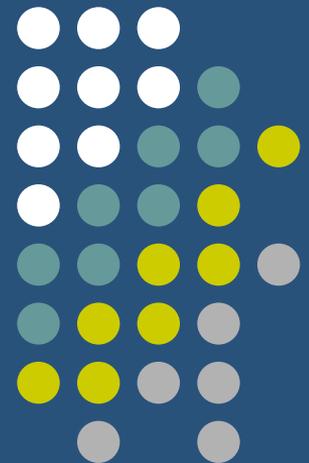


Virginia Joint Commission on Technology and Science

Introduction and Overview





What is JCOTS?

- JCOTS is a permanent legislative commission, established by the General Assembly in 1997 to...

“...study all aspects of technology and science and endeavor to *stimulate, encourage, promote, and assist* in the development of technology and science in the Commonwealth and sound public policies related thereto...”

(§ 30-85 of the Code of Virginia)

JCOTS Membership



Delegate Joe T. May, Chair	Senator Mamie E. Locke, Vice Chair
Delegate Kenneth C. Alexander	Senator Janet D. Howell
Delegate John A. Cosgrove	Senator John C. Watkins
Delegate Sam A. Nixon, Jr.	Senator John D. Miller
Delegate Kenneth R. Plum	Senator William C. Wampler, Jr.
Delegate Harry R. Purkey	
Delegate Thomas D. Rust	

About JCOTS Advisory Committees



- Each year JCOTS forms new advisory committees to examine policies that will help the Commonwealth keep pace with emerging industries and advancements in technology.
- Advisory committees consist of private and government professionals in substantive areas of technology, policy, and law.
- Each advisory committee is chaired by a legislative member.

What is the Role of an Advisory Committee?



- Assist JCOTS members in understanding complex technologies and policy perspectives;
- Collaborate in the development of sound public policy in a variety of scientific and technology related fields;
- Develop, review and discuss technology related legislation for recommendation to & consideration by JCOTS; and
- Gather experts from across the Commonwealth to foster an open discussion of issues among industry and government leaders.

JCOTS Website



Information, reports, agendas, meeting materials, etc. can be found on the JCOTS website:

<http://jcots.state.va.us>

How does JCOTS Interact with the Advisory Committees?



1. Advisory committees meet throughout the Interim.
2. The advisory committees report their findings, recommendations, and legislative proposals to JCOTS.
3. JCOTS relies heavily on the work of the advisory committees in setting sound science and technology related policy in the Commonwealth, and in deciding whether or not to recommend legislation to the General Assembly.

Advisory Committee Housekeeping



- If you wish to receive reimbursement or expenses, a citizen member information sheet must be completed and returned to staff to keep on file.
- For each meeting that reimbursement or expenses are requested: (1) fill out white travel worksheet, and (2) sign and fill in address on top portion of green voucher.

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