

AGENDA
JAMES CITY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, BLDG. D, WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185
December 16, 2025
4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 21, 2025 Minutes

D. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. October 2025 Financial Reports
2. November 2025 Financial Reports

E. CLOSED SESSION

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2026
2. Adoption of 2026 Meeting Calendar
3. Virginia Freedom of Information Act

G. OLD BUSINESS

H. LIAISON REPORTS

I. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. December Director's Report

J. UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

1. January 30, 2026 - Due Date for State and Local Statement of Economic Interests Forms

K. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
101-D Mounts Bay Road
Williamsburg, VA 23185

October 21, 2025
4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Gajda called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Ellen Smith Gajda, Chair
Lynn Meredith, Vice Chair
Vince Campana
Brandon Nice
William Turner

Absent:

Joe Stanko
Rebecca Mulvain

Also Attending:

Christopher Johnson, Economic Development Authority (EDA) Secretary
Beth Cook, Assistant Director, Economic Development
Jeff Wiggins, EDA Fiscal Agent
Barbara Null, Liaison to EDA
Laura Harden, Cherry Bekaert

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes Adoption - July 15, 2025

A motion to Approve was made by Will Turner; motion Passed.
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2
Ayes: Gajda, Meredith, Campana, Nice, Turner
Absent: Mulvain, Stanko

2. Minutes Adoption - August 19, 2025

A motion to Approve was made by Will Turner; motion Passed.
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2
Ayes: Gajda, Meredith, Campana, Nice, Turner
Absent: Mulvain, Stanko

3. Minutes Adoption - September 16, 2025

A motion to Approve was made by Will Turner; motion Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

Ayes: Gajda, Meredith, Campana, Nice, Turner

Absent: Mulvain, Stanko

D. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. July 2025 Financial Reports

A motion to Approve was made by Lynn Meredith; motion Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

Ayes: Gajda, Meredith, Campana, Nice, Turner

Absent: Mulvain, Stanko

2. August 2025 Financial Reports

A motion to Approve was made by Lynn Meredith; motion Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

Ayes: Gajda, Meredith, Campana, Nice, Turner

Absent: Mulvain, Stanko

3. September 2025 Financial Reports

A motion to Approve was made by Lynn Meredith; motion Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

Ayes: Gajda, Meredith, Campana, Nice, Turner

Absent: Mulvain, Stanko

A motion to transfer \$75,000 from the EDA Operating account to the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) account was made by Will Turner; motion Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

Ayes: Gajda, Meredith, Campana, Nice, Turner

Absent: Mulvain, Stanko

Mr. Wiggins presented the revenue and expense reports for July, August, and September and informed the EDA the cash balance was \$2,578,243. Total revenues for the month of July were \$5,833.33 and included Billsburg Brewery rent. The LGIP interest was reported in June for the end of the fiscal year. Total expenses for July were \$35,500 and included the Celebration of Business (COB) venue rental fee and William & Mary's Entrepreneurship Hub, also known as the William & Mary Launchpad, annual contribution. Total revenues for the month of August were \$24,322.01 and included Billsburg Brewery rent and two months (August and September) of LGIP interest. Total expenses for August were \$9,700 and included Waltrip Williamsburg Executive Airport (KJGG) Airshow Sponsorship and audit encumbrances. Total revenues for the month of September were \$5,833.33 and included Billsburg Brewery rent. LGIP interest for September was recorded in the month of August. Total expenses for September were \$9,575.40 and included Start Peninsula's annual contribution and Shelton Glass awards purchased for COB 2025 and future COB's.

E. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Audit Report with Financial Statements and Supplemental Information

A motion to Approve the Audit was made by Vince Campana; motion Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

Ayes: Gajda, Meredith, Campana, Nice, Turner

Absent: Mulvain, Stanko

Ms. Laura Harden presented the annual audit of the EDA's financial records and activities. Ms. Harden pointed out that this was a clean audit, with no findings.

Mr. Campana asked if there were any discrepancies with the audit.

Ms. Harden stated it was a very smooth audit with no discrepancies.

Mr. Turner stated that the most significant change he saw on the audit report from an asset and liability standpoint was the bond issuance to outside organizations by the EDA.

