

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Public Body Procurement Workgroup

Meeting #1

Monday, June 15, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

House South Subcommittee

Room, 2nd floor General

Assembly Building

201 North 9th Street, Richmond, Virginia

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The Public Body Procurement Workgroup (the Workgroup) met in person in the House South Subcommittee Room in the General Assembly Building in Richmond, Virginia, with Charles Quagliato Director of DGS' Division of Government and Regulatory Affairs, presiding. The meeting included introductions of this year's members, recap of 2024 and 2025 work, overview of the proposed 2026 work plan, approval of the previous meeting minutes (11/06/2024), Workgroup discussion on recommendations for HB 777 and HB869.

Workgroup members and representatives for 2026 are as follows: Charles Quagliato (Department of General Services), Vernice Love (Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity), Mary Lou Bulger (Virginia Information Technologies Agency), Kerry Bates (Virginia Department of Transportation), Patricia Innocenti (Virginia Association of Governmental Procurement), Mark Cartwright (Virginia Association of State Colleges and University Purchasing Professionals), Mike Tweedy (Senate Finance and Appropriations), Andrea Peeks (House Appropriations), Travis Nembhard (Office of the Attorney General), and Marley Manjarrez (Division of Legislative Services).

I. *Call to Order; Remarks by Chair*

Charles Quagliato called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and moved into the second agenda item.

II. *Introductions*

Members that were present introduced themselves. Workgroup members and representatives present at the meeting included Chair Charles Quagliato (Department of General Services), Vernice Love (Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity), Mary Lou Bulger (Virginia Information Technologies Agency), Kerry Bates (Virginia Department of Transportation), Patricia Innocenti (Virginia Association of Governmental Procurement), Mark Cartwright (Virginia Association of State Colleges and University Purchasing Professionals), Travis Nembhard (Office of the Attorney General).

III. *Approval of Meeting Minutes from the November 6, 2024, Workgroup Meeting*

Chair called for approval of the minutes from the last meeting, with one change. Update date of the meeting to Wednesday November 6, 2024. Bates made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 6, 2024, meeting of the Workgroup. The motion was seconded by Nembhard and unanimously approved by the Workgroup.

IV. *Recap of the 2024 and 2025 work and overview of the proposed 2026 work plan*

During the 2025 session the workgroup reported out on the four bills sent to the group. The General Assembly acted on two of the reports and passed legislation in 2025.

- 2024 Workgroup bill HB 1355 (2024), which would expand the Information Technology Access Act (ITAA) to include information and communication and information technology access for individuals with disabilities. 2025 Session – House Bill 2541 Information Technology Access Act; digital accessibility, definitions, procurement requirements. (passed)
- 2024 Workgroup bill SB 492 (2024), patroned by Senator Stanley, which would prohibit public bodies from awarding contracts to acquire an electric vehicle or electric vehicle component from a business unless such business provides a sworn declaration from the manufacturer of such electric vehicle or electric vehicle component certifying that every person involved in the production of such electric vehicle or electric vehicle component and every person involved in the sourcing, manufacturing, or mining of the material used in such electric vehicle or electric vehicle component did not use forced labor or

oppressive child labor in the sourcing, manufacturing, or mining of such electric vehicle or electric vehicle component. 2025 Session Senate Bill 913 Virginia Public Procurement Act; procurement of imported goods, forced and child labor prohibition. (passed)

- HB 1524 (2024), patroned by Delegate Lopez, The Workgroup was directed to study: (i) avenues to provide funding via tax credits or incentives to expedite the acquisition of asphalt recycling machinery and equipment used on project sites by contractors, (ii) increasing the percentage of RAP (Recycled Asphalt Pavement) in asphalt mixes allowed at fixed production facilities above current specification limits while not compromising quality, (iii) cost savings to the Commonwealth where in-place asphalt pavement recycling and where asphalt mixes with higher than the current specified levels of RAP percentages are allowed, (iv) the environmental impacts of increased RAP percentages compared to existing RAP percentages on asphalt mixes purchased for VDOT contracts, (v) the durability, safety, and longevity of pavement surfaces built with higher percentages of RAP in Virginia and in the United States, and (vi) use of repurposed waste materials, such as tires, in asphalt mixes on VDOT projects.
- HB 1404 (Chapter 834 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly) was patroned by Delegate Ward and creates a procurement enhancement program within the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD) which implements the goals of the Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program.

The 2025 – no bills referred to the workgroup

2026 – HB777 related to goods transported by privately owned commercial vessels and requiring contractors to comply with contractor to comply with § 901(b) of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 and HB869 Virginia Public Procurement Act; purchase programs for local farm or food products. Tentative work plan and proposed meeting schedules – will poll the members and schedule meetings. Reports due November 1, 2026.

V. *Presentation on HB777*

The Honorable C. E. Hayes, Jr., presented his bill to the workgroup and shared the importance of the intent of the bill related to US flag ships for goods transported by privately owned commercial vessels and requiring contractors to comply with contractor to comply with § 901(b) of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936. Indicated even though it is federal law resources to ensure compliance are limited and would be beneficial for state to have the requirement. Dustin Riener, American President Lines, LLC, offered to answer any questions, indicated a need for inclusion in state contracts.

VI. *Presentation on HB 869*

The Honorable Ray C Cousins presented her bill to the workgroup and shared that stakeholders look forward to participating. purchase programs for local farm or food products. Supports agriculture and local farmers. Offered information that Illinois and Maryland have implemented similar programs, could include higher education, correctional institutions, and behavioral health facilities. Shared information on similar and related bills HB1086 - Virginia Public Procurement Act; preference for Virginia goods; school nutrition programs; sunset extension. HB61 - Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program established

VII. *Public Comment*

No Public Comment

VIII. *Discussion*

No Discussion

IX. *Adjournment*

The Chair thanked the members and adjourned at 1:18