



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE

GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2020-2022 BIENNIAL STATE BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND SENATE FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES OF THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL HOLD **VIRTUAL** REGIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2020-2022 BIENNIAL STATE BUDGET, AS FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

(Hearings begin at 10:00 a.m.)

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the Governor's declared state of emergency, in order to comply with public health guidelines, all public hearings will be held virtually. There will be four separate virtual hearings with legislators from each region participating as follows:

Northern Virginia Western Virginia Hampton Roads Central Virginia (Richmond)

Public registration to speak at one of the public hearings will occur on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Please check either of the following websites for more information:

Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee Website (sfac.virginia.gov)

House Appropriations Committee Website (hac.virginia.gov)

Public Hearings will be livestreamed on the Virginia General Assembly [Website](http://www.virginiageneralassembly.gov)

<https://virginiageneralassembly.gov/membersAndSession.php?secid=1&activesec=0#!hb=1&mainContentTabs=0>

The purpose of the hearings is to receive comments on the Governor's proposed amendments to the 2020-22 biennial state budget. Those persons wishing to speak may register to speak the **day before** each virtual hearing.

Speakers will be taken in the order of registration. Each person may register only one speaker at a time and only sign-up to speak at one of the hearings. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to three minutes or less. Speakers representing groups and organizations should consolidate remarks to reduce duplication. Persons unable to attend may submit their comments electronically at https://hodspeak.house.virginia.gov/upcoming_meetings

People with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations by calling (804) 698-7480. All requests for reasonable accommodations must be received by 5:00 p.m., Monday December 28, 2020. Requested arrangements for sign language interpreters, received by December 28th, will be provided via video format.



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Public Information Bulletin

Regional Public Hearings on the Governor's Proposed Budget

Overview of the Hearings

- **Date of Hearings:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021
- **Type of Hearings:** All hearings will be conducted in a virtual online format using Zoom.
- **Number of Hearings:** 4 Virtual Hearings by Region of the State:
Northern Virginia Western Virginia Hampton Roads Central Virginia (Richmond)
- **Hearings Start Time:** All hearings will begin at 10:00 AM.
- **Hearings End Time:** After all registered speakers have been heard or no later than 4:00 PM.

Registering to Speak at the Hearings

- **Registration Period:** The public may sign up to speak for one of the virtual public hearings on Tuesday January 5, 2021, beginning at 7:00 AM through 4:00 PM.
 - Please check the House Appropriations or Senate Finance and Appropriations websites for the latest information on registration closer to the registration date.
Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee Website (<http://sfac.virginia.gov>)
House Appropriations Committee Website (<http://hac.virginia.gov>)
 - You may only register for one of the hearings.
 - After you register online, you will receive an email with a link for you to access the Zoom meeting beginning at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Please check the House Appropriations or Senate Finance and Appropriations websites prior to the hearing start time to see the order of the public speakers and an estimated time range for when you will likely be called to speak.
 - Members of the General Assembly will participate in the hearing for the Region they represent so members of the public may choose the appropriate hearing for where they live. If the hearing where you live is full, you may sign up for a different location.

- It is possible that due to the number of signups, registration may reach full capacity, however, you may still submit public comments online or send them by mail (see details below).

How to Watch the Public Hearings

- All four public hearings will be livestreamed online and can be accessed on the General Assembly's website (more details to follow as the public hearing date approaches):

<https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/membersAndSession.php?secid=1&activesec=0#!hb=1&mainContentTabs=0>

- The livestream of the public hearings will have Closed Captioning.

Alternatives for Submitting Comments on the Governor's Proposed Budget:

- If you cannot attend a virtual public hearing or do not have access to a computer or the Internet, your comments are welcome, by no later than January 6, 2021, as follows:

- **By Online Submission:** Submit your comments using this link:

https://hodspeak.house.virginia.gov/upcoming_meetings

- **By Mail:** Please send your written comments to:

Delegate Luke E. Torian
P.O. Box 406
Pocahontas Building
Richmond, Virginia 23218

OR

Senator Janet D. Howell
P.O. Box 396
Pocahontas Building
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