

Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority Board Meeting

Monday May 6, 2024

10:00AM-12:00PM

Fairfield Library

Draft Minutes

Call to Order and Introduction:

The Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority (VNECA) Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom DePonty at 10:02 A.M.

The following VNECA Board Members were present: Tom DePonty, Calvin Lowe, Gene Grecheck, Eric Carr, Andrew Hutton, Glenn Davis, Jeffrey Fox, Gary Tepper, Brian Vella and Tim Stuller. A quorum of 8 members was met.

The following VNECA Board Members were present virtually: Scott Kopple and Rhonnie Smite.

The following Virginia Energy staff were present: Ryan Welsh.

The following guests were present: April Wade (VNEC), Michael Hatfield (Wise County), Charlie Paulin (Virginia Mercury), Matt Glattfelder (SCC), Davis Essah (SCC), Arlen Bolstad (SCC), Mary Neumayr (Urenc0o), David Martin and Prashanth U. Adel.

The following were there for public comment: Erica Grey

Chair DePonty provided the Authority with a safety message daylight savings time and using the time to do household safety checks.

- The board voted on Virtual Participation of Scott Kopple and Rhonnie Smith, so moved by Andrew Hutton and seconded by Jeffrey Fox. Motion carried.
- New Member Eric Carr of Dominion introduced himself.
- Existing members introduced themselves for the benefit of new members and the group.
- Director Glenn Davis explained the Clean Energy Innovation Bank and how the Bank would be used to draw down federal funds to provide loans to projects.
- VNEC provided the following updates:
 - VNEC worked to educate freshman legislators.
 - Supported HB 1491 and SB 454.
 - Will offer an educational course this fall for legislators about the role and importance of nuclear.
 - Virginia Innovation Nuclear Hub (VIN Hub)
 - A google form will go out for VNECA members related to updating the Strategic Plan
 - Possible creation of an education series with communities and community leaders about nuclear

- The group discussed topics they would like to see in the upcoming Nuclear Strategic Plan update:
 - Research reactor
 - Fusion
 - Enablers for industry to succeed is the financing of FOAK reactors
 - Load growth
 - Should large load users be involved in the strategic plan update
 - Non-electricity nuclear application
- Approval of March 4 minutes
 - Andrew Hutton moved to approve the previous minutes, Gene Grecheck seconded, a vote was carried and passed unanimously.
- The 2024 Meeting 2 meeting will be in person, held in Richmond, and scheduled for August. Agenda items include:
 - Fusion presentation
 - Update of the Strategic Plan
- Board Members gave industry updates.
 - Extension of the Price-Anderson Act
 - Senate approval of HR 1442, ban on the import of Russian uranium.
 - Google, Microsoft and Nucor RFI
 - Dr. Katy Huff appreciation
 - Senator Warner and Senator Rich, Advanced Reactor Caucus

Public Comments:

Erica Grey provided comment about nuclear energy

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 A.M.