

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009

Delegate S. Chris Jones of Suffolk, chair of the House Committee on General Laws, and Senator Mamie E. Locke of Hampton, chair of the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology, announce that staff of the Special Subcommittees will conduct three public hearings to receive public comment on charitable gaming in Virginia. The schedule of the public hearings is as follows:

Monday, August 24, 2009

Annandale - Northern Virginia Community College,
Richard J. Ernst Cultural Center

Directions: <http://www.nvcc.edu/annandale/continuing/cultural/directions.htm>

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Roanoke - Virginia Western Community College,
Whitman Auditorium

Directions: <http://www.viriniawestern.edu/about/directions.html>

Thursday, September 3, 2009

Norfolk - Tidewater Community College,
Jeanne & George Roper Performing Arts Center

Directions: <http://www.tcc.edu/roper/map.htm>

** All public hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearings Generally

As a citizen of the Commonwealth it is your right to voice your opinion regarding the charitable gaming issues being studied by the Special Subcommittees. Private citizens will be afforded an opportunity within the time allowed to let their feelings be known.

Please be advised that the time allotted for these public hearings will be limited to two and one-half hours. These constraints could limit the time that each speaker is granted, in order to enable as many speakers as possible to speak. The person presiding over the meeting will determine what time limits, if any, are imposed and will announce the guidelines at the beginning of the hearing.

Notice of these public hearings is also listed on the internet on the General Assembly website. To access the meeting schedule, click on Meetings at <http://leg1.state.va.us> OR the Special Subcommittee website at <http://dls.state.va.us/gaming.htm>.

Guidelines for making comment

- Be prepared to adapt your remarks to avoid making the same point made by previous speakers.
- Be prepared to answer questions that may be asked of you from the person presiding over the public hearing.
- Be prepared to have at least ONE COPY of your testimony to accompany your oral remarks. If the written testimony is lengthy, it is recommended that you quickly summarize the material in order that other speakers might be heard. Remember, written testimony will also be accepted in lieu of an oral presentation.
- Outbursts and remarks from the audience will be prohibited. Please make your remarks from the speaker's podium using the microphone.

Special Assistance

For interpreter services or other accommodations telephone (804) 698-7450 or (804) 698-1540, TDD number 1-866-267-1474 or (804) 786-2369. Written requests may be made to Christine McCormick, House Committee Operations, 910 Capitol Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Requests for interpreters should be received seven days prior to the meeting.

Submitting written comment in lieu of testimony

As noted above, letters or written correspondence stating your support or opposition to a matter will be accepted in lieu of oral testimony at the hearing. Persons wishing to submit such written material should address their correspondence to the clerk of the committee.

Additional contact information

If you have any questions or require additional information about the public hearings, please contact Maria Everett or Amigo Wade, Senior Staff Attorneys at 804.786.3591 or at meverett@dls.virginia.gov or awade@dls.virginia.gov.

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