

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA
MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATION DINNER
November 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – A Stafford County Board of Supervisors General Assembly Delegation Dinner was called to order by Meg Bohmke, Chairman, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, in Conference Room ABC, George L. Gordon, Jr. Government Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford VA.

The following members were present: Meg Bohmke, Chairman; Tinesha O. Allen, Vice Chair (Joined Remotely at 8:26pm); Deuntay Diggs; Darrell English; Monica Gary; Crystal Vanuch; Dr. Pamela Yeung.

The following General Assembly Delegation members were present: Senator Tara Durant, 27th Senate District; Kathy Roberts, Legislative Director; Senator Durant; Kevin Stephens, District Director; Senator Durant; Shannon Geraghty, Policy Director; Senator McPike; Delegate-Elect Joshua Cole, 65th House District; Eric Sundberg, Chief of Staff; Delegate-Elect Joshua Cole; Delegate Candi Mundon King, 23rd House District

Also in attendance were Donna Krauss, Deputy County Administrator; Rysheda McClendon, County Attorney; Julia Homes, Deputy Clerk; various staff members; and other interested parties.

Ms. Bohmke welcomed all attendees to the dinner at 6:30 p.m. Kathy Burcher and Lauren Gilbert of Advantus Strategies provided a presentation on Stafford's 2025 General Assembly Initiatives.

Discussion ensued.

Senator Tara Durant spoke about the following topics:

- Praise for staff and process changes including early program adoption.
- Praise for staff regarding data for Disabled Vets.
- Highlighted need for coalition building.
- Focus on workforce development.
- Raised concern about Crisis Receiving Center.
 - State reimbursement grant of \$6.5M.
 - Must go through the rezoning process in the City of Fredericksburg.

- Concern about potential loss of funding.
- Discussed removing tax exempt property from LCI calculation.
- Raised concern Fire incident reporting bill. Stated Del. Josh Thomas will introduce legislation this year.

Delegate-Elect Joshua Cole highlighted the following points:

- Primary focus on workforce development.
- Plans to introduce companion legislation with Senator Aaron Rouse to allow high school students to graduate with top-secret clearance.
- Fredericksburg taxing bill.
 - Asked if Stafford would have an interest. The Board of Supervisors were not supportive.
- Will introduce legislation removing the college degree requirement for state government jobs if a candidate has requisite experience.

Delegate Candi Mundon King discussed the following points:

- Supporting omnibus legislation regarding material health, which also encompasses mental health and substance abuse.
- Tool cap bills.
 - Tool cap bill would make it incumbent upon Transurban to reconfigure profit margins.
 - Supervisor Yeung mentioned her idea to renegotiate the Transurban agreement to provide Stafford County with two cents on every toll.
- Considering legislation to have VDOT put a tractor trailer parking lot along the 95 corridor.
- School lunch legislation, ADU legislation, and solar farm legislation.

Discussion concluded with the General Assembly Delegation.

Ms. Bohmke called the meeting back to order at 8:25 p.m.

Ms. Vanuch motioned, seconded by Ms. Gary, to allow Ms. Allen to participate in the meeting remotely. *(All of Ms. Allen's votes were counted and recorded as oral votes)*

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Allen, Bohmke, Diggs, English, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
Nay: (0)

CLOSED MEETING

At 8:28 p.m., Ms. Vanuch motioned, seconded by Mr. English, to adopt Resolution CM24-32 to authorize closed session.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Allen, Bohmke, Diggs, English, Vanuch, Yeung

No: (1) Gary

Resolution CM24-32 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board desires to hold a Closed Meeting for (1) consultation with legal counsel regarding addressed performance of an appointee of the Board, which is a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, and (2) discussion of the performance of a specific member of the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(8) and (A)(1) such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 20th day of November, 2024, that it be and hereby does authorize discussion of the above matters in Closed Meeting.

Ms. Gary made comments on the motion. She spoke about not supporting going into closed meeting as to not to go through what she went through the night before again. She also noted that her health and family have been impacted by this.

Ms. Gary left the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

CERTIFY CLOSED MEETING - SEC. 2.2-3711 (A)

At 9:01 p.m., Ms. Vanuch motioned, seconded by Dr. Yeung, to adopt Resolution CM24-32(C) to certify the closed meeting.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Allen, Bohmke, Diggs, English, Vanuch, Yeung

No: (0)

Absent: (1) Gary

Resolution CM24-32 (C) reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board has on this the 20th day of November, 2024, adjourned into a Closed Meeting in accordance with a formal vote of the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act provides for certification that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify, on this the 20th day of November, 2024, that to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board.

Ms. Vanuch motioned, seconded by Mr. Diggs to waive By-laws to vote on an item at a special meeting and to deem the item time sensitive.

Ms. Vanuch motioned, seconded by Mr. English, to adopt Resolution R24-335.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Allen, Bohmke, Diggs, English, Vanuch, Yeung

No: (0)

Absent: (1) Gary

Resolution R24-335 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SETTLE AND RELEASE ANY CLAIMS RELATED TO THE ITEM DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION ON NOVEMBER 20, 2024

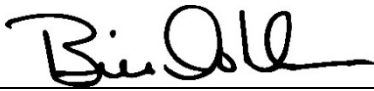
WHEREAS, the Board went into Closed Session on November 20, 2024 pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with legal counsel regarding addressed performance of an appointee of the Board, which was a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to enter into a settlement agreement to resolve any claims under the terms and conditions discussed in closed session with the County Attorney;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 20th day of November, 2024, that the County Attorney and the County Administrator, or their designees, be and they hereby are authorized to execute any and all documents that they deem necessary and appropriate to effectuate the Boards desires expressed herein and under the terms and conditions discussed in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:04 p.m., Chairman Bohmke adjourned the November 20, 2024 Stafford County Board of Supervisors General Assembly Delegation Dinner.



William Ashton, II
County Administrator



Meg Bohmke
Chairman