



PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

Meeting Minutes Sep 24, 2026 6:30 P.M.

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

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Chinaka A. Barbour,
Woodbridge District
Dr Joseph P Boutte
Potomac District
Edwin Gonzalez
Neabsco District
J. Randall Freed, Vice Chair,
Occoquan District
Martin Jeter Chair
Coles District
Thomas Smith
Brentsville District
Elizabeth H. Ward
Gainesville District

UTILITIES REPRESENTATIVE

Ashley Gremel, Dominion
Energy
Christine Hoeffner, VRE
Ruth Holdbrook, NOVEC
Perrin Palistrant, Potomac and
Rappahannock Transportation
Commission
Don Pannell, Prince William
Water

Present: Commissioners Chinaka Barbour, J Randall Freed, Edwin Gonzalez, Martin Jeter, Thomas Smith, Elizabeth Ward

Non-voting Commissioners: Ashley Gremel, Don Pannell

Others: Michelle Smyk – Climate and Energy Program Manager

Absent: Commissioner Joseph P Boutte

Non-voting Commissioners: Christine Hoeffner, Ruth Holdbrook, Perrin Palistrant

Roll Call: Quorum Present

Citizen's Time: Ross Snare from Bristol attended because of his interested in what's happening within the county and the work that is being done.

Old Business

- Approved August 27, 2026 minutes (VOTING RECORD: Motion: T Smith; Second: E Ward; Ayes: by acclamation; Nays: none)
- M Smyk provided a briefing on the Office of Sustainability Staff Report.
- Approved Sustainability Commission Recommendation to Oppose Significant Diversions from the Occoquan Watershed for Consumptive Use resolution (VOTING RECORD: Motion: E Ward; Second: R Freed; Ayes: by acclamation; Nays:

none)

- Approved Sustainability Commission Recommendations on State Legislation Related to CESMP Goals (VOTING RECORD: Motion: R Freed; Second: E Ward; Ayes: by acclamation; Nays: none)
- R Freed discussed the mitigation impacts from new data centers, Sustainability Commission Strategic Framework and BOCS progress.

New Business

- M Jeter discussed the potential work session with the Planning Commission.
- M Jeter discussed having a joint meeting with Loudoun County Counterparts.
- C Barbour gave a JET report update. Office of Emergency Management briefed on the County's Comprehensive Flood Resilience Plan that is in development and members completed the County Flood Resilience questionnaire.

Commissioner's Time:

- E Gonzalaz shared a youth mentorship program and currently looking for ways to have them involved in Sustainability. Inquired about livestreaming the meetings and mentioned growing public interest in Sustainability.
- E Ward shared she attended the 5th Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin Water Conference in Maryland.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm