# VBPD LogoBoard Meeting Minutes

## December 7, 2022

Meeting Attendance

| **Board Attendees** | **Board Members Absent** | **Staff Attendees** |
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| Ann Bevan (Katie Morris) | Dianna Banks | Tara Bethea |
| Phil Caldwell | Samantha Hollins | Kelly Bolden |
| Frank Carrillo | Molly Korte | Lorraine Blackwell |
| Brandon Cassady | Rob Matuszak | Nia Harrison |
| Allison Coles-Johnson | Nicholas Sladic | Brittany Hughes |
| Parthy Dinora (Seb Prohn) |  | Jennifer Krajewski |
| Dennis Findley |  | Jamie Liban |
| Jennifer Greene |  | Teri Morgan |
| Karen Grizzard |  | Linh Nguyen |
| Jennifer Kelly |  | Henry Street |
| Sarah Krantz-Ciment (Virtual) |  | Penni Sweetenburg Lee |
| Richard Kriner |  | Jason Withers |
| Thomas Leach  |  |  |
| Rachel Loria |  |  |
| Rick Mitchell |  |  |
| Deanna Parker  |  |  |
| Lindsay Pearse (Virtual) |  |  |
| Olivia Price |  |  |
| Eric Raff |  |  |
| Nadia Rauhala (Virtual) |  |  |
| Cindy Rudy |  |  |
| Theresa Simonds  |  |  |
| Sarah Taylor |  |  |
| Ed Turner (Virtual) |  |  |
| Mary Vought |  |  |
| Niki Zimmerman (Chair) |  |  |
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## Call to Order/ Opening Remarks

A meeting of Virginia Board for People with Disabilities was held at the Delta Hotels in Richmond, Virginia on December 7, 2022.

The Vice Chair, Niki Zimmerman, called the meeting to order at 10:54 p.m. The Vice Chair greeted and welcomed Board members and staff. The Vice Chair reviewed the housekeeping notes.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any changes to the September 14, 2022 Board Meeting minutes. None were noted. The Chair called for a **MOTION** to **APPROVE.** Mr. Thomas Leach made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the minutes and Mr. Frank Carrillo seconded. The **MOTION** carried unanimously.

## Public Comment

The Board received no public comments.

## Nominations Committee Vote for Slate of Officers

## Ms. Rachel Loria, Chair of the Nominations Committee, reported that the Nominations Committee, which included Mr. Brandon Cassady and Mr.Richard Kriner, would like to present the following names for Chair and Vice Chair for the Board’s consideration. Ms. Loria reported that the committee would like to nominate Ms. Niki Zimmerman as Chair and Mr. Dennis Findley as Vice Chair.

## The Vice Chair called for a **MOTION** to approve the slate of officers. Theresa Simonds made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the slate of officers for the Board. The **MOTION** was seconded by Richard Kriner. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

## Ms. Zimmerman, Chair, informed Board members that motions coming from the Investment Committee would be moved up on the agenda to ensure a quorum of the Board to vote on the motions.

## Investment Committee Report

**Report of the Investment Committee:** Mr. Jason Withers, Grants and Contracts Manager, on behalf of Mr. Thomas Leach, Vice Chair of the Committee, provided the IC report. Mr. Withers reported that the meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. and reviewed the agenda. Mr. Withers provided an expenditure update on six grant projects that are referenced in Attachment 3-1 of the Board packet. He reported that there was significant discussion about some challenges with the Children’s Assistive Technology Services grant meeting its projected targets.

Mr. Withers provided an update on the 2023 Competitive Grants process. Mr. Withers stated that at the September Board meeting, the Grant Review Team (GRT) reported to the Board that they met to review two proposals received in response to the Public Awareness Campaign Request for Proposals (RFP). The GRT did not recommend either proposal for funding and recommended to the Board that the RFP be revised and re-released. The Board approved the recommendation from the GRT. Board staff revised the RFP in accordance with feedback from the GRT. Mr. Withers reported that staff released a revised RFP in mid-October. By the November 18, 2022 deadline, four proposals were received. Mr. Withers reported that the GRT met on December 2, 2022, to review the proposals. The GRT had additional questions and/or needed clarifications from two of the proposal applicants. Staff sent follow-up questions to the applicants with a deadline of December 13, 2022, for a response. Given time constraints, the GRT is bringing forward a **MOTION** to the Board to give the GRT authority to make the final decision regarding which proposal to fund in response to the Public Awareness Campaign RFP.

## Frank Carrillo made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the GRT to make the final funding decision for the Public Awareness Campaign. The **MOTION** was seconded by Rachel Loria. The **MOTION** passed.

## Mr. Withers reported that the IC reviewed two requests for conference and event support. One of the requests the IC is not recommending to the full Board for funding. The IC is recommending to the Board a request for conference and event support funding from the Virginia Down Syndrome Association. Mr. Withers reported that the event is the 10th Annual Disability Education & Transition Conference, and the applicant is requesting $2,500. The event will occur in person on February 4, 2023. The purpose of the event is to provide parents and education professionals with information to better meet the educational needs of children with disabilities. Mr. Withers gave the Board some brief information regarding the conference. Mr. Withers stated that a **MOTION** is coming from the Investment Committee to the full Board to approve the conference/event support application from the Virginia Down Syndrome Association.

## Frank Carrillo made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** funding the Virginia Down Syndrome Association’s request for $2,500 for the 10th Annual Disability Education & Transition Conference. The **MOTION** was seconded by Mr. Phil Caldwell. The **MOTION** passed.

## Overview of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Rules for In Person and Electronic Meetings

## The Chair introduced Mr. Alan Gernhardt, Esq., of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council, to the Board members. Mr. Gernhardt gave a presentation on FOIA Policy and briefly discussed the definitions of public body and the definition of a meeting. Mr. Gernhardt also discussed FOIA rules regarding public meetings, meeting minutes, posting meeting minutes, voting in a meeting, closed meetings procedures, agendas, certification of a closed meeting and electronic meetings. Mr. Gernhardt answered questions from the Board members.

## Introductions

## The Chair asked Board members and staff to introduce themselves.

Rights and Responsibilities Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Chair introduced Mr. Steve Gordon, Civil Rights Enforcement Coordinator and Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, to the Board members. Mr. Gordon gave a presentation on the rights and responsibilities under the ADA. Mr. Gordon discussed samplings of statistics, the history of disability rights, the 1906 Federal Regulations, definition of disability. Mr. Gordon also discussed the importance of knowing your ADA coordinator and that all public entities must have an ADA coordinator. Mr. Gordon answered questions from the Board members.

## Standing Committee Reports

**Report of the Advocacy, Outreach and Training Committee: Mr. Ed Turner, Chair of the Committee**, provided the AOT report. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. The Committee members introduced themselves. The Committee welcomed back Dr. Penni Sweetenburg-Lee, Director of Training and Alumni Development Programs. Mr. Turner gave an overview of the Executive Committee meeting. Dr. Sweetenburg-Lee provided committee members with an overview of her three programs. Mr. Turner stated that he encouraged the Committee to help recruit for YLA and PIP applications through their various networks and encouraged other Board members to do so as well. Ms. Lorraine Blackwell, Communications Director, gave an update on the Board’s website.

**Report of the Policy Advisory Committee**: Mr. Phil Caldwell, Chair of the Committee, provided the PAC report. The Committee did introductions and thanked Ms. Mary Vought for being the newest member of the PAC. Mr. Caldwell reported that he provided an update from the Executive Committee. The Committee approved the minutes. Jennifer Krajewski, Deputy Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, gave an update on policy assessments. Mr. Caldwell welcomed a new, but old friend Jamie Liban, who gave an update on her new role as the Board’s Emergency Preparedness Development Coordinator. Mr. Caldwell stated that they are very excited to have her on board and thanked her for all the great work that she is going to be doing. Ms. Krajewski gave a report on staff liaison activities during the last quarter. Mr. Caldwell reported that the Committee had a robust discussion about topics they would like to have come before the Policy Advisory Committee.

The Vice Chair asked if anyone had any questions from the Executive Committee meeting. There were none.

## Information Access Summit Update

## Ms. Teri Morgan thanked Lorraine for taking photos at the Summit and thanked all staff who helped make the Summit a success. Ms. Morgan provided information on the Information Access Summit.

