



**Meeting
Minutes
August 28, 2025
6:30 P.M.**

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

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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

UTILITIES REPRESENTATIVE

Chauncie Dallas
Christine Hoeffner
Ruth Holdbrook
Perrin Palistrant
Don Pannell

Present: Commissioners Chinaka Barbour, Warren Beeton, Dr Joseph Boutte, J Randall Freed, Martin Jeter, Stephanie Johnson, Thomas Smith, Elizabeth Ward

Non-voting Commissioners: Chauncie Dallas, Perrin Palistrant

Others: Giulia Manno – Senior Environmental Program Manager, Salita Gray- Administrative Specialist

Absent: Dr. Joseph Boutte

Non-voting Commissioners: Christine Hoeffner, Ruth Holdbrook, Don Pannell

Roll Call: Quorum Present

Citizen's Time: None

Old Business

- Approve remote participation (VOTING RECORD: Motion: R Freed; Second: W Beeton; Ayes: by acclamation; Nays: none)
- Approve July 24, 2025 minutes (VOTING RECORD: Motion: R Freed; Second: E Ward; Ayes: by acclamation; Nays: none)
- M Jeter discussed the final draft of the Sustainability Commission Transit Oriented Development resolution.

- Approved Sustainability Commission Transit Oriented Development resolution (VOTING RECORD: Motion: R Freed; Second: E Ward; Ayes: by acclamation; Nays: none)
- C Dallas discussed the Dominion Gas-Insulated Substation report and answered questions the Commission requested. Follow-up questions will be addressed at the next meeting.
- G Manno reported updates with the Sustainability Office. Staff will continue to report on the progress of the CESMP quarterly. Currently working on the first annual report for county Environmental Sustainability with estimated completion by April. Also looking to stand up a public dashboard.

New Business

- R Freed discussed the changes that Dominion is proposing for Solar Net Metering. Commissioners developed a priority recommendation for the legislative agenda.
- Approved legislative agenda recommendations on the Solar Net Metering issue (VOTING RECORD: Motion: R Freed; Second: E Ward; Ayes: by acclamation; Nays: none)
- E Ward gave a summary of Department Energy report on Grid reliability.
- C Barbour reported on the Joint Environmental Taskforce meeting. A salt management training will be held on October 1st for school and county staff. Discussed projects that will be impacted by the One Big Beautiful Act which includes renewable energy and electric vehicles. Discussed better communication regarding road closures for flooding. Informed that seven schools are going through an LED retrofit and trying to roll out compost into more schools.

Commissioner's Time:

- G Manno informed the Office of Sustainability will be presenting on implementation progress for the Environment Goal of the Strategic Plan to the Board of County Supervisors September 16th.
- E Ward informed Prince William County, Northern Virginia Commission and George Mason received a grant to release mussels into streams as a proven method in improving the purity of water.
- R Freed shared the commission's proffer recommendations with his appointing

Supervisor for consideration in the legislative agenda conversation.

- P Palistrant informed the completion of FY25 with an overall system increase due to the federal returned office mandate resulting in increased bus routes.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 PM