

VIRGINIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND FORUM ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

DECEMBER 5, 2025 | 9AM - 2PM
GREATER RICHMOND CONVENTION CENTER

VA CHAMBER
FOUNDATION

BLUEPRINT
VIRGINIA 2035

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Virginia
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AGENDA

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Keith Martin, Interim President and CEO, Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Linda Stanley, Managing Director, First Citizens Bank and
Chair of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM

SPECIAL REMARKS AND *BLUEPRINT VIRGINIA 2035* PRESENTATION

Presentation of *Blueprint Virginia 2035* by Co-Chairs of *Blueprint Virginia 2035*

- **Monica L. Schmude**, President, Virginia Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield
- **Edmond Hughes**, Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, HII

Keynote Speaker Introduction

Kathryn Falk, Market Vice-President, Cox Communications

Morning Keynote Remarks

Governor-elect Abigail Spanberger, Commonwealth of Virginia

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

PANEL DISCUSSION: *Why Virginia? The Business Case for the Commonwealth*

Virginia continues to rank among the top states for business, but what truly sets it apart in the eyes of company leaders? In this discussion, C-suite executives from a range of industries share why they choose to invest, expand, and thrive in the Commonwealth. From workforce quality and infrastructure to innovation hubs and pro-business policy, hear firsthand what makes Virginia a strategic and competitive place to do business.

MODERATOR:

Woody Fowler, President and CEO, Williams Mullen

PANELISTS:

- **Don Halliwill**, Executive Vice President and CFO, Carilion Clinic
- **Tammy Neale**, CEO, Virginia Housing
- **Kari Wilkinson**, Executive Vice President of HII and President of the Newport News Shipbuilding Division

11:15 AM – 11:35 AM	NETWORKING BREAK
11:35 AM – 11:45 AM	SPEAKER INTRODUCTION Stephanie Agee , Senior Vice President of International Trade and Chief Administrative Officer, Virginia Economic Development Partnership
11:45 AM – 12:10 PM	SPEAKER REMARKS John G. Murphy , Senior Vice President and Head of International, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
12:15 PM	LUNCHEON BEGINS
12:40 PM – 12:45 PM	SPEAKER INTRODUCTION Tom Palmer , Senior Vice President, Market Executive, Greater Washington/Virginia/West Virginia, Wells Fargo, NA
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	SPEAKER REMARKS Jason El Koubi , President and CEO, Virginia Economic Development Partnership
1:00 PM- 1:45 PM	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION: <i>Global Trade, Local Impact: Driving Statewide Prosperity</i> <i>International trade plays a vital role in Virginia’s economic success, supporting jobs, attracting investment, and opening new markets for local businesses. This conversation examines how global commerce fuels growth across the Commonwealth. Speakers discuss how Virginia companies are competing on the world stage and what it means for local communities.</i></p> <p>MODERATOR: Todd Haymore, Managing Director, Global Economic Development, Commerce and Government Relations Practice Group, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP</p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Agee, Senior Vice President of International Trade and Chief Administrative Officer, Virginia Economic Development Partnership • Ester Codina, President of North America, Alfa Laval • Erik Rison, Senior Regional Manager of Government Relations, Smurfit Westrock
2:00 PM	ADJOURN