## Mr. Dennis Findley shared that the gathering and information was great and that it was a remarkable event and stated that the customer is the mission.

## Ms. Allison Coles-Johnson stated that the event was energetic and hopeful. Ms. Coles-Johnson stated that she was excited that the Board was able to bring together a group of people with different backgrounds and interests to discuss information access.

## Agency Updates & Questions

## Mr. Brandon Cassady asked what they are doing in education to establish a wheelchair division so that kids with disabilities are not denied access to the Virginia High School League. The Vice Chair stated that there was no Education designee present.

## Other Business

## Mr. Brandon Cassady stated that he wanted to thank Mount Vernon polling station for their assistance in helping him to vote.

## Adjournment

The Vice Chair, Dennis Findley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Thomas Leach made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Mr. Richard Kriner seconded, all Board members agreed, and the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

# VBPD LogoExecutive Committee

# Meeting Minutes

## December 7, 2022

Meeting Attendance

| **Board Attendees** | **Board Members Absent** | **Staff Attendees** |
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| Phil Caldwell  | Molly Korte | Nia Harrison |
| Cindy Rudy | Sarah Krantz-Ciment | Teri Morgan |
| Theresa Simonds | Dennis Lites | Henry Street |
| Edmond Turner (Conference Call) | Lindsay Pearse | Jason Withers |
|  |  | Tara Bethea |
|  |  | Lorraine Blackwell |
|  |  | Jennifer Krajewski |
|  |  | Penni Sweetenburg-Lee |
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## Call to Order/ Opening Remarks

Mr. Phil Caldwell, Chair of the Public Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

## Review of Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

## Mr. Caldwell greeted and welcomed Board members and staff. Mr. Caldwell reviewed the Committee meeting agenda and did introductions.

Board Member Attendance

## Mr. Henry Street, Director of Administration, noted the attendance tracking attachment, (EC 3-1). Mr. Street stated that the attendance records are from September 2022 to June 2023. Mr. Street stated that there were presently no attendance issues.

Agency Fiscal Reports

Mr. Henry Street, Director of Administration, gave a brief summary of the agency’s fiscal report (SP-1). From the revised approved budget of $1,820,274, as of December 1, 2022, the Board has spent $558,677 within the budget categories leaving a balance of $1,261,597. This leaves 69% of our operating budget unspent. Mr. Street reported, in a comparative analysis of spending for this time last year, that we are on target with our expenditures.

Federal Award Summary

Mr. Street stated that all funds were expended from our 2021 Grant Award on September 30. He also stated that a new Federal fiscal year started on October 1. Mr. Street reported that we are operating in our 2022 and 2023 grant awards. On November 1, 2022, our remaining awards balances totaled $1,750,432.

Executive Director’s Update and Questions

Teri Morgan, Executive Director, gave a brief summary on the activities that had taken place in the last quarter. Ms. Morgan gave a report on key staff activities including Special Initiatives (COVID 19)/Legislative and Policy Work, Agency Administration/Board Operations and Programs/Planning/Marketing & Communications. Ms. Morgan also reported on Grants and Contracts, Training Programs and Alumni Development, Conferences, Training Webinars and other events.

Approval of the September 14, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes

Mr. Caldwell called for a motion to approve the September 14, 2022 Executive Committee minutes. Ms. Theresa Simonds made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the September 14, 2022 minutes. The **MOTION** was seconded by Ms. Cindy Rudy. The motion passed unanimously.

Electronic Participation

Ms. Morgan stated that per the Board’s Electronic Participation in Meetings policy, the EC Committee must approve participation for Board members to participate electronically. Mr. Caldwell called for a motion to approve electronic participation for Ed Turner, Nadia Rauhala, Sarah Krantz-Ciment and Lindsay Pearse. Ms. Cindy Rudy made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** electronic participation for the Board members. The **MOTION** was seconded by Theresa Simonds. Ed Turner **ABSTAINED**. The **MOTION** passed.

Information Access Summit

Ms. Morgan gave a summary on the Information Access Summit.

Update From the Grant Review Team Meeting

Mr. Withers, Grants and Contracts Manager, provided an update on the Grant Review Team Meeting. Mr. Withers provided an overview of the process undertaken by GRT to review four proposal applications received in response the Public Awareness Campaign Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr. Withers discussed that the GRT met on December 2, 2022 to review the applications, and the GRT determined it wanted to request clarification/ask questions in a number of areas for two of the four applicants. Staff in turn sent follow-up questions to the applicants and they have until December 13, 2022 to respond. Mr. Withers advised that a motion from the GRT would be presented to full Board requesting approval for the GRT to make the final funding decision, in connection with proposals received for the Public Awareness Campaign RFP. Mr. Withers further advised that following the Board’s approval, the GRT would convene to further consider the two proposal applications and make its decision.

Committee Agenda

Committee chairs/staff, Ed Turner, Mr. Jason Withers and Mr. Phil Caldwell provided a brief overview of their committee meeting agendas. Mr. Ed Turner welcomed back Dr. Penni Sweetenburg-Lee.

Other Business

**There was no other business.**

## Adjournment

Mr. Caldwell thanked the committee members. Mr. Ed Turner made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. The **MOTION** was seconded by Ms. Cindy Rudy. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

# VBPD LogoAOT Meeting Minutes

## **December 7, 2022**

Meeting Attendance

| **Board Attendees** | **Board Members Absent** | **Staff Attendees** |
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| Allison Coles-Johnson | Dianna Banks | Lorraine Blackwell |
| Jennifer Greene | Molly Korte | Brittany Hughes |
| Jennifer Kelly | Robert Matuszak | Teri Morgan |
| Madeline Nunnally | Nadia Rauhala | Dr. Penni Sweetenburg-Lee |
| Olivia Price | Gina Ryan |  |
| Ed Turner (virtual) |  |  |
| Niki Zimmerman |  |  |
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## Call to Order/ Opening Remarks

The Advocacy, Outreach and Training Committee meeting was held at the Delta Hotels on December 7, 2022. Mr. Ed Turner called the meeting to order via phone at 9:15 a.m.

## Approval of Minutes

Mr. Turner called for approval of the minutes. Ms. Olivia Price made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the September 2022 Board Meeting minutes. Ms. Madeline Nunnally **SECONDED**. The **MOTION** carried unanimously.

## Executive Committee Update

Mr. Ed Turner gave a brief summary on the executive committee updates.

## Training Programs

Dr. Penni Sweetenburg-Lee gave an update on the Board’s Training Programs. PIP/YLA and ADP coordinator positions are open to help with the recruitment for training programs. There has been limited ADP/TAA activities this reporting period due to staffing limitations. The next YLA is scheduled to take place in-person in July 2023. Location is TBD as it is currently out for bid. Recruitment for the 2023 YLA will begin in early 2023. The 2023-24 PIP session is scheduled to take place in a hybrid format. Location for the three in-person sessions is TBD as it is currently out for bid. Recruitment for the next PIP class will open in December 2022, and the class is scheduled to start in September 2023. The application deadline is March 23, 2022. Both Dr. Sweetenburg-Lee and Mr. Turner asked for the Board to spread the word for recruitment for both upcoming training programs. There has been no additional activity during this reporting period.

## Communications

Communications Director, Ms. Lorraine Blackwell, gave a brief update of November’s successful Information Access Summit. Ms. Blackwell attended Disability Awareness Month event at Veteran’s Administration and was able to share VBPD information with about 50 attendees. Ms. Blackwell noted Facebook posts with the most engagement, The Board’s NDAM post remembering the late Ms. Chandra Robinson and honoring AOT Chair Mr. Ed Turner. Ms. Blackwell informed that the Board’s website redesign is currently awaiting updates through VITA.

## Other Business

There was no other business.

## Adjournment

The Chair called for a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Allison Coles-Johnson made the **MOTION** to adjourn and Madeline Nunnally **SECONDED** the motion. The meeting adjourned around 10:30 a.m.

