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Mary Rafferty <mary@vcnva.org>  
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Thu, Nov 15, 2018 at 11:22 PM

Secretary Thomasson:

You may have already seen some of the press but I wanted to reach out to you personally given our conversation back June regarding the air and water board appointments. The conservation community is deeply disappointed with decisions to remove Rebecca Rubin and Sam Bleicher from the air board this week. We are calling on the Governor to reverse his decision until the current board has finalized its deliberations on the pending air permit. The full joint-statement from the broader conservation community is below.

While there are many ways in which we have, and will continue to, work with this administration to promote and protect our clean air, water and natural resources, I believe today's decisions will erode public trust in the process setting us back - not moving us forward - on our shared vision of protecting the Commonwealth's environment.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or if you'd like to discuss this further.

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Thursday, Nov. 15

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## Statewide Conservation Groups Call on Northam to Reverse Decision to Replace Air Board Members During Pending Permit Decision

RICHMOND - Today, Governor Northam's Secretary of the Commonwealth informed two Air Pollution Control Board members, Rebecca R. Rubin and Samuel A. Bleicher, that they would be removed from the Board. This comes just weeks before the body is expected to vote on a crucial air permit for Dominion Energy's Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

The removal of the members in the midst of debate is unusual, and concerning. The action comes less than a week after both Board members raised environmental justice concerns that pollution from Dominion's proposed project will cause disproportionate air pollution impacts to the people of Union Hill. Dominion Energy is proposing to build the 55,000 horsepower industrial compressor station in the historic, predominantly African American neighborhood.

The Air Pollution Control Board is comprised of citizen experts tasked with upholding specific environmental statutes related to clean air, including authorizing permits that regulate or protect against air pollution.

The air board is scheduled to continue deliberations and vote on the compressor station permit on Dec. 10. Both Bleicher and Rubin were informed today they would be removed from the Board before that vote.

Governor Northam has repeatedly stressed the need for transparency and independence in the pipeline permitting process. In April 2018, Governor Northam said, "You know I have a lot of faith and confidence in our DEQ, and I need to let them do their work. We need to do this with science we want to do it with the law and we want to do it with transparency." The removal of these members is in direct contradiction to these essential guiding principles.

In response, leading statewide conservation organizations issued the following joint statement:

"We are shocked and extremely disappointed in Governor Northam's decision to interrupt the Virginia Air Pollution Control Board's deliberation on the proposed Buckingham County compressor station. Removing citizen board members in the midst of contentious debate sends the wrong message. Citizen boards must remain independent from political interference during the decision-making process. We call on the Governor to reverse this decision until the current board has finalized its deliberations on the proposed permit."

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Mon, Nov 19, 2018 at 3:07 PM

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From: Moomaw, Graham <gmoomaw@timesdispatch.com>  
Date: Mon, Nov 19, 2018 at 9:12 AM  
Subject: FW: Question on board vacancies  
To: Yheskel, Ofirah (GOV) <Ofirah.Yheskel@governor.virginia.gov>

Hey Ofirah,

Any chance you could help track down an answer to this?

I don't know if we're planning any specific follow-up stories, but I do think this is good context to have on the air/water board issue.

Thanks,

**Graham Moomaw**  
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**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2018 1:24 PM  
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Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Can you tell me when Gail Bush and Kajal Kapur submitted applications? Were they recommended by anyone?

Did Rebecca Rubin or Samuel Bleicher apply for reappointment?

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**Cc:** Kelly Thomasson Mercer  
**Subject:** Re: Question on board vacancies

We have been reviewing a field of very qualified applicants and the governor has arrived at his decision. The governor is exercising his statutory authority to appoint members of his choosing to these board seats.

I'd also note that we announce replacements and reappointments as we make them per the weekly appointments release each Friday.

On Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 11:17 AM Moomaw, Graham <gmoomaw@timesdispatch.com> wrote:

Thanks. This is very helpful.

I think Patrick may have sent you some other questions about the timelines of when the new air/water board appointees applied.

These stats suggest to me that it's a complicated process and that the air/water board members who were replaced are not part of a small universe of people whose terms had expired.

Was refreshing these two boards a priority for the governor?

Why replace these members now during a big permitting decision if there are hundreds of other people who are in the same boat?

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**To:** Moomaw, Graham  
**Cc:** Yheskel, Ofirah  
**Subject:** Re: Question on board vacancies

Graham,

Sorry for the delay. Ofirah touched base with me about your email yesterday afternoon--turns out it went to my spam folder. The appointments process is complicated, each board has different statutory requirements and there are many circumstances and caveats surrounding vacancies. I'll do my best to explain, on background:

There are 294 boards across state government that the Governor makes appointments to, per statute (not counting boards created by Executive Order, etc).

There are approximately 5,034 seats across those boards (some boards have a range of total members - for example GACRE is authorized to have 15-20 seats; we've filled 16 for now). Those seats are generally staggered, and on average we make 800+ appointments a year.

There are approximately 235 people who are currently serving in terms that expired on June 30, 2018 or earlier. With 800 seats to fill, it's very tough to get them all done before June. Some of these we are actively working on and will be announced soon.

Some are hard to fill and we have been recruiting for months/years. For example, locating a corn producer/exporter who wants to serve, or a water well systems provider, or a doctor who can perform acupuncture (If you know any of these, let me know!). The list goes on.

Some we are waiting on nominations (e.g. we have been waiting on the General Assembly to provide nominations to the Tobacco Commission for months; we finally heard last week that they would like to nominate the two producers currently serving for reappointment).

Some no longer have funding and/or the federal authority that necessitated the creation of the board is no longer active - the boards are still technically in existence but we are not currently appointing any members.

Hope that covers it. Let me and Ofirah know if you have further questions.

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Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 4:54 PM

To doublecheck: Kapur applied 3-23-15, correct?

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Patrick,

Sorry for the delay; your email went to my spam folder.

I've attached applications, including resumes, for three of the individuals you've requested. Mr. Lofton has not submitted an application online at this time. This is actually not unusual to appoint an individual who does not have an application in our system. Mr. Lofton was nominated by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and I have attached that letter.

You didn't ask for it, but in the spirit of giving, I'll note that Ms. Jasinski has one additional application on file from 2014. The attached application from Ms. Kapur was submitted in 2015.

I'm not redacting personal contact information, though anticipate that you will be respectful of that information and not share it publicly.

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**From:** Killeen, Jessica  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2018 3:53 PM  
**To:** Kelly Thomasson Mercer  
**Cc:** Yheskel, Ofirah; Rita Davis  
**Subject:** Re: REQUEST: Virginia Mercury on date of effective appointment

On Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 3:21 PM Thomasson, Kelly <[kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov)> wrote:

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Subject: new air board members  
To: Yheskel, Ofirah <[Ofirah.Yheskel@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:Ofirah.Yheskel@governor.virginia.gov)>

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Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 12:42 PM

Awesome. Thank you!

On Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 12:41 PM Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:  
Attached are the appointment letters for the recent appointments to the Air and Water boards.

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Ralph S. Northam  
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November 16, 2018

The Honorable Kelly Thomasson  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
1111 East Broad Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Kelly:

Please prepare commissions of appointment for the following:

### **State Water Control Board**

**Paula Hill Jasinski of Richmond, Virginia 23226, Member, appointed November 16, 2018, for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2022, to succeed Robert L. Dunn.**

**James Lofton of Greene County, Virginia 22968, Member, appointed November 16, 2018, for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2022, to succeed Roberta A. Kellam.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam

RSN:mrc



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Thu, Nov 22, 2018 at 12:17 PM

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Thank you – it's close to a holiday so the answer does not need to be today.

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Hi Kelly, Ofirah:

We're doing more work on the air board issue today. A couple questions:

What day were Gail Bush and Kajal Kapur interviewed for the air board? Was that in person or by phone or some other method? And who did the interviewing on behalf of the Northam administration?

What day were each of them notified that they were being appointed? Was it last Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>?

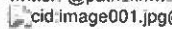
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Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - Fwd: Air Board



Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

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## Fwd: Air Board

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Mercer, Clark <clark.mercer@governor.virginia.gov>  
To: "Strickler, Matt" <matt.strickler@governor.virginia.gov>, Kelly Thomasson Mercer <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

Fri, May 4, 2018 at 3:49 PM

just a fyi.

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From: Clark Mercer  
Date: Sat, Apr 21, 2018 at 12:54 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Air Board  
To: "clark.mercer@governor.virginia.gov" <clark.mercer@governor.virginia.gov>

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From: Jerry Paulson <jerry@envirohealthdoctor.com>  
Date: Sat, Apr 21, 2018 at 12:24 PM  
Subject: Air Board  
To:

Hello Clark

I hope that you are doing well. We're so happy that Ralph is off to a great start as governor.

As you may remember, I have a lot of interest and expertise in issues related to children's environmental health in general and air pollution and climate change more specifically.

I have applied for a position on the VA Natural Resources State Air Pollution Control Board. Is there some way that Ralph can support my application?

Thanks

Jerry

Jerome A. Paulson, MD, FAAP

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Clark Mercer  
Chief of Staff  
Governor Ralph Northam

## Rita Davis

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**From:** Thomasson, Kelly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2018 3:56 PM  
**To:** Killeen, Jessica  
**Cc:** Rita Davis; Yheskel, Ofirah  
**Subject:** Re: REQUEST: Virginia Mercury on date of effective appointment

**Categories:** Thursday Report

On Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 3:54 PM Killeen, Jessica <[jessica.killeen@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:jessica.killeen@governor.virginia.gov)> wrote:

On Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 3:21 PM Thomasson, Kelly <[kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Yheskel, Ofirah <[ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov)>  
**Date:** Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 2:31 PM  
**Subject:** REQUEST: Virginia Mercury on date of effective appointment  
**To:** Clark Mercer <[clark.mercer@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:clark.mercer@governor.virginia.gov)>, Kelly Thomasson Mercer <[kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov)>, Matt Strickler <[Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov)>

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**From:** Ned Oliver <[noliver@virginiamercury.com](mailto:noliver@virginiamercury.com)>  
**Date:** Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 2:07 PM  
**Subject:** new air board members  
**To:** Yheskel, Ofirah <[Ofirah.Yheskel@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:Ofirah.Yheskel@governor.virginia.gov)>

Hey Ofirah,

Since the new air board members aren't being seated yet, is it the position of the governor's office that the old board members would or wouldn't remain on the board?

Someone referred me to the attached AG's opinion that "a member of a state board or commission holds over after the conclusion of his term and may continue to serve in his office and execute the full range of duties of

that office until the qualification of his successor." From what I have been able to glean, a successor would be qualified once they are sworn in.

Appreciate any clarity you can provide.

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Ned Oliver  
*Reporter*  
The Virginia Mercury  
Cell: 540-460-3222

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## Air Board Nomination- Gail Bush, RN, MPH (candidate)

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Benjamin Hoyne <ben@virginiaclinicians.org>

Wed, Jun 13, 2018 at 6:02 PM

To: "Thomasson, Kelly" <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

Cc: "Strickler, Matt (GOV)" <matt.strickler@governor.virginia.gov>, "Navarro, Angela" <angela.navarro@governor.virginia.gov>, Maribel Castaneda <maribel.castaneda@governor.virginia.gov>

Much appreciated.  
Thank you,  
Ben

On Wed, Jun 13, 2018 at 3:27 PM, Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:  
Thanks, Ben! We'll make sure to take a good look at their applications when we start working on this board, which may not happen for some time.

Best,  
Kelly

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On Mon, Jun 11, 2018 at 11:41 AM, Benjamin Hoyne <ben@virginiaclinicians.org> wrote:

Greetings Folks,  
Congratulations on the completion of a successful legislative session. Angela, congratulation on your new appointment.  
Now that the dust is settling on the GA a bit, I wanted to circle back around on the potential air board nominations. I've heard that there may not be any seats opening, but if folks are interested in getting a physician or nurse respiratory therapist perspective on the Air Pollution Control Board, both Gail Bush, RN and Jerome Paulson, MD would make great candidates.  
They have both applied via the proper process. Their cv's are attached.  
Thank you for the consideration.  
All the best,  
Ben

On Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 11:40 AM, Benjamin Hoyne <ben@virginiaclinicians.org> wrote:

Greetings,  
Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action is an organization comprised of over 200 health clinicians from across the commonwealth focused on solutions to the impacts of climate change on Virginians' health.  
We understand there are some upcoming vacancies on the State Air Pollution Control Board effective July 1, 2018.  
We would like to support the appointment of Gail Bush to one of the open seats.  
Gail has been a long time advocate for clean air including several years on the American Lung Associations Mid-Atlantic Chapter Board of Directors.  
Her resume is attached.  
Please advise if there are steps we can take to assist the nomination process of Gail Bush to the Air Pollution Control Board.  
Thank you,  
Ben Hoyne

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Ben Hoyne, MA (Env. Policy), MBA

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VCCA is building a network of clinician leaders prepared to discuss how solutions to climate change protect the health of our patients and communities.

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Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - James River Association Nominations to State Water Control Board



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## James River Association Nominations to State Water Control Board

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Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

Sat, Jun 30, 2018 at 7:11 AM

To: Jameson Brunkow <jbrunkow@jrava.org>

Cc: Matthew Strickler <Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov>, "Westfall, Lana" <lane.westfall@governor.virginia.gov>, Maribel Castaneda <maribel.castaneda@governor.virginia.gov>

Jamie,

Thank you for these recommendations. I anticipate we'll start working on these appointments in the next few months and look forward to reviewing their applications.

Thanks again,  
Kelly

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On Thu, Jun 28, 2018 at 6:58 AM, Jameson Brunkow <jbrunkow@jrava.org> wrote:

Dear Secretary Thomasson,

Please find attached a letter from the James River Association nominating new members to the State Water Control Board. Thank you for your attention and consideration, and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding the nominations.

Sincerely,

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**James River Association Nominations to State Water Control Board**

**Castaneda, Maribel** <maribel.castaneda@governor.virginia.gov>  
To: "Thomasson, Kelly" <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 10:26 AM

Received!

