

Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 2, 2025, 5:00 PM Government Center Main Board Room

ROLE CALL:

Jeffrey Slaven, Chair
Pam Carter, Vice-Chair
Mike Shull
Butch Wells
Gerald Garber
Scott Seaton
Carolyn Bragg
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
James Benkahla, County Attorney
Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At an organizational meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 5:00 PM at the Government Center Main Board Room, and in the 249th year of the Commonwealth...

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator, welcomed those present at the meeting.

Timothy K. Fitzgerald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Carter, Pastures District, delivered the invocation.

1. Elect Chair

Mr. Shull nominated Pam Carter to serve as Chair for 2025.

Mr. Wells nominated Gerald Garber to serve as Chair for 2025.

Dr. Seaton asked Ms. Carter and Mr. Garber several questions related to their position on County issues.

The Board voted on the nomination of Ms. Carter

Vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Carter and Shull
Nays:	Slaven, Garber, Bragg and Wells
Abstain:	Seaton

Motion Failed.

The Board voted on the nomination of Mr. Garber.

Slaven, Garber, Bragg and Wells

Vote was as follows: Yeas:

Nays: Carter and Shull

Abstain: Seaton

Motion Carried.

The Board appointed Mr. Garber as Chair for 2025.

2. **Elect Vice-Chair**

Mr. Shull nominated Ms. Carter to serve as Vice Chair.

Mr. Slaven nominated Mr. Wells to serve as Vice Chair.

Dr. Seaton asked Ms. Carter and Mr. Wells several questions related to their position on County issues.

The Board voted on the nomination of Ms. Carter.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Carter and Shull

Nays: Slaven, Garber, Bragg and Wells

Abstain: Seaton

Motion Failed.

The Board voted on the nomination of Mr. Wells.

Slaven, Garber, Bragg and Wells

Vote was as follows: Yeas:

Nays: Carter and Shull

Abstain: Seaton

Motion carried.

The Board appointed Mr. Wells as Vice-Chair for 2025.

3. **Board Meeting Schedule for 2025**

- a. Consider approval of the 2025 Board meeting schedule.

Mr. Fitzgerald suggested a change to the 2025 schedule to show the following:

- Move the Staff Briefing from Tuesday, January 21st to Wednesday, January

22nd prior to the regular meeting.

- Move the Staff Briefing from Tuesday, May 27th to Wednesday, May 28th prior to the regular meeting.
- Move the Regular Meeting from Tuesday, November 25th to Monday, November 24th following the Staff Briefing.

Mr. Garber suggested postponing this decision to the Wednesday, January 8th meeting and provide the Board with a proposed schedule showing the changes.

The Board agreed to hold consideration at the next regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

4. **Tiebreaker-in accordance with section 15.2-1421, appointment of a tiebreaker is at the discretion of the governing body.**

- a. Consider adoption of tiebreaker procedure.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that traditionally a tiebreaker is not used. The tradition has been that the motion fails if it lands in a tie vote.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board not adopt a tiebreaker for 2025.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Carter, Shull, Bragg and Seaton
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

5. **Rules of Order**

- a. Consider adoption of the Board Rules of Order.

Mr. Fitzgerald reviewed the Rules of Order from 2024 with no changes. He presented the Board with a revised set of Board rules for consideration as well.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board adopt the one-page rules as presented.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Carter, Shull and Bragg
Nays: None
Abstain: Seaton

Motion Carried.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton that the Board adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

Motion Carried.

County Administrator