Mr. Wiggins stated that the bond issuances that the EDA does on the County's behalf were seen as the large increases under the asset and liability lines on the audit report, not outside organizations. The way the debt shows on the EDA audit report is as a liability only on paper. Mr. Wiggins stated it nets out to zero because it is an equal receivable from accounting to the EDA.

G. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

H. LIAISON REPORTS

There were no liaison reports.

I. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. October 2025 Director's Report

Mr. Johnson referred to the report in the Agenda Packet and asked Ms. Cook to provide an update on the COB scheduled for November 21.

Ms. Cook stated that 80 individuals had registered for the COB thus far. The invitations would be sent out again to those individuals who had not registered for the COB. Ms. Cook stated that a final attendance count must be given to the venue and caterers by Monday, November 3. Ms. Cook stated that the Founders Awards were currently being engraved by Fleming's Engraving to be picked up on November 3.

Ms. Meredith asked how many individuals attended COB last year and how many RSVP's were received.

Ms. Cook stated she thought approximately 75 individuals attended COB last year but was unsure how many individuals RSVPed. Ms. Cook stated she would email the EDA Directors the COB attendance count from last year and how many individuals RSVPed.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Captain John Smith Award was transitioned to the Founders Award after the COVID-19 pandemic to not only recognize larger businesses in James City County but also smaller businesses. The Captain John Smith Award nominees were sent to the Board of Supervisors and the EDA for voting on a single business. Mr. Johnson stated that since the award was transitioned to the Founders Award, businesses were being recognized for their business anniversaries, which has increased attendance at COB because leadership teams come to celebrate these milestones. This year, five James City County businesses were receiving the Founders Award at the COB event.

Mr. Johnson stated that the EDA Directors should have received an email announcement. The email announcement had to do with a project announcement from the Governor's Office for a major company coming to James City County. Mr. Johnson stated that when state incentives were involved with a project announcement, information about the project and the company were withheld from the public until the Governor's Office sends out a press release. The press release announces the company and the state and local incentives the company qualifies for. Mr. Johnson stated the project announcement would be on Wednesday, November 5, at 2 p.m. and the location would be announced as the date gets closer. The James City County Office of Economic Development was informed that the governor plans to attend the event. Mr. Johnson stated that on Thursday, November 6, the company that is being announced by the governor would be having a golf scramble in the morning, and if any of the EDA Directors would like to attend this event, please let him know so their names could be added to the RSVP list.

Mr. Turner asked how the EDA Directors should be responding to press inquiries and what the protocol was.

Mr. Johnson stated that EDA Directors should contact the James City County Office of Economic Development team so the team could inform them of the proper channels.

Mr. Turner asked what opportunity zones were currently available in James City County.

Mr. Johnson stated that opportunity zones were determined by sense track, and the state of Virginia had a set number of them that were allowed. The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has a process to determine where those opportunity zones were located within a municipality. James City County has one opportunity zone located at the far southern end of the County, encompassing a portion of Greenmount Industrial Park. This opportunity zone in James City County bumps up against an opportunity zone located on the other side of the Newport News city line. Opportunity zones in the state could be found on the Virginia DHCD website.

J. UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

1. October 29, 2025 - Hampton Roads Regional Playbook Launch, Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia Beach, 3-6 p.m.
2. November 13, 2025 - Annual Celebration of Business, The Maine of Williamsburg, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
3. November 18, 2025 - EDA Regular Meeting, 4 p.m.

K. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to Adjourn was made by Vince Campana; motion Passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

Ayes: Gajda, Meredith, Campana, Nice, Turner

Absent: Mulvain, Stanko

1. Adjourn until November 18, 2025

At approximately 4:42 p.m., Ms. Gajda adjourned the Authority.