# VBPD LogoInvestment Committee Meeting Minutes

## December 7, 2022

Meeting Attendance

| **Board Attendees** | **Board Members Absent** | **Staff Attendees** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Cindy Rudy | Lindsay Pearse |  Jason Withers |
| Frank Carrillo | Mick Sladic |  Nia Harrison |
| Dennis Lites | Rick Mitchell |   |
| Theresa Simonds |  |   |
| Brandon Cassady |  |  |
| Thomas Leach |  |  |
| Richard Kriner |  |  |
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## Call to Order/ Opening Remarks

A meeting of the Investment Committee was held at Delta Hotels by Marriott on December 7, 2022. Investment Committee Vice Chair, Thomas Leach, called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. Mr. Jason Withers, Grants and Contracts Manager, on behalf of the Vice Chair, reviewed the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Withers asked if there were any questions/concerns with the September 2022 meeting minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. Mr. Leach made a **MOTION** to approve the September 2022 meeting minutes, and Mr. Frank Carrillo **SECONDED**. The **MOTION** was carried unanimously.

## Grants and Contracts Expenditure Monitoring

Mr. Withers, Grants and Contracts Manager, provided updates on recent activities and expenditures regarding six grant projects:

* Assistive Technology grant with Children’s Assistive Technology Service (CATS);
* Ability First grant with James Madison University;
* Training on Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (TIDE) grant with Virginia Commonwealth University;
* Strengthening Self-Advocacy in Virginia grant with The Arc of Virginia;
* Trusted Disability Champions + Disability-Centered Pop-Up Vaccinations = A Winning COVID-19 Vaccination Combination with the ENDependence Center of NOVA; and the
* Support Service Provider (SSP) Pilot Project with the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH).

Mr. Withers advised that staff to the Board still had concerns, expressed at the September 2022 Board meeting, about the CATS grantee being able to liquidate their remaining grant funds by the time their grant project ends in July 2023. Mr. Dennis Lites recommended that the grantee network with occupational therapists in the area to further publicize the grant project. Mr. Withers advised that the grantee has partnered with a speech therapy organization in the area. Ms. Cindy Rudy inquired if the grantee’s proposal application included data that justified the need for providing assistive technology in the areas served. Mr. Withers advised that the grantee’s original application did include this type of information. Additional discussion ensued regarding the CATS grant project.

## Review of FFY 2023 Competitive Grants

On behalf of Mr. Thomas Leach, the Grant Review Team (GRT) Leader, Mr. Withers provided an overview of the process undertaken by GRT to review four proposal applications received, in connection with the Public Awareness Campaign Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr. Withers discussed that the GRT met on December 2, 2022 to review the applications and determined it wanted to request clarification/ask questions in a number of areas for two of the four applicants. Staff in turn sent follow-up questions to the applicants and they have until December 13, 2022. Mr. Withers advised that a motion from the GRT would be presented to request that the full Board approve the GRT to make the final funding decision, in connection with proposals received for the Public Awareness Campaign RFP. Mr. Withers further advised that following the Board’s approval, the GRT would convene to further consider the two proposal applications and make its decision.

## Review of the Faith Inclusion Network Event Support Application

Mr. Withers discussed the application received from The Faith Inclusion Network (FIN) with committee members for their event titled, “Community for All Conference” which will be held virtually on March 10, 2023. Mr. Withers discussed that the applicant is requesting $1,500 from the Board for their conference. Members of the committee raised various concerns with providing funding to this organization. It was determined that based on the merits of the proposal application, and without more information about the content of the event and agenda, they could not sufficiently determine if providing funding to FIN aligned with the Board’s core goals and objectives from its federal state plan. Specific areas in which more information would have been helpful were the purpose of the event and its expected outcomes. Further discussion ensued.

Ms. Rudy made a **MOTION** to recommend that the Board not approve the conference/event support application for funding received from the Faith Inclusion Network. Mr. Brandon Cassady **SECONDED**. The **MOTION** was carried.

## Review of Virginia Down Syndrome Association Event Support Application

Mr. Withers discussed the application received from the Virginia Down Syndrome Association (VDSA) with committee members for their event titled, “10th Annual Disability Education & Transition Conference” which will be held on February 4, 2023. Mr. Withers discussed that the applicant is requesting $2,500 from the Board for their annual conference. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Leach made a **MOTION** to recommend approval of the VDSA event support request of $2,500 to the Board. Mr. Richard Kriner **SECONDED**. The **MOTION** was carried unanimously.

