucker Lemon, Roanoke term expires 6/30/16
- Benjamin Gregory Summers, Forest term expires 6/30/16
- Kelvin C. Bratton, Roanoke term expires 6/30/19
- Carolyn D. Fidler, Vinton term expires 6/30/19
- David A. Hurst, Hardy term expires 6/30/19
- Deborah H. Pitts, Hardy term expires 6/30/19
- William H. Tanger, Roanoke term expires 6/30/19
- Shawn M. Utt, Pulaski term expires 6/30/19

Senate Appointees

- Senator Stephen H. Newman, Forest
- Senator Mark D. Obenshain, Harrisonburg

House Appointees

- Delegate Israel D. O'Quinn, Bristol
- Delegate Christopher T. Head, Roanoke
- Delegate L. Nick Rush, Christiansburg
- Delegate Sam Rasoul, Roanoke