Christopher Johnson, Secretary
Economic Development Authority

Ellen Smith Gajda, Chair
Economic Development Authority

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 04

ACCOUNTS FOR: 300 EDA	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
259 EDA Operating							
300259 0200 Advertising	2,500.00	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00	.0
300259 0205 Promotion	90,000.00	90,000.00	10,575.40	-5,000.00	.00	79,424.60	11.8
300259 0220 Travel And Training	2,500.00	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00	.0
300259 0235 Annual Audit	14,500.00	14,500.00	9,400.00	4,700.00	4,699.00	401.00	97.2
300259 0318 Supplies/Materials	250.00	250.00	.00	.00	.00	250.00	.0
300259 5900 Regional Econ Devel Su	34,500.00	34,500.00	34,500.00	.00	.00	.00	100.0
300259 5902 VA High Speed Rail	1,000.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0
300259 5903 Property Association D	7,000.00	7,000.00	.00	.00	.00	7,000.00	.0
300259 5904 Mainland Farm Oper Exp	500.00	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	.0
300259 5913 Small Business Assista	88,524.00	88,524.00	.00	.00	.00	88,524.00	.0
300259 5915 Marina Property	101.00	101.00	.00	.00	.00	101.00	.0
TOTAL EDA Operating	241,375.00	241,375.00	54,475.40	-300.00	4,699.00	182,200.60	24.5%
TOTAL EDA	241,375.00	241,375.00	54,475.40	-300.00	4,699.00	182,200.60	24.5%
TOTAL EXPENSES	241,375.00	241,375.00	54,475.40	-300.00	4,699.00	182,200.60	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 04

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	241,375.00	241,375.00	54,475.40	-300.00	4,699.00	182,200.60	24.5%

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 04

ACCOUNTS FOR: 300 EDA	ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE	ACTUAL MTD REVENUE	REMAINING REVENUE	PCT COLL
305 Use Of Money & Property						
300305 3511 Interest Revenue	-90,000.00	-90,000.00	-36,422.58	-17,933.90	-53,577.42	40.5
TOTAL Use Of Money & Property	-90,000.00	-90,000.00	-36,422.58	-17,933.90	-53,577.42	40.5%
308 Charges For Services						
300308 3400 Lease Income	-14,725.00	-14,725.00	.00	.00	-14,725.00	.0
TOTAL Charges For Services	-14,725.00	-14,725.00	.00	.00	-14,725.00	.0%
309 Miscellaneous						
300309 3970 Marina Property	-70,000.00	-70,000.00	-23,333.32	-5,833.33	-46,666.68	33.3
300309 3972 Bond Fee Revenue	-66,650.00	-66,650.00	.00	.00	-66,650.00	.0
TOTAL Miscellaneous	-136,650.00	-136,650.00	-23,333.32	-5,833.33	-113,316.68	17.1%
TOTAL EDA	-241,375.00	-241,375.00	-59,755.90	-23,767.23	-181,619.10	24.8%
TOTAL REVENUES	-241,375.00	-241,375.00	-59,755.90	-23,767.23	-181,619.10	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 04

	ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE	ACTUAL MTD REVENUE	REMAINING REVENUE	PCT COLL
GRAND TOTAL	-241,375.00	-241,375.00	-59,755.90	-23,767.23	-181,619.10	24.8%

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BALANCE SHEET FOR 2026 4

FUND: 300 EDA			NET CHANGE FOR PERIOD	ACCOUNT BALANCE
ASSETS				
300401	0000	General Cash	-68,866.67	28,094.95
300401	0008	LGIP Investment	92,933.90	2,574,215.28
300413	8250	Misc Receivables	.00	2,084.98
300415	8275	Lease Receivable	.00	651,349.54
300415	8276	Lease Interest Receivable	.00	3,034.20
300422	8013	Due From JCC-LT Debt	.00	124,804,220.02
300455	0814	Land Improvements	.00	237,988.25
300455	0819	Buildings	.00	290,094.53
300455	0820	Accum Deprec-Buildings	.00	-55,682.58
300455	0831	Infrastructure	.00	159,396.04
300455	0832	Accum Deprec-Infrastructure	.00	-40,815.78
300455	0837	Accum Deprec-Land Improvements	.00	-91,516.26
300470	6028	Deferred Loss On Refunding	.00	-1,730,840.45
300470	6029	Deferred Loss Refund Acc Amort	.00	708,371.07
TOTAL ASSETS			24,067.23	127,539,993.79
LIABILITIES				
300504	6036	Bond Premium	.00	-21,417,672.60
300504	6038	Accum Amort Bond Premium	.00	11,186,983.57
300504	6046	LR Bonds Payable	.00	-112,860,000.00
300504	6048	Arbitrage Rebate Liability	.00	-488,508.84
300508	6007	Interest Payable	.00	-202,552.77
300585	0920	Deferred Inflow-Leases	.00	-580,660.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES			.00	-124,362,411.06
FUND BALANCE				
300601	6140	Net Pos - Net Invmt Cap Assets	.00	-499,464.20
300601	6142	Net Pos - Unrestricted	.00	-2,672,838.03
300601	6150	Revenue-Year To Date	-23,767.23	-59,755.90
300601	6151	Expenditures-Year To Date	-300.00	54,475.40
300601	6152	Encumbrances-Year To Date	-4,700.00	4,699.00
300601	6906	Estimated Revenues	.00	241,375.00
300601	6907	Appropriations	.00	-241,375.00
300601	6909	Budgetary FB Res for Encumbran	4,700.00	-4,699.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE			-24,067.23	-3,177,582.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES + FUND BALANCE			-24,067.23	-127,539,993.79

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 05

ACCOUNTS FOR: 300 EDA	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
259 EDA Operating							
300259 0200 Advertising	2,500.00	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00	.0
300259 0205 Promotion	90,000.00	90,000.00	18,637.90	8,062.50	.00	71,362.10	20.7
300259 0220 Travel And Training	2,500.00	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00	.0
300259 0235 Annual Audit	14,500.00	14,500.00	14,099.00	4,699.00	.00	401.00	97.2
300259 0318 Supplies/Materials	250.00	250.00	.00	.00	.00	250.00	.0
300259 5900 Regional Econ Devel Su	34,500.00	34,500.00	34,500.00	.00	.00	.00	100.0
300259 5902 VA High Speed Rail	1,000.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0
300259 5903 Property Association D	7,000.00	7,000.00	.00	.00	.00	7,000.00	.0
300259 5904 Mainland Farm Oper Exp	500.00	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	.0
300259 5913 Small Business Assista	88,524.00	88,524.00	.00	.00	.00	88,524.00	.0
300259 5915 Marina Property	101.00	101.00	.00	.00	.00	101.00	.0
TOTAL EDA Operating	241,375.00	241,375.00	67,236.90	12,761.50	.00	174,138.10	27.9%
TOTAL EDA	241,375.00	241,375.00	67,236.90	12,761.50	.00	174,138.10	27.9%
TOTAL EXPENSES	241,375.00	241,375.00	67,236.90	12,761.50	.00	174,138.10	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 05

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	241,375.00	241,375.00	67,236.90	12,761.50	.00	174,138.10	27.9%

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 05

ACCOUNTS FOR: 300 EDA	ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE	ACTUAL MTD REVENUE	REMAINING REVENUE	PCT COLL
305 Use Of Money & Property						
300305 3511 Interest Revenue	-90,000.00	-90,000.00	-45,039.17	-8,616.59	-44,960.83	50.0
TOTAL Use Of Money & Property	-90,000.00	-90,000.00	-45,039.17	-8,616.59	-44,960.83	50.0%
308 Charges For Services						
300308 3400 Lease Income	-14,725.00	-14,725.00	.00	.00	-14,725.00	.0
TOTAL Charges For Services	-14,725.00	-14,725.00	.00	.00	-14,725.00	.0%
309 Miscellaneous						
300309 3699 Miscellaneous Revenue	.00	.00	-14,725.00	-14,725.00	14,725.00	100.0
300309 3970 Marina Property	-70,000.00	-70,000.00	-29,166.65	-5,833.33	-40,833.35	41.7
300309 3972 Bond Fee Revenue	-66,650.00	-66,650.00	.00	.00	-66,650.00	.0
TOTAL Miscellaneous	-136,650.00	-136,650.00	-43,891.65	-20,558.33	-92,758.35	32.1%
TOTAL EDA	-241,375.00	-241,375.00	-88,930.82	-29,174.92	-152,444.18	36.8%
TOTAL REVENUES	-241,375.00	-241,375.00	-88,930.82	-29,174.92	-152,444.18	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 05

	ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE	ACTUAL MTD REVENUE	REMAINING REVENUE	PCT COLL
GRAND TOTAL	-241,375.00	-241,375.00	-88,930.82	-29,174.92	-152,444.18	36.8%

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BALANCE SHEET FOR 2026 5

FUND: 300 EDA			NET CHANGE FOR PERIOD	ACCOUNT BALANCE
ASSETS				
300401	0000	General Cash	15,859.33	43,954.28
300401	0008	LGIP Investment	8,616.59	2,582,831.87
300413	8250	Misc Receivables	.00	2,084.98
300415	8275	Lease Receivable	.00	651,349.54
300415	8276	Lease Interest Receivable	.00	3,034.20
300422	8013	Due From JCC-LT Debt	.00	124,804,220.02
300455	0814	Land Improvements	.00	237,988.25
300455	0819	Buildings	.00	290,094.53
300455	0820	Accum Deprec-Buildings	.00	-55,682.58
300455	0831	Infrastructure	.00	159,396.04
300455	0832	Accum Deprec-Infrastructure	.00	-40,815.78
300455	0837	Accum Deprec-Land Improvements	.00	-91,516.26
300470	6028	Deferred Loss On Refunding	.00	-1,730,840.45
300470	6029	Deferred Loss Refund Acc Amort	.00	708,371.07
TOTAL ASSETS			24,475.92	127,564,469.71
LIABILITIES				
300502	6000	Accounts Payable	-8,062.50	-8,062.50
300504	6036	Bond Premium	.00	-21,417,672.60
300504	6038	Accum Amort Bond Premium	.00	11,186,983.57
300504	6046	LR Bonds Payable	.00	-112,860,000.00
300504	6048	Arbitrage Rebate Liability	.00	-488,508.84
300508	6007	Interest Payable	.00	-202,552.77
300585	0920	Deferred Inflow-Leases	.00	-580,660.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES			-8,062.50	-124,370,473.56
FUND BALANCE				
300601	6140	Net Pos - Net Invmt Cap Assets	.00	-499,464.20
300601	6142	Net Pos - Unrestricted	.00	-2,672,838.03
300601	6150	Revenue-Year To Date	-29,174.92	-88,930.82
300601	6151	Expenditures-Year To Date	12,761.50	67,236.90
300601	6152	Encumbrances-Year To Date	-4,699.00	.00
300601	6906	Estimated Revenues	.00	241,375.00
300601	6907	Appropriations	.00	-241,375.00
300601	6909	Budgetary FB Res for Encumbran	4,699.00	.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE			-16,413.42	-3,193,996.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES + FUND BALANCE			-24,475.92	-127,564,469.71

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**2026 DRAFT MEETING CALENDAR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

4 p.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2026

4 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026

4 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2026

4 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2026

4 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2026

4 p.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2026

4 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2026

4 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2026

4 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2026

4 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2026

4 p.m., Tuesday, November 17, 2026

4 p.m., Tuesday, December 15, 2026

4 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2027

This 2026 Meeting Calendar was adopted by the Economic Development Authority of James City County at its _____ meeting. The Economic Development Authority reserves the right to modify this schedule, as necessary. Special meetings may also need to be called as situations warrant.

Unless posted to the contrary, all meetings will be held in the main conference room of 101-D Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2025

TO: The Economic Development Authority

FROM: Christopher M. Johnson, EDA Secretary

SUBJECT: Virginia Freedom of Information Act Training

The Code of Virginia requires all EDA Directors to receive training on the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) once every two years. This required training will be led by the County Attorney or his designee at the meeting.

State law also requires all EDA Directors to receive training on the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (COIA) once every two years. The required training consists of a 58-minute webinar prepared by the Commonwealth of Virginia. This webinar may be accessed at ethicswebinar.dls.virginia.gov. Directors should complete this COIA training on their own.

CMJ/ap
VaFOIA-mem

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2025

TO: The Economic Development Authority

FROM: Christopher M. Johnson, Director of Economic Development

SUBJECT: Director's Report, October-December 2025

CEL Critical Power Announcement - Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin and Secretary of Commerce and Trade Juan Pablo Segura were present for an announcement ceremony for Dublin, Ireland-based CEL Critical Power, a global leader in the production of power distribution systems, CEL will invest \$5.225 million to establish the company's first American manufacturing facility in the Green Mount Industrial Park in James City County. The investment will create 250 new jobs, rising to 500 employees by 2030. The new state-of-the-art facility will produce critical power solutions to serve strategic data center customers in the United States.

