

Flood Prevention Bond Referendum Oversight Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2026, 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, Usha Eleswarapu

Student Members Present

Pahan Jayarathna, John L'Heureux

City Council Present

Robert W. "Worth" Remick

City Staff Present

Diamond Royster – Assistant City Attorney

Toni Utterback – City Engineer

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

D'Juan Tucker – Public Works, Engineering Administrative Assistant

Jacobs Engineering Group

Shelly Frie, PE – Local Project Manager



The January 8, 2026, 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. D’Juan Tucker then took roll call.

Minutes of December 11, 2025

Upon motion by Jimmy McCune, seconded by Scott Miller, December 11, 2025, Minutes were approved.

Vote: 6-0

Members voting Aye:

Ryan Radspinner, Jeff Waller, Allison Hammer, Jimmy McCune, Usha Eleswarapu, Scott Miller

Members Absent for Vote:

Emily Steinhilber



Status Report

- Bids opened for the Eastern Shore Drive Bric Bundle, consisting of four projects:
 1. Lynnhaven Colony Pump Station
 2. Lynnhaven Drive Pump Station
 3. Widening and Deepening of Cape Henry Canal
 4. Elevation of portions of Lynnhaven/West Great Neck Road
- Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) Study – Public Meetings
Virtual Meetings
 1. Thursday, Jan 22: 2:00-3:30 PM
 2. Tuesday, January 27: 2:00 – 3:30 PMIn-Person Meetings
 1. Monday, January 26: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM- Kempsville
 2. Wednesday, January 28: 6:00-8:00 PM – Kellam
 3. Thursday, January 29: 6:00-8:00 PM – Cox
- Elizabeth River Wetland & Floodplain Restoration Project had pre-construction meeting with notice to proceed expected January 26.
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Funding Transfers
 1. Some transfers involved non-CIP funding sources: others involved CIP projects.
 2. Transfers allowed the execution of the \$455M Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Windsor Woods Mega Bundle.
 3. Projects were not removed from the CIP. Funding was transferred only from projects not currently able to spend funds.
 4. Bond funds must be spent on active projects to avoid loss of funding.
 5. Funding will be replenished as projects reach construction readiness.
 6. Grant funding remains tied to original projects and can't be transferred.
- ARPA- Funded Operations Projects
 1. \$15.3 Million for Lake Dredging program, with a deadline to be spent by December 2026. All projects are nearly complete.
 2. \$32 Million, also required to be spent by December 2026. Majority of projects are complete.

Construction and the Year Ahead – Mike Tippin

- Projects Completed or Near Completion
 1. Seatack Neighborhood Drainage Improvements
 2. Windsor Woods tide Gate
 3. Bow Creek Phase I
 4. Old Forge Road
 5. South Plaza/Presidential Blvd
 6. Pleasure house Point
- Projects Under Construction/ Starting in 2026
 1. Windsor Woods Pump Station
 2. North London Bridge Creek Pump Station
 3. Eastern Shore Drive Bric Bundle
 4. Elizabeth River Wetland Restoration
 5. Bow Creek Phase II



- Bidding, Costs, and Supply Chain Discussion
 1. City sets required construction timelines in bid documents
 2. Contractors confirm the ability to meet the schedule
 3. Supply chain challenges persist
 4. Labor costs have stabilized but have not decreased
 5. Bundling projects provides economies of scale and scheduling efficiencies
- Board members Feedback on Operations Transparency & Public Communication
 1. More visual, map-based reporting
 2. Before -and-after photos or videos
 3. GIS tools showing cleaned areas
 4. QR codes on trucks/signage to educational videos
- Legislative Update
 1. General Assembly sessions begin next week
 2. Flooding-related legislation expected
 3. Updates to be provided at February meeting
- Pleasure House Point Fencing
 1. Fence to remain approximately one year to protect sensitive plantings
- How FPP Projects were selected
 1. Sea Level Wise Adaptation Strategy
 2. Stormwater Master Plans
 3. Flood risk data and service level needs
 4. Readiness for construction.
 5. Hurricane Matthew (2016) significantly influenced prioritization
 6. All master plans and story maps remain available on the City website

Board Chair Jeff Waller adjourned the meeting at 3:08 PM.

