



# City of Richmond Legislative Summit Minutes

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12:00 PM

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## **Councilmembers Present**

The Honorable Michelle Mosby, President  
The Honorable Chris Hilbert, Vice President (*late arrival*)  
The Honorable Parker Agelasto  
The Honorable Jonathan Baliles  
The Honorable Kathy Graziano  
The Honorable Cynthia Newbille  
The Honorable Michelle Mosby  
The Honorable Charles Samuels  
The Honorable Reva Trammell

## **Others Present**

The Honorable Dwight Jones, Mayor  
The Honorable Lamont Bagby, Virginia State Delegate, 74<sup>th</sup> Voter District  
The Honorable Donald Coleman, Richmond Public School Board Chair, 7<sup>th</sup> Voter District  
The Honorable Kimberly Gray, Richmond Public School Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> Voter District (*late arrival*)  
The Honorable Kristen Larson, Richmond Public School School Board Vice Chair, 4<sup>th</sup> Voter District  
The Honorable Manoli Loupassi Virginia State Delegate, 68<sup>th</sup> Voter District  
The Honorable Jennifer McClellan, Virginia State Delegate, 71<sup>st</sup> Voter District  
The Honorable Donald McEachin, Virginia State Senator, 9<sup>th</sup> Voter District  
The Honorable Delores McQuinn, Virginia State Delegate, 70<sup>th</sup> Voter District  
The Honorable Glen Sturtevant, Virginia State Senator-Elect, 10<sup>th</sup> Voter District  
Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff  
Jean Capel, City Clerk  
Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer  
Allen Jackson, City Attorney  
Grant Neely, Office of the Mayor Chief of Staff  
Haskell Brown, Assistant City Attorney  
Meghan Brown, Council Budget Analyst  
Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst  
William Echelberger, Council Budget Analyst  
Vincent Jones, Deputy Council Chief of Staff  
Candice Reid, Deputy City Clerk  
Debora Shaw, Council Administrative Project Analyst  
Steve Skinner, Council Public Information Manager  
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

Mayor Dwight Jones called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. and delivered opening remarks thanking members of the Richmond delegation for their attendance.

Council President Michelle Mosby provided opening remarks and expressed appreciation to the Richmond delegation for attending. President Mosby introduced Ron Jordan, Richmond Lobbyist to the Virginia General Assembly, and Vice Chairman/Managing Director of Advantus

Strategies.

*Council Vice President Chris Hilbert arrived and was seated.*

Mr. Jordan provided an overview of Richmond's proposals for the 2016 General Assembly legislative session which included, but was not limited to, the following appropriations and legislation requests:

- Provide full funding for the biennial Standards of Quality funding re-benchmarking
- Provide annual funding for a Virginia Community Wealth Building Fund and increased funding for the Virginia Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- Provide increased funding to address mental health and substance abuse treatment services
- Ensure inclusion of Main Street Station in the extension of high-speed rail from Washington D.C. to Richmond
- Review existing school funding formulas and identify more equitable ones
- Amend the commitment hearing process for individuals subject to a temporary detention order to have their gun rights suspended for 5 days

A copy of the information provided has been filed.

Councilor Charles Samuels provided more information regarding the legislation proposal to amend the involuntary commitment hearing process.

Manoli Loupassi, Virginia State Delegate, asked how much funding the high-speed rail extension will require and what, if any, are the recommendations regarding the project.

Councilor Agelasto stated that cost exactions are unknown until routes are determined.

Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer, at the request of Mayor Jones, stated that she will forward the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation high-speed rail presentation that city administration received to the Richmond delegation.

Jennifer McClellan, Virginia State Delegate, suggested that Council collaborate with other localities facing the same school funding challenges and advocate for more state funding in the governor's next proposed budget.

Donald McEachin, Virginia State Senator, stated that Council should express its support of Medicaid expansion in its legislative package.

President Mosby provided closing remarks and thanked the Richmond delegation for its participation in the 2016 legislative work summit.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