Hampton Roads Alliance Defense Marketing Mission - James City County participated as a locality partner for a marketing call trip to Oslo, Trondheim, Stavanger, and Bergen, Norway from Nov. 14-22. The Alliance's Montreal-based marketing partner CIDEP organized the itinerary which focused on the defense manufacturing sector, principally in support of Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace's future manufacturing facility in James City County.

Manufacturing and Trades Day Tours - The Office of Economic Development partnered with the Williamsburg-James City County (WJCC) Public Schools to present the 11th Annual Manufacturing and Trades Days to allow students to tour local manufacturing businesses, hear from local business leaders, and explore careers in the trades or manufacturing. Jamestown High School toured Coresix Precision Glass and Printpack on Friday, Oct. 10; Warhill High School toured O-I and the Virginia Peninsula Community College Toano Trades Center on Friday, Oct. 24; and Lafayette High School toured Nicewood Enterprises, Inc. and George Nice & Sons, Inc. on Friday, Oct. 31.

Celebration of Business - The James City County Board of Supervisors and Economic Development Authority (EDA) welcomed over 90 guests on Nov. 13 to The Maine of Williamsburg for the Annual Celebration of Business Event. Five County businesses received Founder's Award plaques and artisan glass vases from Master Glass Blower John Shelton. Walmart Import Distribution Center was recognized for celebrating its 25th Anniversary, George Nice & Sons, Inc. was recognized for celebrating its 40th Anniversary, Williamsburg Landing was recognized for celebrating its 40th Anniversary, David Nice Builders, Inc. was recognized for celebrating its 50th Anniversary, and Busch Gardens Williamsburg was recognized for celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies - RealityLink Arena held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 17 at 300 McLaws Circle, Suite 110 in the Busch Corporate Center; CEL Critical Power held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 5 at 1637 Green Mount Parkway.

Regional Events/Initiatives:

- Staff attended a WJCC Schools Career Ready Advisory Committee meeting at James Blair Middle School on Oct. 22.
- Staff participated in a Start Peninsula planning meeting with locality partners on Oct. 22.
- Staff met with a developer regarding the BASF site to review a conceptual layout for the 600-acre site on Oct. 24.

- Staff participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's in New Town on Oct. 25.
- Staff attended a webinar hosted by the Southern Economic Development Council on Data Centers on Oct. 27.
- Staff attended the Hampton Roads Alliance Regional Playbook Launch at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts in Virginia Beach on Oct. 29.
- Staff attended a webinar for the GO TEC Region 5 Information Session on Oct. 30.
- Staff participated in a Virginia Economic Developers Association (VEDA) Program Committee work session for the Spring 2026 Conference on Nov. 3.
- Staff attended a lunch meeting with the Greater Williamsburg Economic Development Directors on Nov. 11.
- Staff attended a WJCC Schools Career Ready Advisory Committee meeting at Warhill High School on Nov. 12.
- Staff attended the Greater Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce (GWCC) Jingle Fest at Busch Gardens on Nov. 19.
- Staff attended the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Rising Tide event in Newport News on Nov. 20.
- Staff presented an overview of recent economic development projects at a James City County Leadership meeting on Nov. 21.
- Staff participated in a Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool Project Implementation Team meeting on Dec. 1.
- Staff attended the Emerging Leaders Team Graduation Ceremony on Dec. 4.
- Staff attended the VEDA Winter Conference in Richmond, Virginia on Dec. 4.
- Staff attended the Board of Supervisors Investiture Ceremony on Dec. 9.
- Staff provided incoming Powhatan District Supervisor Tracy Wainwright with a department briefing on Dec. 11.
- Staff attended an Eastern Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority meeting on Dec. 12.

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

- Jan. 7, 2026 - GWCC Pre-Legislative Forum, 8-9:30 a.m., Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre.
- Jan. 16, 2026 - Groundbreaking Ceremony for Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Jan. 20, 2026 - Regular EDA meeting, 4 p.m.

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