



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 Delegate Marcia S. "Cia" Price, chair, presiding.¹ The meeting began with introductions and opening remarks followed by presentations and discussion. Materials presented at the meeting are accessible through the [Commission's meetings webpage](#).

Presentation

Dr. Vanessa M. Gattis, President and CEO, Prince William County Community Foundation

Dr. Gattis and Mr. Kenneth Walker presented on the work of the Prince William County Community Foundation. They highlighted the challenges faced in their catchment area and both the successes they have had in meeting those challenges and areas where they are continuing to pursue solutions.

Member Discussion and Votes on Recommendations from the 2025 Study Year

The Commission members reviewed the following legislative recommendations submitted by nonprofit organizations and Commission members: (i) increasing privacy protection for public benefits recipients, submitted by the Legal Aid Justice Center; (ii) providing resources to local businesses to assist them in providing affordable food to communities, submitted by Dr. Andria D. Timmer; (iii) developing an action plan for ending hunger in the Commonwealth, submitted by Robin Robbins; (iv) making changes to income, sales, and other taxes and credits, submitted by The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis; (v) providing free school meals and restarting the Community Eligibility Provision cycle, submitted by No Kid Hungry; (vi) developing a school food workforce development program, submitted by the Chef Ann Foundation; (vii) using Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credits, submitted by the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore; (viii) providing reports on food insecurity and hunger and the Virginia Farm to School Program, establishing state versions of the federal Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program, and increasing funding for the Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry Grant Program, submitted by Delegate Rae Cousins; and (ix) directing relevant agencies to maximize cross-referrals and the Virginia Food Access Investment Fund, submitted by Eddie Oliver.

Members voted favorably on all recommendations; several of the items listed were combined with others in order to reduce duplicative recommendations. The Commission adjourned after voting on recommendations.

¹ **Members Present:** Delegate Marcia S. "Cia" Price (chair), Senator Danica A. Roem (vice-chair), Senator Stella G. Pekarsky, Delegate Bonita G. Anthony, Delegate Rae Cousins, Delegate David Owen, Pamela S. Irvine, Jennifer Montgomery, Eddie Oliver, Dr. Andria D. Timmer

Members Absent: Senator Christie New Craig, Delegate Kim A. Taylor, Rickeya Feggans, Vivica I. Kraak, Dr. Susan Murray, Robin Robbins, Ipyana A. Spencer, Terriel Williams-Ford

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