

Chinaka A. Barbour
Warren Beeton
Dr Joseph P Boutte
J. Randall Freed, Chair
Martin Jeter
Stephanie Johnson
Thomas Smith
Elizabeth H. Ward, Vice Chair

**Meeting
Minutes
Jan 23, 2025
6:30 P.M.**

UTILITIES REPRESENTATIVE

Christine Hoeffner
Gilbert Jaramillo
Perrin Palistrant
Don Pannell
Kyle Reglin

Cedar Run Conference Room
McCoart Building
1 County Complex Court
Prince William, VA 22192

Present: Commissioners Chinaka Barbour, Dr. Joseph Boutte, J. Randall Freed, Martin Jeter, Thomas Smith, Elizabeth Ward

Non-voting Commissioners: Gilbert Hoeffner, Don Pannell, Kyle Reglin

Others: Giulia Manno – Senior Environmental Program Manager, Michelle Smyk – Climate and Energy Program Manager, Salita Gray – Administrative Specialist

Absent: Commissioners Warren Beeton, Stephanie Johnson

Non-voting Commissioners: Christine Hoeffner, Perrin Palistrant

Roll Call: Quorum Present

Citizen’s Time: Charlie Grymes suggested commissioners consider educating the public on the 25 action strategies of the CESMP for better understanding of the issues and better support of the challenges.

Old Business

- Approve of remote participation for Chinaka Barbour and Gil Jaramillo (VOTING RECORD: Motion: E Ward; Second T Smith; Ayes: by acclamation; Nays: none)
- Approve December 16, 2024 minutes (VOTING RECORD: Motion: T Smith; Second M Jeter; Ayes: by acclamation; Nays: none)

- Martin Jeter elected as Chair (VOTING RECORD: Motion: R Freed; Second J Boutte; Ayes: by acclamation; Nays: none)
- R Freed elected as Vice Chair (VOTING RECORD: Motion: R Freed; Second T Smith; Ayes: by acclamation; Nays: none)
- Commissioners agreed to continue the 4th Thursday of the month for the 2025 meeting schedule. Meetings during the holidays are scheduled for November 17th and December 15th.
- G Manno provided an update on the budget process for FY26. Leadership will be requesting a Green Buildings Manager and Climate and Resilience Manager for the Office of Sustainability. A rough timeline for the proposed CIP Program is February 11th, February 18th for FY26 general fund budget and eventual budget adoption around April 22nd.

New Business

- M Jeter presented the resolution: Virginia legislation on Data Centers. Commissioners voted to approve. (VOTING RECORD: Motion: J Boutte; Second M Jeter; Ayes: J Boutte, R Freed, M Jeter, T Smith; Nays: E Ward)
- Commissioners discussed and gave input on options for improving coordination and outreach on the state level legislation and policy, inter-county and interregional, and BOCS report-outs.
- D Pannell provided a follow up on water and electricity within the PWW's Resilience Plan.

Commissioner's Time:

- J Boutte thanked R Freed for his time leading the Commission. Wants to help focus on public awareness of the importance of the strategies.
- M Jeter mentioned the cut off date for comments on the strategic plan is Friday, January 24th. The board will hold a hearing on the strategic plan and vote on it February 11th.
- E Ward mentioned the importance of data centers having the same standards and consistency.

- D Pannell thanked the NOVEC team for maintaining great water service during the severe weather.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM