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Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS®
Public Affairs Committee
Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 9:00 am
Hillsdale Conference Center

Attendance

Present Mattias John (Chair), Erin Hall, Peg Gilliland, May 'Gaby' Hall, Kyle Olson, Kathy Markwood, Tammy Wilt

Excused: Denise Ramey

Unexcused: None

Staff: Neil Williamson

Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Matthais John called the meeting to order at 9:02 am noting a quorum was present.

Anti-Trust – Vice Chair Erin Hall reviewed the CAAR Antitrust Statement.

Alignment with the Strategic Plan: Neil reviewed the committee's work in relationship to the CAAR Strategic Plan

Old Business

Day on the Hill Post Mortem – While none of the members assembled were able to attend 2026 Day on the Hill, Neil provided an update on the event. The group agreed that having the DOH early in the session is preferable as we get to see more legislators.

Public Affairs Committee Roles and Responsibilities – Neil outlined the roles and responsibilities for the Chair, Vice Chair and Board Liaison as well as members.

RPAC Report – Neil provided a brief RPAC report. He also mentioned the desire to have 100% participation from the Public Affairs Committee.

VAR Legislative Agenda – Neil touched on the issues included in VR's "tepid" 2026 legislative agenda.

Locality Reports – Neil provided updates on Albemarle, Charlottesville and Greene.

New Business

August Property Rights Luncheon Brainstorming – Neil After a brief discussion, Zoning was determined to be a topic worthy of a deep dive. The focus may be Zoning as an Affordability Tool. Neil was directed to build out this concept with potential panelists and subject matter to be discussed to present at the April meeting.

Staff Update

Neil is out Thursday – Monday March 2

Adjourn

Chair John adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted, Neil Williamson, Staff Liaison