Wrap-up & Potential Future Meeting Topics

As a follow-up to the committee’s discussion that occurred in September 2022, Ms. Rudy stated that she would recommend inviting the disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV) grantee to present outcomes from their former grant project entitled “Development of a Database Management System.” Mr. Withers advised he would circle back with dLCV and invite them to present at the March 2023 Board meeting, if available. Mr. Lites inquired if the Board ever receives proposal applications from private organizations, as it could be beneficial to consider work in the area of sensory and related accommodations. Mr. Withers advised that the Board does consider proposal applications from many types of organizations. Mr. Carrillo inquired if the Board had previously received funding from private organizations. Mr. Withers advised that he was not aware of funding received to the Board from private funding sources.

## Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

# VBPD LogoPolicy Adivsory Committee Meeting Minutes

## December 7, 2022

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| **Board Attendees** | **Board Members Absent** | **Staff Attendees** |
| Phil CaldwellDennis FindleyKaren GrizzardRachel LoriaKatie Morris (designee for Ann Bevan)Deanna ParkerEric RaffSarah TaylorMary Vought | Parthy DinoraSamantha HollinsKyle JonesSarah Kranz-Ciment | Jennifer KrajewskiJamie LibanTeri MorganLinh Thi Nguyen |

## Call to Order & Introductions

A meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee was held at Delta Hotels by Marriott on December 7, 2022. The Chair, Mr. Phil Caldwell called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

Committee members introduced themselves.

## Approval of September 2022 Minutes

Mr. Dennis Findley made a **MOTION** to approve meeting minutes, and Ms. Rachel Loria **SECONDED**. The **MOTION** was carried unanimously.

## Executive Committee Update

Mr. Caldwell briefed the Policy Advisory Committee on the Executive Committee report. The report included executive committee minutes approval, budget status, legislative activities, and grant review team updates.

## Update on Policy Assessments

Ms. Jennifer Krajewski provided an update on the policy assessments. She informed the committee that she is actively working on the assessment on Consumer-Directed (CD) Services. Upon completion of this first assessment, she will move onto the assessment on Geographic Disparities. Ms. Nia Harrison is working on the assessment on Dental Care. Ms. Krajewski hopes to publish the CD Services Assessment in Spring 2023. Additionally, she plans to bring Board policy recommendations from older policy assessments to the 2023 General Assembly session.

The floor was opened for questions and discussion. Committee members discussed methodology, additional resources, and other related topics, such as the Communications, Video, and Technology Accessibility Act and recommendations that passed the Youth Commission.

## Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Update

Ms. Jamie Liban introduced herself to the committee. She explained her role, recent training and upcoming meetings with stakeholders. Ms. Liban also shared that the Virginia Pilot interviewed her on her role and the importance of emergency preparedness for people with disabilities, and that other media outlets have picked up the story as well. Mr. Caldwell reminded members that the link to the Virginia Pilot article was shared in the Board packet.

## Liaison Update

Ms. Krajewski updated members on staff participation in 17 workgroups. She also discussed comments given by the Board. These included a comment on the recent developmental disability services provider manual, public comment to oppose the funding of Vanguard Landing in Virginia Beach, and a letter written with the Disability Law Center of Virginia on this issue. Members discussed whether Vanguard Landing is abiding by the Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule and possible outcomes for the case.

## Information Access Update

Ms. Linh Thi Nguyen gave an overview of the Information Access Summit, which took place on November 30, 2022. She also summarized feedback that the Board received from Summit attendees. Mr. Findley shared his favorite parts of the Summit.

## Discussion: Committee Preferences/Potential Future Meeting Topics

Mr. Caldwell asked members for future presentation topics.

Members suggested presentations from the Department of Housing and Community Development on broadband and digital equity for underserved communities, from the Partnership to Approve Patient Care on the methodology of quality-adjusted life years and its impact on service access for people with disabilities, from the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services on statistical outcomes of state hiring preferences for people with disabilities, and from the Department of Medical Assistance Services on recent emphasis on casework for people with brain injuries. Other suggested topics were affordable housing for people with disabilities who need caregivers, and the dangers of quiet electric vehicles for people with vision or hearing impairment.

## Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.