



Virginia Commission to End Hunger

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General Assembly Building, House Room B-205

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The Virginia Commission to End Hunger (the Commission) met in Richmond with Senator Danica A. Roem, chair, presiding.¹ The meeting began with the elections of the chair and vice-chair followed by opening remarks, the adoption of a virtual meeting policy, presentations, and discussion. Materials presented at the meeting are accessible through the [*Commission's meetings webpage*](#).

Elections and Virtual Meeting Policy Adoption

Commission members elected Senator Danica A. Roem to serve as chair and Delegate Marcia S. "Cia" Price to serve as vice chair of the Commission. Following the election, Senator Roem read the virtual meeting policy adopted by the Commission.

Presentations

VDACS Hunger Relief Efforts

Katie K. Frazier, Secretary of Agriculture

Secretary Frazier highlighted current hunger relief efforts by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) and discussed the termination of several programs due to the loss of federal funding. Secretary Frazier discussed that VDACS is currently working with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Marvin B. Figueroa, to develop administration policies to address hunger in Virginia and that legislation from the 2026 Session of the General Assembly, including HB 1086 (Laufer), aids VDACS and other Virginia agencies in accomplishing this.

2026 Legislation

Chandler Brooks, Division of Legislative Services

Chandler Brooks presented on relevant legislation from the 2026 Session of the General Assembly including the passed legislation HB 210, HB 371, HB 674, HB 859 and HB 879 and failed bills HB 96 / SB 4, HB 610, HB 866, HB 1434, SB 42 and SB 97. The Commission discussed the legislation and identified bills to consider revisiting in the 2027 Session.

¹ **Members Present:** Senator Danica A. Roem (chair), Delegate Marcia S. "Cia" Price, (vice-chair), Senator Stella G. Pekarsky, Delegate Bonita G. Anthony, Delegate Rae C. Cousins, Rickeya Feggans, Pamela S. Irvine (virtual), Jennifer Montgomery, Eddie Oliver, Robin Robbins, Dr. Andria D. Timmer Chair, Ipyana A. Spencer (virtual),
Members Absent: Senator Christie New Craig, Delegate Timothy P. Griffin, Delegate May Nivar

Community Eligibility Provision Participation

Emily Moore, American Heart Association

Emily Moore presented on the utilization of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to provide free meals in school divisions across the Commonwealth. Ms. Moore discussed correlations between trends in CEP participation and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation as well as the impact of changing federal funding.

Member Discussion and Public Comment

Members determined that at the Commission's next meeting, the Commission will review relevant legislation dating back to the 2018 Session to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of recent hunger prevention legislation in the Commonwealth. Members also discussed visiting school nutrition professionals working in afterschool and summer meal programs in addition to visiting food banks and farms.

A representative from No Kid Hungry Virginia requested that the Commission review the loss of SNAP access and how children may be reconnected with SNAP benefits.

For more information, see the [*Commission's website*](#) or contact the Division of Legislative Services staff:

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