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AND FORUM ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

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**SPEAKER  
BIOGRAPHIES**



**Barry DuVal**  
**President & CEO**  
**Virginia Chamber of Commerce**

Barry DuVal was named president and CEO of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce on April 28, 2010.

Under his leadership, the Chamber has become Virginia's largest business advocacy group, growing from 847 members in 2010 to more than 32,000 members today. In 2013, the Chamber produced *Blueprint Virginia* – the Commonwealth's first comprehensive business-led initiative to provide direction and long-term economic development planning for Virginia. In 2017, the Chamber released an update to the original Blueprint, *Blueprint Virginia 2025*, which engaged over 6,000 business and community leaders from around the Commonwealth to build an action plan for strengthening Virginia's economic competitiveness and getting Virginia back to the top of business climate rankings.

Barry's public service began in 1988 when he was elected to the Newport News City Council. In 1990 he was elected mayor of the city. He served as mayor from 1990 through 1996, when he stepped down to become the president and CEO of a regional economic development organization representing Southeast Virginia's 1.6 million citizens.

From 1998 through 2002 Barry served as the Secretary of Commerce and Trade for the Commonwealth of Virginia. During his term as Secretary, Virginia attracted a record-setting 1,500 economic development projects representing 156,850 new jobs and \$13.7 billion in private investment.

His private sector experience includes serving as president and CEO of DuVal Associates, Inc., a diversified real estate firm, from 1983-1996. Upon the completion of his term as the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, he served as president and CEO of Kaufman & Canoles Consulting, LLC, an economic development consulting firm specializing in public-private partnerships and strategic planning for business and government agencies.

Barry holds a Master of Legal Studies (MLS) degree from American University Washington College of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree from James Madison University.



## **Robert Duvall**

**President & CEO, Virginia Natural Gas**

**Chair, Virginia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors**

Robert Duvall serves as president of Virginia Natural Gas. In this role, he is responsible for the safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to over 310,000 customers in southeastern Virginia and the Company's system growth and expansion and community involvement. In addition, Duvall serves as senior vice president of Southern Company Gas and is a member of the Southern Company Gas Management Council. Southern Company Gas is a subsidiary of Southern Company and the parent company of Virginia Natural Gas.

Before assuming his current position, Duvall served as senior vice president of Customer Operations, Safety and Technical Training for Southern Company Gas. In this role, he led the Company's customer experience, work scheduling, safety and technical training operations to deliver an outstanding engagement with customers through uncompromising values of safety, trust, performance and commitment.

In 2020, Robert returned to Virginia, where he served as president from 2014 to 2016, to lead the Company through Covid 19 and to establish the new energy future where natural gas is the foundation fuel. In previous roles, he served in a variety of engineering and operations positions, including as vice president of Operations for Virginia Natural Gas and managing director of Field Operations for Atlanta Gas Light. Duvall joined Southern Company Gas in 1984 as a distribution engineer for Atlanta Gas Light.

A graduate of the Civic Leadership Institute of Hampton Roads Virginia, Duvall has served on numerous charitable and civic boards in both Virginia and Georgia including the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, Georgia One-Call Center and United Way. He also has worked closely with March of Dimes, the Heart Association and Special Olympics.

A native of Irmo, South Carolina, Duvall earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Clemson University. He is a registered professional engineer in the state of Georgia.

Duvall and his wife, Phyllis, reside in Virginia Beach.



**Chris Jones**  
**Director of Consulting Services**  
**CGI**

Chris Jones, Director of Consulting Services at CGI with over 24 years of providing innovative services and solutions that help transform our clients' businesses and enable digital transformation. Honored supporter of the Commonwealth in both State & Local Agencies as well as commercial partners. Proud husband, Father of 2 boys and Virginia Tech Alumni.



## **The Honorable Winsome Earle-Sears**

**Lieutenant Governor of Virginia  
Republican Candidate for Governor**

Winsome Earle-Sears, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, immigrated to the United States at the age of six. She is proud to have served in the United States Marine Corps. In addition to her various appointments, she has served as the Vice President of the Virginia State Board of Education; and as a presidential appointee to the US Census Bureau, as co-chair of the African American Committee; and the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Winsome was first elected in 2002 to a majority Black House of Delegates district, a first for a Republican in Virginia since 1865. She is the first female Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the first Black female elected statewide, and the first naturalized female elected to statewide office. She is also the first female Veteran to be elected to statewide office.

As Lieutenant Governor, Winsome Earle-Sears presides over the Senate when they are in a legislative session and casts the tie-breaking vote. Additionally, the Lieutenant Governor serves on various state boards and commissions: Virginia Tourism Authority, Virginia Military Advisory Council, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, The Center for Rural Virginia, Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel, as well as serving as the national Secretary of the Aerospace States Association (ASA), and as the Chair of the Virginia chapter of ASA (2023). Her office has been represented on the Virginia Advanced Air Mobility Alliance (VAAMA) since 2022. The Lieutenant Governor is also a Fellow at the Hunt Kean Leadership Institute. Education has been and continues to be a focus of the Lieutenant Governor.

In her efforts to hear from as many Virginians as possible, the Lieutenant Governor has traveled over 28,000 miles across the Commonwealth since coming into office. An often-requested speaker, the Lieutenant Governor has headlined numerous events across the Commonwealth and across the nation.

A former program manager for the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce and VISTA volunteer, Winsome is a trained electrician and successful businesswoman. However, Winsome is most proud of her community work leading a men's prison ministry and as director of a women's homeless shelter. She holds a B.A. in English with a minor in Economics, and an M.A. in Organizational Leadership, with a concentration in Government. Winsome and her husband, Terence, have two daughters Katia and Janel, in addition to DeJon, and granddaughters Victoria and Faith, who are now looking into the face of God.



**David White**  
**Executive Director**  
**Virginia Maritime Association**

Mr. White is Executive Director of the Virginia Maritime Association (VMA), where he has been employed since 2003. With a membership of over 450 companies, the VMA is “The Voice of Port Industries” and since 1920 has been the premiere business organization promoting, protecting, and facilitating commerce through Virginia’s dynamic ports and supply chains.

Mr. White also serves as the Executive Vice President of the Hampton Roads Shipping Association; whose purpose is to negotiate and maintain the collective bargaining agreements with the International Longshoremen’s Association (ILA).

Representing these interests, Mr. White actively participates in the following organizations:

National Association of Maritime Organizations – Secretary & Treasurer

Virginia Freight Advisory Committee – Chairman

Virginia Harbor Safety Committee – Immediate Past Chairman

Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority, Advisory Committee on International Trade – Member

Virginia Port Authority Stakeholders Committee - Member

Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable – Board Member

Elizabeth River Project – Board Member

WHRO Public Media – Board Member

Mr. White is an alumnus of the College of William & Mary. Since its first publication in 2020, he has been named each year to the Virginia 500 Power List, which features the commonwealth's most influential leaders. In 2022, he received the second-highest award the U.S. Coast Guard presents to members of the public, the Meritorious Public Service Award.

His treasures are his lovely wife and three daughters.



## **Stephanie Agee**

**Senior Vice President, International Trade and  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Virginia Economic Development Partnership**

Stephanie Agee serves as Senior Vice President for International Trade and Chief Administrative Officer for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. Before joining VEDP in January 2020, Stephanie led marketing and economic development activities at the Virginia Department of Agriculture, where she helped Virginia agribusinesses reach customers domestically and internationally and implemented economic development strategies to expand Virginia's agriculture and forestry industries. Earlier in her career, Stephanie served in multiple positions in VEDP's International Trade Division, including manager of the Virginia Leaders in Export Trade (VALET) Program, and as a policy analyst at the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Stephanie has a Bachelor's in International Studies from Virginia Tech and a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Maryland.



**Scott Swan, PhD**  
**David Peebles Professor of Business**  
**William & Mary**

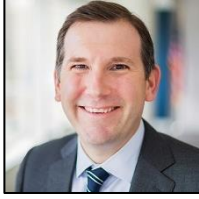
K. Scott Swan, Ph.D. is the David L. Peebles Professor of Business Chair and served as the President of the W&M Faculty Assembly (2023-2024). He is currently serving as the faculty representative to the W&M Board of Visitors. He teaches Innovation Strategy in the Marketing Area at the William & Mary, Raymond A. Mason School of Business. He also serves on the Advisory Board for the Alan B. Miller Entrepreneurship Center.

Professor Swan has accomplished five economic impact studies for the *Virginia Port Authority* and four for *Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority*, two for *Virginia Maritime Association*, along with others including *Union Mission*, *Governor's Report for Virginia's Housing Policy Advisory Board*, two for *Jefferson Labs*, and currently for the *Virginia Chamber of Commerce/VEDP* working with Mangum Economics.

He has lectured internationally at University of Applied Science Upper Austria (Wels), Corvinus University in Budapest, MCI in Innsbruck, Tsinghua University in Beijing, Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo, WHU in Koblenz, Germany, The University of Bratislava in Slovakia, and the Vienna Business School (WU) in Austria where he served as a Senior Fulbright Scholar.

He wrote *Global Marketing* (5th) Routledge: New York and London (with Kate Gillespie) in 2022. He has published widely and serves on the editorial review boards: *The Design Journal* and the *Journal of Product Innovation Management* along with authoring three books on innovation and design. One book, *Innovation and Product Management: A Holistic and Practical Approach to Uncertainty Reduction* - Springer Science & Business Media 2015, has experienced over 70,000 chapter downloads.





## **Jason El Koubi**

**President & CEO**  
**Virginia Economic Development Partnership**

Jason El Koubi was named President & CEO of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) in 2022 after serving as Executive Vice President of the state economic development organization for nearly five years.

Working with a wide variety of partners and stakeholders, Jason leads the development and implementation of a strategic plan for Virginia's economic development that encompasses activities across state government. The plan aims to position Virginia as an economic growth leader among U.S. states while ensuring all regions of the Commonwealth participate in that growth. As part of this work, Jason serves on the leadership team for transformational projects, including Virginia's successful bids for Amazon's HQ2, Micron's semiconductor fab expansion, and LEGO's only U.S. manufacturing operation. Under his leadership, VEDP has helped secure more than 800 economic development projects across every region of Virginia, representing more than 125,000 new, direct jobs and more than \$100 billion in capital investment.

He was previously President and CEO of a regional economic development organization in Louisiana. Under his leadership, the organization delivered a new, nationally competitive economic development program for a nine-parish (county) region following one of the most successful capital campaigns of its kind in the nation.

Prior to that, Jason served as assistant secretary of Louisiana Economic Development (LED), where he led initiatives that helped secure record levels of economic development, while dramatically improving Louisiana's position in virtually every state business climate ranking.

He previously served as policy director of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, where he directed policy and research activities during the economic recovery from Hurricane Katrina. Under his leadership, the organization's policy team won the top economic development research award in the nation for two consecutive years.

Jason is an outdoor enthusiast and focuses his volunteer service on education and the arts. He has lived, worked, or traveled in more than 40 countries, was selected for the French-American Foundation's Young Leaders Program, the U.S.-Spain Council's Young Leaders Program, the British-American Project, and term membership in the Council on Foreign Relations.

Jason earned a B.S. in Biological Engineering with honors from Louisiana State University, where he was elected speaker of student senate and awarded the Chancellor's Medal for leadership. As a Rotary Foundation Scholar, he earned an M.S. in Public Policy with honors from the London School of Economics. He lives with his wife Allison and two sons in Richmond, Virginia.



**Jennifer Wold**  
**Managing Partner – Virginia**  
**Forvis Mazars**

As managing partner of Forvis Mazars' Virginia practice unit, she is responsible for the operations and support of more than 75 partners, client service staff and administrative personnel who serve thousands of businesses and individual clients. Additionally, Jennifer is a member of Forvis Mazars' National Commercial Products and Construction & Real Estate Groups providing audit services to mid-size and large privately held businesses.

Her 30 years of audit and accounting experience includes assisting companies with issues related to mergers and acquisitions, including purchase accounting and related valuations, fair value accounting and impairment issues. In addition, Jennifer has experience with forecasting, preparation of financial statements, internal control assessments, operational reviews and reviews of accounting systems. She routinely meets with management, boards and audit committees to discuss technical accounting issues and the effects of financial accounting decisions.

Jennifer is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, Virginia Society of CPAs and Kansas Society of CPAs. She serves as a Board Director of the Virginia Chamber.

She is magna cum laude graduate of Wichita State University, Kansas, with a B.B.A. degree in accounting.



## **Victor Hoskins**

**President & CEO**

**Fairfax County Economic Development Authority**

Victor Hoskins is President and CEO of the Fairfax County (Va.) Economic Development Authority (FCEDA). He is an MIT trained Urban Planner and Real Estate Executive currently overseeing the growth of the largest economy in Virginia (GDP \$144 billion), the #1 State for Business, as ranked by CNBC, for a record-breaking 6<sup>th</sup> time in 2024. Having worked in the public and private sectors, his career has taken him from Wall Street to Main Street, and he has expanded economies from Los Angeles/Long Beach to the Mid-Atlantic region.

At FCEDA, Mr. Hoskins has led a team that has secured more than \$3 billion in capital investment across 669 deals working with companies that have announced the creation of more than 48,000 jobs, nearly 7.5 million square feet of commercial office space and more than 1.3 million square feet of data centers. Companies that have announced new locations or expansion in Fairfax County under Mr. Hoskins' leadership include Microsoft, Google, Meta, Amazon Web Services, Volkswagen Group of America, Amentum, Guidehouse, Starkist, Qualtrics, Alarm.com, Hilton, Clark Construction, Blue Origins, V2X and The Aerospace Corporation.

Prior, Mr. Hoskins spearheaded economic development for Arlington (Va.) and brought Amazon HQ2 to Northern Virginia attracting \$4 billion in private capital investment and 37,500 new jobs. Mr. Hoskins also collaborated with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to implement a \$1.5 billion Tech Talent Pipeline program that has resulted in the creation of two tech innovation campuses. As Deputy Mayor of the District of Columbia, Mr. Hoskins' team transformed Washington with projects such as City Center, the Wharf and Union Market.

Mr. Hoskins holds an Honors undergraduate degree from Dartmouth and has held executive leadership positions in real estate in both the public and private sectors. He currently serves on multiple boards including Northern Virginia Economic Development Alliance, Connected DMV, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce and Virginia Chamber of Commerce. He received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023 and is frequently chosen for lists of the most influential business leaders in Virginia and the Greater Washington area.



**Doug Smith**  
**President & CEO**  
**Hampton Roads Alliance**

Doug Smith joined the Hampton Roads Alliance as President & CEO in September of 2019. He oversees the staff of business development, business intelligence and marketing professionals and leads the operations of the region's economic development organization that represents 14 municipalities and over 70 private sector investors. Doug and the entire Alliance staff work closely with the state and local governments and the private sector to assist international and domestic companies with investment projects, expansions and relocations.

Doug, a native of Portsmouth, has lived and worked in Hampton Roads for the majority of his life. He was appointed as City Manager in the City of Norfolk in June 2017 after serving in the position for seven months as interim. His previous public sector experiences include serving as Deputy City Manager in the City of Virginia Beach and as Deputy City Manager, Chief Plans and Policy Officer, and Economic Development Director in the City of Portsmouth. In 2006, he was elected to Portsmouth City Council where he served four years and gained regional experience as commissioner for the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

In the private sector, Doug served as President & CEO of Kaufman & Canoles Consulting, where he counseled national and local developers, municipalities, higher education institutions and corporations. Doug began his career in 1985 as a banker at First Union Bank (now part of Wells Fargo) where he worked for 12 years and in his last role there, he managed 31 offices across Hampton Roads.

Smith is a graduate of Norfolk Academy and earned a B.A. in History from the University of Virginia. He held previous positions as Vice Chair on the Alliance's Board of Directors, Chair of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) of Hampton Roads and Chair of Future of Hampton Roads. He and his wife Linda reside in Norfolk with their two children.



**Jennifer Wakefield**  
**President & CEO**  
**Greater Richmond Partnership**

Jennifer Wakefield (she/her) is the President and Chief Executive Officer for the Greater Richmond Partnership (GRP), the lead regional economic development organization for the City of Richmond and counties of Chesterfield, Hanover and Henrico in Virginia. Her role is to recruit companies to the region through a robust program of lead generation, marketing and research.

She's worked in economic development and marketing roles for the last 20+ years and has both a master's and bachelor's degree in communications.

She serves on the board of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) where GRP is an accredited economic development organization (AEDO) among the top one percent of economic development organizations worldwide.



## **Woody Fowler**

**President & CEO  
Williams Mullen**

Woody Fowler serves as chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Williams Mullen, in addition to being a respected litigator. For businesses involved in legal disputes, Woody assists with complex commercial litigation, banking and financial services litigation, education litigation, consumer class actions, health care litigation, business torts, products liability and insurance coverage disputes. For clients looking for alternatives to the courtroom, he is also experienced in alternative dispute resolution and serves as an arbitrator and mediator.



## **Anthony Robinson**

**President & CEO  
Framatome, Inc.**

Tony Robinson is appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Framatome Inc., the North America subsidiary of global energy company Framatome.

An esteemed leader in the nuclear industry for over 35 years, Tony has a breadth of commercial and operational experience in all facets of the industry. As Senior Vice President of the U.S. Nuclear Energy group at BWXT, he was responsible for engineering and field services. Most recently, he helped pave the way for technical advancements as Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer of Structural Integrity Associates. Prior to that, he worked 25 years for Framatome and its predecessor, AREVA Inc.

During his tenure at Framatome, Tony held a series of senior executive positions contributing to the growth of the company and its leadership position in North America. He served as Senior Vice President of Installed Base Products and Engineering, Senior Vice President of Customer Accounts and Government Affairs, Vice President of New Builds North America and Vice President of New Builds Business Development.

A well-respected member of the Lynchburg community, Tony holds a board position for the Central Virginia YMCA. He has also served in leadership positions on the boards of Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Central Virginia and Greater Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity.

Tony earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Akron and was a member of the Executive MBA program at Kent State University. He is a registered professional engineer in Ohio.



## **Pallabi Saboo**

**Founder, Strategic Advisor, and Board Member  
Harmonia Holdings Group**

Pallabi Saboo is a serial entrepreneur with over 20 years track record of building and running very successful companies. She has extensive M&A experience, having successfully managed multiple acquisitions, integrations, and exits. Her experience in the private sector deeply informs her service in the public sector where she is on the board of many industry organizations. She is a strong advocate for policies that are pro-business and fair across small/medium/large companies and she strives to bring Government, Industry, and Academia together to create synergistic partnerships to help with Virginia's prosperity.

Pallabi has consistently been recognized for both her business acumen and strong desire to give back. Within DELMARVA region she has been named one of the top 25 female CEOs, a top 100 Smart CEO, Technical Trailblazer Federal Contractor, most influential Federal 100 leaders, Asian Business Leader of the year, Top 10 Women Who Mean Business, and Virginia Businesswomen in Leadership. She has also been bestowed the civilian equivalent rank of a 2-star general, President of the United States Volunteer Service Award and the Department of the Army's Civilian Service Achievement Medal.

Her business likewise enjoys several recognitions such as: Top 12 Companies to Watch in VA, Fast 50 Asian American Companies, Fantastic 50 Companies, Tech 100 company, Business of the Year award, and Tibbett's award for innovative technologies commercialization (presented at the White House).

Pallabi also maintains a passion for philanthropy/mentorship. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of Arch Klumph Society of highest donors of the Rotary Foundation supporting social causes worldwide. She mentors women entrepreneurs via TiE and supports children's education and women skill development via several NGOs.

Pallabi is consistently sought after for board roles, which have given her 15+ years of corporate governance and regulatory compliance experience across both profit and not-for-profit organizations. Some of her board roles include Fairfax County Economic Development Authority Board, George Mason University Board of Trustees, The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) DC Board, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Strategic Leadership Board of Advisors, and Northern Virginia Technology Council's executive circle. Pallabi has also served for 8 years on the Virginia Governor's Board for Small Business Financing Authority.

### Education:

- Advanced Management - Harvard Business School
- MBA - Virginia Tech (awarded Cunningham Fellowship, honored as Lifetime Golden Hokie, a distinguished alumnus, and Ut Prosim Society member)
- Bachelors in Electronics Engineering – Punjab University, India





## **Monica Schmude**

**President**

**Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Virginia**

Monica Schmude serves as President for Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield in Virginia which serves over 3 million customers and employs more than 8,000 associates in the Commonwealth. She is responsible for the strategic direction, performance, and growth of Anthem's commercial business in Virginia. She also partners with healthcare providers to fulfill the company's mission of improving the lives and communities served across the state.

Monica joined Anthem in April 2023 and previously served as the Market President for Cigna Healthcare in the Mid-Atlantic Region, which included the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Her prior roles during her 13-year tenure with Cigna included President of the Liberty Valley market and a series of progressively responsible roles in the Mid-Atlantic market.

Before joining Cigna, Monica was with Aetna as the manager of sales and business services for its middle market segment business in Chicago and additionally served as the business services leader in the Mid-Atlantic. She began her career for Guardian Insurance Company as a claims examiner and has more than 30 years of industry experience.

Monica earned a bachelor's degree in industrial/organizational psychology with a concentration in women's studies from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She currently serves as the President of the Executive Board, Virginia Association of Health Plans (VAHP), Board member of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Wolf Trap Foundation, Choral Arts Society of Washington, Leadership Greater Washington and Champions for Children. Additionally, Monica has been appointed to the Dean's Council University of Maryland School of Public Health. She serves as a national advisor to the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA). She previously served on the Board of the Greater Washington Board of Trade Board of Directors, Marymount University Board of Trustees, Mid-Atlantic Business Group on Health and Girls on the Run Northern Virginia. She is a member of The Economic Club of Washington DC and Leadership Greater Washington Class of 2020.

Monica was recently recognized on the 2024 Virginia Women in Leadership list (Virginia Business Magazine), named to the Power 100 List in 2023 and 2024 (Washington Business Journal), the Most Powerful Women in Washington (Washingtonian Magazine, 2022), and Virginia 500 Power List (Virginia Business Magazine 2022). Previously she was named to the 2021 Most Powerful Women in Washington (Washingtonian Magazine), named an honoree for the Washington Business Journals 2021 Women Who Mean Business awards, the 2019 Most Powerful Women in Washington (Washingtonian Magazine), 2019 March of Dimes Heroine of Washington Award, and served as the 2019 Program Chair for the Mid-Maryland Mission of Mercy.



## **Stephen Edwards**

**CEO & Executive Director  
The Port of Virginia**

Stephen A. Edwards is the CEO and Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority (VPA). He is responsible for the broad programmatic areas of business and relationship development, infrastructure development, strategic marketing, economic development, finance, security and safety. He directs and manages the operations of Virginia's marine and inland terminal facilities through Virginia International Terminals, LLC, the port's private terminal operating company, including Virginia International Gateway, Newport News Marine Terminal, Norfolk International Terminals, Portsmouth Marine Terminal, Richmond Marine Terminal and the Virginia Inland Port.

He is a globally experienced leader in the maritime industry with extensive operational experience and a proven track record of growing businesses and creating long-term value for customers and stakeholders.

Before joining the VPA in January 2021, Stephen served as President and Chief Executive Officer for TraPac, LLC and was responsible for the overall performance of the company with focus on safety, service and sustainability. Prior to that, he was the CEO of Global Container Terminals. Previous industry experience includes president and CEO of Port America Group and president and CEO of P&O Ports North America.

In his capacity as CEO and Executive Director of the VPA, Stephen will serve as an ex-officio member of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) board of directors.

Stephen holds a BS degree in Transport Management from Aston University in England.



**William L. “Bill” Murray**  
**Senior Vice President–Corporate Affairs & Communications**  
**Dominion Energy**

William L. “Bill” Murray is senior vice president– Corporate Affairs & Communications.

He is responsible for federal, state and local government relations; corporate communications; advertising; public relations; creative services; philanthropy; and community affairs.

Murray joined the company in 2007 as managing director–Corporate Public Policy. He was named senior policy director–Public Policy and Electric Policy in 2016 and promoted to vice president–State and Electric Public Policy in May 2017. He assumed his current position in February 2019.

Murray previously served as a management analyst at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; a senior staff member for the Virginia General Assembly; and vice president–Policy at the Virginia Hospital Association. He also held several positions in the offices of former Virginia Govs. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Health Care Foundation.

Murray received his bachelor’s degree in history from the University of Virginia, his master’s degree in public administration from Virginia Tech, and his doctorate in public administration and public policy from Virginia Tech.



# **The Honorable Abigail Spanberger**

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Democratic Candidate for Governor**

## **Biography**

U.S. Representative Abigail Spanberger is proud to represent the people of Virginia's Seventh Congressional District in the U.S. House.

Abigail's career has been defined by public service. She first swore an oath to the U.S. Constitution as a federal agent with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. In this role, she investigated money laundering and narcotics cases. Then, as a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) case officer, she worked at home and abroad to collect intelligence, keep our country safe from terrorism, and inform policymakers in their national security decisions. Following her time at CIA, Abigail joined the private sector and helped American colleges and universities diversify their student bodies, expand opportunities for Americans entering the workforce, and increase graduation rates.

## **Committees**

First elected to the U.S. House in 2018, Abigail serves on the U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and U.S. House Agriculture Committee. She is also a member of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus.

On the House Intelligence Committee, she serves on the National Intelligence Enterprise Subcommittee and the Defense Intelligence & Overhead Architecture Subcommittee. On the House Agriculture Committee, she serves as Ranking Member of the Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology Subcommittee and as a member of the Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Subcommittee.

The nonpartisan Lugar Center ranked Abigail as the most bipartisan Member of Virginia's congressional delegation, and she has received several national awards for her commitment to getting results for Virginia, focusing on constituent services, and working across the aisle.

Abigail grew up in Virginia. She earned her B.A. at the University of Virginia and her MBA through a dual degree program between Purdue University's Krannert School and the GISMA Business School in Hanover, Germany. She speaks English, Spanish, German, and French.

Abigail and her husband Adam have three school-aged children.



