Flood Prevention Bond Referendum Oversight Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2025, 2:00 pm- 3:30 pm

Economic Development, Boardroom B
4525 Main Street, Suite 700
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Board Members Present
Scott Miller, Emily Steinhilber, Allison Hammer, Jeffrey Waller, PE, Jimmy Mccune, Ryan Radspinner, PE

Board Members Absent
Usha Eleswarapu

Student Members Present
Pahan Jayarathna, John L'Heureux

City Council Liaison Present
Robert W. "Worth" Remick

City Staff Present
Dana Harmeyer – Deputy City Attorney

Mike Tippin, PE – Public Works, Stormwater Engineering Center Administrator

D'Juan Tucker – Public Works, Engineering Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Lundgren – Media and Communications Coordinator

Jacobs Engineering Group
Shelly Frie, PE – Local Project Manager

Arcadis
Travis Davis
Alex Carlson

The November 13, 2025, Public Hearing Meeting for the Virginia Beach Flood Prevention Bond Referendum Oversight Board was called to order by board chair Jeff Waller at 2:00 PM. Mike Tippin then took roll call.

Minutes of October 9, 2025

Upon motion by Scott Miller, seconded by Allison Hammer, October 9, 2025, Minutes were approved.

Vote: 4-0

Members voting Aye:

Scott Miller, Jeff Waller, Allison Hammer, Emily Steinhilber

Members Absent:

Usha Eleswarapu

Members Abstain:

Jimmy McCune, Ryan Radspinner

Status Report

- Mike Tippin and team members attended the Coastal Resiliency Working Group hosted by HRPDC.
- Mike Tippin gave a presentation on the Virginia Beach FPP at the Dutch Dialogues Coastal Resilience Conference held November 5-7.
- Two blog posts were sent out in the "Be in the Know" email which included the following topics:
  - Keeping Flood Protection Systems Ready
  - New Stormwater Extension Program is Your New Partner in Flood Resilience.
- November 11,2025, Mike Tippin presented the Bow creek Stormwater Park and the Windsor Woods Tide Gate Projects to 30 attendees of the National Association for Interpretation conference.
- Eastern Shore Drive BRIC projects will be moving into construction soon.
- Coastal Virginia experienced four tidal events in the fall of 2025, requiring activation of the Windsor Woods tide gate.

Stormwater Operations and Control Center (SWOCC) – Arcadis

- The Stormwater Operations Control Center will be the central hub for Flood Protection Programs.
- Arcadis is the Engineer of record for this project as well as the Windsor Woods project.
- Arcadis is currently working with Portsmouth in stormwater modeling.
- The main goal of the SWOCC is to protect all of the different assets.
- Portsmouth has approximately 70% of its citywide stormwater model, which is less robust than Virginia Beach's.
- Virginia Beach SWOCC will be unique in its predictive modeling and SCADA components, protecting city assets.
- The potential for bringing in different algorithms and machine learning and all this new technology will help optimize the performance of these systems and the maintenance of these systems.
- Funding for the SWOCC is separate from the bond referendum and has not been secured.
- The budget estimate for the SWOCC is approximately $32 Million.

Board Member and City Council Liaison Comments

- Questions were raised about the necessity of the SWOCC and if it was possible to lease an existing building.
- Concerns were raised about the public expectations being too high regarding project timelines and flooding issues.
- It was suggested to involve community members in future media to share personal experiences with flooding and how they feel about FPP projects.
- The annual resilience reception in Richmond is scheduled for January 27th.
- Board to consider adding another member with approval from City Council.

Board Chair Jeff Waller adjourned the meeting at 3:13 PM.