Thank you.

On Sat, Jun 30, 2018 at 7:12 AM, Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:  
with attachment.

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From: **Jameson Brunkow** <jbrunkow@jrava.org>  
Date: Thu, Jun 28, 2018 at 6:58 AM  
Subject: James River Association Nominations to State Water Control Board  
To: kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov  
Cc: Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov, lana.westfall@governor.virginia.gov

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June 22, 2018

The Honorable Kelly Thomasson  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
P.O. Box 2454  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

**Re: Nomination for Members of the Virginia State Water Control Board**

Dear Secretary Thomasson:

It is my understanding that a position on the Virginia State Water Control Board will be available at the end of June 2018. I respectfully request that you consider the following candidates for appointment to the board: Mr. Kimball Payne, Mrs. Paula Jasinski and Mr. Richard Parrish.

Mr. Payne served as the Lynchburg City Manager for over 15 years, and has held prior positions as Spotsylvania County Administrator, as President of the Virginia Local Government Manager's Association, and as a Naval Officer. Mrs. Jasinski is the founder and Science Director at Green Fin Studio, and has expertise in coastal policy, fisheries management, climate research and adaptation planning, having served previously as Virginia Program Manager at NOAA and as a member of the Virginia Governor's Commission on Climate Change. Mr. Richard Parrish has more than 30 years of experience as an environmental attorney, most recently retired from the Southern Environmental Law Center where he represented clients on a range of water quality issues in Virginia.

Through their active involvement and public service in the Commonwealth, these accomplished individuals have demonstrated their knowledge of water quality and regulatory issues. I am confident that any of these candidates would be a great asset to the State Water Control Board and provide an experienced and well-rounded perspective in the Board's efforts. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

William H. Street  
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: The Honorable Matthew Strickler, Secretary of Natural Resources  
Lana Westfall, Director of Gubernatorial Appointments



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Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

**Board appointment - VCCS, Small Business, etc**

RJ Narang <rjnar076@gmail.com>  
To: "Thomasson, Kelly" <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>  
Cc: Scott Surovell <:ssurovell@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 2:30 PM

Hi Kelly,  
Sorry for the late response and thank you for getting back to me. Sounds good and I look forward to serving.

Best,

RJ

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2018, at 12:06 PM, Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

RJ,  
Senator Surovell checked in with me recently and it reminded me I should circle back with you directly as well (I'm slow getting back to him too - sorry, Scott! - summer is our crazy season!).

I appreciate you sending me the other boards that caught your eye. I've got those as possibilities for you, though I still think the State Board for Community Colleges might be the best place to put you to work! We haven't started working on the 2019 higher ed appointments yet, but will start taking an early look at those soon to start assessing vacancies.

I'll be back in touch - holler if you have any questions or ideas in the meantime!

Thanks,  
Kelly

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On Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 5:32 PM, RJ Narang <rjnar076@gmail.com> wrote:  
Good Evening Kelly,  
Hope you are enjoying your summer, just checking back regarding appointments. Thank you.

RJ Narang

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 25, 2018, at 3:49 PM, Rajiv Narang <rnarang@rtsinc.com> wrote:

Hi Kelly,  
Hope all is well, just wanted to check back in. Also I wanted to send along a few more boards that would be of interest to me. I pulled them right off the vacancy list. thank you and talk soon.

Sincerely,

RJ Narang

Natural Resources	State Air Pollution Control Board	Seat 4	6/30/2018
Natural Resources	State Air Pollution Control Board	Seat 5	6/30/2018
Natural Resources	State Water Control Board	Seat 3	6/30/2018
Natural Resources	State Water Control Board	Seat 4	6/30/2018
Public Safety and Homeland Security	Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel	Seat 11 - Private Sector	6/30/2018
Public Safety and Homeland Security	Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel	Seat 12 - Private Sector	6/30/2018
Public Safety and Homeland Security	Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel	Seat 13- Private Sector	6/30/2018
Public Safety and Homeland Security	Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel	Seat 14 - Private Sector	6/30/2018

**From:** "Thomasson, Kelly" <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>  
**Date:** April 10, 2018 at 3:05:26 PM EDT  
**To:** rjnar076@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Board appointment - VCCS, Small Business, etc

RJ,  
Great finally catching up with you today! Below is all of my direct contact info.

Look forward to staying in touch and finding a great board appointment for you!

Best,  
Kelly

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## Business Representation on Environmental Boards

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Dennis Treacy <dhtreacy@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 24, 2018 at 2:02 PM

To: "Barry..DuVal" <bduval@vachamber.com>

Cc: "KELLY.THOMASSON@GOVERNOR.VIRGINIA.GOV" <KELLY.THOMASSON@governor.virginia.gov>, "Strickler, Matthew" <matt.strickler@governor.virginia.gov>, "Martin, Keith" <k.martin@vachamber.com>

Thanks Barry

Dennis H. Treacy  
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On Oct 24, 2018, at 1:51 PM, Barry..DuVal <bduval@vachamber.com> wrote:

Dear Secretary Thomasson and Secretary Strickler,

The Virginia Chamber of Commerce is the largest business advocacy organization in the Commonwealth, with more than 26,000 members. In collaborative engagement with over 6,000 business and community leaders in Virginia, the Virginia Chamber of Commerce developed Blueprint Virginia 2025. Blueprint Virginia 2025 is an action plan for strengthening Virginia's economic competitiveness and getting Virginia back to the top of business climate rankings. One of the areas of focus of Blueprint Virginia 2025 is the environment.

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Sincerely,

Barry

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Anheuser-Busch	Jeff Scott
Anheuser-Busch	Victor Bradford Jr
DuPont	Waverly Smith
DuPont	Joseph Bourne
Smithfield	Bill Gill
Stihl	Mike Weber
Stihl	Roman Kisselev
WestRock	Jim Taylor

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Director Facilities Operations
General Manager, Williamsburg Brewery
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Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>  
To: Maribel Castaneda <maribel.castaneda@governor.virginia.gov>

Thu, Oct 25, 2018 at 2:55 PM

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Date: Wed, Oct 24, 2018 at 1:51 PM

Subject: Business Representation on Environmental Boards

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To: bduval@vachamber.com

Cc: Kelly Thomasson Mercer <KELLY.THOMASSON@governor.virginia.gov>, k.martin@vachamber.com

Wed, Oct 24, 2018 at 7:47 PM

Thank you, Barry. It would be good to catch up sometime soon. What does next month look like for you?

Matt

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Matthew J. Strickler  
Secretary of Natural Resources  
Commonwealth of Virginia

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## Scheduling A Meeting re: Air Board & Water Board

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Strickler, Matthew <matt.strickler@governor.virginia.gov>  
To: "Thomasson, Kelly" <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

Mon, Jun 18, 2018 at 8:42 AM

On Sun, Jun 17, 2018 at 10:02 PM, Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Mary. The 21st at 4pm looks like it will work. Look forward to meeting with you. I'm assuming you know where the office is/how to get in, but let me know if you need anything.

Best,  
Kelly

Kelly Thomasson

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On Fri, Jun 15, 2018 at 9:22 AM, Mary Rafferty <mary@vcnva.org> wrote:  
Secretary Kelly Thomasson:

I'm reaching out to request a meeting next week to discuss upcoming Air Board & Water Board appointments. I am the Executive Director of Virginia Conservation Network, the network of environmental non-profits in Virginia. We represent over 100 organizations working for cleaner air, water and open spaces.

Here are a few times I'm available next week. Let me know which works best for you.

Mon 6/18: 8:30am; 11am; 3pm or 4pm  
Thurs 6/21 8:30am; 3pm or 4pm  
Friday 6/22 Anytime - Open & Flexible.

Thank you for your time and I'm looking forward to speaking with you soon.

Mary

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Mary Rafferty  
Executive Director  
Virginia Conservation Network  
(804) 614-7670  
mary@vcnva.org

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Matthew J. Strickler  
Secretary of Natural Resources  
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**REQUEST: Washington Post on Rubin**

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Yheskel, Ofirah &lt;ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov&gt;

Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 4:55 PM

To: Matt Strickler &lt;matt.strickler@governor.virginia.gov&gt;

Cc: Clark Mercer &lt;clark.mercer@governor.virginia.gov&gt;, Kelly Thomasson Mercer &lt;kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov&gt;

On Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 4:47 PM Strickler, Matthew &lt;matt.strickler@governor.virginia.gov&gt; wrote:

On Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 4:42 PM Yheskel, Ofirah &lt;ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov&gt; wrote:

On Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 3:59 PM Yheskel, Ofirah &lt;ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov&gt; wrote:

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From: **Schneider, Gregory** <Gregory.Schneider@washpost.com>

Date: Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 3:43 PM

Subject: statement

To: Yheskel, Ofirah &lt;ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov&gt;

Here's the statement from Rebecca Rubin; would appreciate any comment:

I believe that the Commonwealth has an affirmative duty to hold itself to the highest standards of ethics and due process on behalf of its citizens. As such, the timing here was very unfortunate, coming as it did just prior to such a crucial vote, and interrupting as it has an in-depth review, by an intact board, of the record and two days of hearings – knowledge that is both fundamental to a responsible vote and irreplaceable.

Given that the original vote was to have taken place on November 9, and given that one of the Board's key purposes in postponing that vote was to have much-needed time to assimilate and reflect upon the information provided to it throughout two days of hearings so as to arrive at a fully informed conclusion, it would be more logical, much less disruptive of due process, and far more protective of the Commonwealth's overall interest - now and for the future - to allow those same board members who were already involved in the process to proceed to vote as planned.

I believe that the breach of due process is fully repairable, and that it is well within the power of the Commonwealth to allow the regular process to continue such that the terms of Sam Bleicher and I would conclude only after a board vote on the compressor station has occurred.

Gregory S. Schneider

Staff writer

The Washington Post

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Matthew J. Strickler  
Secretary of Natural Resources  
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Yheskel, Ofirah &lt;ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov&gt;

Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 3:55 PM

To: Jessica Killeen &lt;jessica.killeen@governor.virginia.gov&gt;

Cc: Kelly Thomasson Mercer &lt;kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov&gt;, Rita Davis &lt;rita.davis@governor.virginia.gov&gt;

On Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 3:54 PM Killeen, Jessica &lt;jessica.killeen@governor.virginia.gov&gt; wrote:

On Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 3:21 PM Thomasson, Kelly &lt;kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov&gt; wrote:

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From: Yheskel, Ofirah &lt;ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov&gt;

Date: Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 2:31 PM

Subject: REQUEST: Virginia Mercury on date of effective appointment

To: Clark Mercer &lt;clark.mercer@governor.virginia.gov&gt;, Kelly Thomasson Mercer &lt;kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov&gt;, Matt Strickler &lt;Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov&gt;

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From: Ned Oliver &lt;noliver@virginiamercury.com&gt;

Date: Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 2:07 PM

Subject: new air board members

To: Yheskel, Ofirah &lt;Ofirah.Yheskel@governor.virginia.gov&gt;

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Ned Oliver  
Reporter  
The Virginia Mercury  
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**Mercer, Clark** <clark.mercer@governor.virginia.gov>  
To: "Yheskel, Ofirah" <ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov>  
Cc: Kelly Thomasson Mercer <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>, Matt Strickler <Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov>

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Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - REQUEST: Roanoke Times on board vacancies



Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

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**REQUEST: Roanoke Times on board vacancies**

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Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>  
To: "Yheskel, Ofirah" <ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov>

Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 5:43 PM

On Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 4:46 PM Yheskel, Ofirah <ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

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On Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 9:42 AM Yheskel, Ofirah <ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

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From: Yancey, Dwayne <Dwayne.Yancey@roanoke.com>

Date: Mon, Nov 19, 2018 at 7:50 PM

Subject: roanoke times question / NOT ON DEADLINE

To: Ofirah.Yheskel@governor.virginia.gov <Ofirah.Yheskel@governor.virginia.gov>

Greetings:

I hope I'm posing a question no one else has asked; at least I haven't seen it addressed elsewhere. The folks that the governor replaced on the air board -- their terms ended some time ago but they continued on the board. Why does Virginia law allow that? Why weren't the seats simply vacant once their terms expired? If I'm renting an apartment and my lease ends on a certain date, the landlord's not likely to let me stay there beyond that date. So, curious minds ...

Cheers,

Dwayne Yancey

Editorial Page Editor

The Roanoke Times

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Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - REQUEST: WCVE on board vacancies



Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

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**REQUEST: WCVE on board vacancies**

Yheskel, Ofirah <ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov>  
To: "Thomasson, Kelly" <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

Wed, Nov 21, 2018 at 8:55 AM

On Wed, Nov 21, 2018 at 8:50 AM Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

On Wed, Nov 21, 2018 at 8:30 AM Yheskel, Ofirah <ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

On Wed, Nov 21, 2018 at 8:27 AM Yheskel, Ofirah <ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

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From: Ben Paviour <bpaviour@ideastations.org>  
Date: Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 4:22 PM  
Subject: More air board questions  
To: Yheskel, Ofirah <ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov>

Just wanted to clarify a couple pieces on the air/water board appointments:

- When did the governor decide to make new picks for the Air Board? In June or more recently?
- Do you have a board vacancy notification that went out in June or at any other point after their terms expired?

Thanks,  
Ben

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Ben Paviour  
WCVE Politics Reporter  
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Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - request from RTD



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**Killeen, Jessica** <jessica.killeen@governor.virginia.gov>  
To: "Yheskel, Ofirah" <ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov>  
Cc: Kelly Thomasson Mercer <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 2:29 PM

On Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 1:43 PM Yheskel, Ofirah <ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

On Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 1:09 PM Killeen, Jessica <jessica.killeen@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

On Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 12:16 PM Killeen, Jessica <jessica.killeen@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

On Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 10:28 AM Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

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From: Wilson, Patrick <PWilson@timesdispatch.com>  
Date: Mon, Nov 19, 2018 at 11:22 AM  
Subject: request from RTD  
To: Kelly Thomasson <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

Hi Kelly:

Could you please send me a copy of any applications from 2017 and 2018 for any state board/commission from the following four people who were mentioned in the governor's Friday's appointments email?

**State Air Pollution Control Board**

- Gail Bush RRT, NPS, CPFT, AE-C of Stafford, Clinical Manager, Inova Fairfax Medical Campus
- Kajal B. Kapur of Albemarle County, Principal, Kapur Energy Environment Economics, LLC

**State Water Control Board**

- Paula Hill Jasinski of Richmond, President, Chesapeake Environmental Communications and Green Fin Studio
- James Lofton of Greene County, Assistant Chief Counsel for Airports and Environmental Law, Federal Aviation Administration

Thanks,

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Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - Question on board vacancies



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To: Kelly Thomasson Mercer <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

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On Fri, Nov 16, 2018 at 1:24 PM Moomaw, Graham <gmoomaw@timesdispatch.com> wrote:

Hello Secretary Thomasson,

In light of the attention on the air board, I'm trying to make sure I understand how to interpret the list of vacant board and commission positions on your website.

<https://www.commonwealth.virginia.gov/va-government/boards-and-commissions/2018-appointment-openings/>

By my count, there are 174 vacancies listed for terms that have already expired, most of them on June 30 of this year. Would it be correct to conclude from that there are 174 people still serving whose terms are technically expired?

And do you have a total count for how many board and commission positions there are across all agencies and secretariats?

Thanks in advance,

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**Graham Moomaw**  
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Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>  
 To: gmoomaw@timesdispatch.com, "Yheskel, Ofirah" <ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov>

Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 5:40 PM

Graham, I sent this info to your colleague earlier. The only applications I have on file from Bleicher and Rubin are from 2014.

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 Date: Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 4:12 PM  
 Subject: Re: request from RTD  
 To: <PWilson@timesdispatch.com>  
 Cc: Yheskel, Ofirah <ofirah.yheskel@governor.virginia.gov>

Patrick,  
 Sorry for the delay; your email went to my spam folder.

I've attached applications, including resumes, for three of the individuals you've requested. Mr. Lofton has not submitted an application online at this time. This is actually not unusual to appoint an individual who does not have an application in our system. Mr. Lofton was nominated by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and I have attached that letter.

You didn't ask for it, but in the spirit of giving, I'll note that Ms. Jasinski has one additional application on file from 2014. The attached application from Ms. Kapur was submitted in 2015.

I'm not redacting personal contact information, though anticipate that you will be respectful of that information and not share it publicly.

Also, you'll notice that one thing our database does not do well, unfortunately, is print applications. For some reason, if there is a lot of information included in the employment experience section, it cuts off the sections below that when it prints. I took a screen shot of the information that got cut off of page 2 and included that in a word document.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
 Kelly

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June 22, 2018

The Honorable Kelly Thomasson  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
P.O. Box 2454  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

**Re: Nomination for Members of the Virginia State Water Control Board**

Dear Secretary Thomasson:

It is my understanding that a position on the Virginia State Water Control Board will be available at the end of June 2018. I respectfully request that you consider the following candidates for appointment to the board: Mr. Kimball Payne, Mrs. Paula Jasinski and Mr. Richard Parrish.

Mr. Payne served as the Lynchburg City Manager for over 15 years, and has held prior positions as Spotsylvania County Administrator, as President of the Virginia Local Government Manager's Association, and as a Naval Officer. Mrs. Jasinski is the founder and Science Director at Green Fin Studio, and has expertise in coastal policy, fisheries management, climate research and adaptation planning, having served previously as Virginia Program Manager at NOAA and as a member of the Virginia Governor's Commission on Climate Change. Mr. Richard Parrish has more than 30 years of experience as an environmental attorney, most recently retired from the Southern Environmental Law Center where he represented clients on a range of water quality issues in Virginia.

Through their active involvement and public service in the Commonwealth, these accomplished individuals have demonstrated their knowledge of water quality and regulatory issues. I am confident that any of these candidates would be a great asset to the State Water Control Board and provide an experienced and well-rounded perspective in the Board's efforts. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

William H. Street  
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: The Honorable Matthew Strickler, Secretary of Natural Resources  
Lana Westfall, Director of Gubernatorial Appointments

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### ***Founder & Science Director. Green Fin Studio, 2007-present***

Founded Chesapeake Environmental Communications, now DBA, Green Fin Studio to empower environmental messages through creative communications, strategic marketing and meaningful stakeholder engagement. Professional expertise includes strategic marketing, public outreach, environmental education, ecotourism, long-term ecosystem management, and combining economic development with environmental restoration. Ongoing and recent project include:

- Collaborative NOAA-funded “Changing Chesapeake” project to develop range of communication and education products that describe how climate has changed in the Chesapeake Bay region over the last 115 years, and the resulting impacts. Includes developing the narrative storylines and graphics to clearly present facts in broadly engaging and accessible ways. Worked closely with a team of scientists to analyze data and identify trends, while also working closely with professional educators to develop interactive education tools;
- Overseeing development of an EPA-funded, multi-state, multi-partner project to create consistency among more than 400 small-scale water quality monitoring programs and pull that data into an online repository to complement federally collected data;
- Facilitated a multi-agency workgroup to assess the impacts of Virginia’s offshore wind energy development to fishermen and fishing industry, and make recommendations on best management practices to the lease holder, Dominion Energy;
- Envisioned and developed interactive book on Chesapeake Bay science and management implications for interested public and another for high school science teachers and students (available for free download on iTunes- [bit.ly/chesbayatlaste](http://bit.ly/chesbayatlaste)) ; and
- Multi-faceted stakeholder engagement project with Chesapeake Bay commercial watermen to inform development of online harvest reporting tools and training information. Efforts far surpassed goals and resulted in a 250% increase in online interaction.

#### ***February 2008-December 2008. Virginia Governor’s Commission on Climate Change.***

Supported the Virginia Commission on Climate Change on a nine-month detail from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to Virginia’s Secretary of Natural Resource. Detail included the following responsibilities: provide research and scientific assessments to the Commission on climate change impacts to infrastructure, human health, and natural resources; staff the Adaptation and Sequestration Workgroup; develop recommended actions for Virginia in preparation for the likely impacts of climate change; coordinate with regional academics, industry groups, federal and state governments, and NGOs to include various perspectives and information; build consensus among workgroup members; and author sections of the final report to the Commission.

#### ***2002-2010. Fisheries Biologist and Virginia Program Manager, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)***

Managed Virginia Program activities for NOAA’s Chesapeake Bay Office (NCBO) to more effectively connect NOAA with projects and emerging issues in the lower Bay. Projects ranged from coastal policy and management, climate research and adaptation planning, fisheries management and research, oyster

restoration and aquaculture, educational activities and professional event planning. Worked with constituents from federal, state, local government, academia, private industry, and non-profits to forge partnerships and develop collaborative projects. Led NOAA's response to President Obama's Executive Order on Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration for climate change impacts and adaptive responses, and managed an interagency team for a federally coordinated climate change response plan.

#### EDUCATION

M.S., Marine Science, "Management Implications of Sea Level Rise on Coastal Wetlands". College of William and Mary, School of Marine Science, Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

B.A., Biology, University of Virginia.

#### SELECTED MEMBERSHIPS

Chesapeake Bay Program Citizens Advisory Committee member and current Chair,  
Gubernatorial Appointment, 2015-2018

Ecology Project International Advisory Board, 2015-present

Ware Academy Board of Trustees, 2010-2103; Head of Committee on Trustees, 2011-2013

Chesapeake Bay Executive Order Action Plan Development Team, 2009-2010

Virginia Blue Ribbon Commission on Oyster Management, 2007-2008

Virginia Inter-Agency Oyster Team, participant since 2004, team lead from 2006-2010

#### SELECTED AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

2017 Member, University of Virginia, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, Sorensen  
Institute for Political Leaders Program

NOAA, Bronze Medal for Service for Development of NOAA Restoration Day in Virginia  
EPA, Gold Star for Development of Living Resource Indicators

#### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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CEC and Williamsburg Environmental Group. 2013. Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Prevention, Control, and Mitigation of Harmful Algal Blooms Program. Prepared for NOAA.

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Jasinski, P. and P. Claggett. 2009. Chesapeake Bay Executive Order Report: Restoration and Protection Recommendations and Strategy. Climate Change Adaptation (202d) Chapters. Available online: [ExecutiveOrder.ChesapeakeBay.Net](http://ExecutiveOrder.ChesapeakeBay.Net)

Virginia Governor's Commission on Climate Change (editor and contributing author). 2008. **Final Report**. No longer available through Virginia online.

# Gail Bush

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Qualities: Strong problem solving and decision making skills. Ability to develop and implement effective action plans. Works well with multidisciplinary team and promotes team values. Excellent communication and written skills. Exceptional productivity management with a focus on quality and LEAN process. Multi-tasks with accuracy and attention to detail. Strong initiative, energy, and confidence to complete projects. Consistent ability to anticipate issues and resolve problems. Applies tact, diplomacy, and practical knowledge of company policies, practices and procedures.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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6/2009- Present Inova Health System Falls Church, VA

*Clinical Manager (Interim from 2/2008-6/2009)*

Responsibilities:

- Direct supervision of Respiratory Care Team Leaders, therapists, Respiratory Assessors/tracheostomy team, and equipment technicians
- Bi-weekly payroll and staff evaluations
- Manage \$3.5m department inventory and supplies
- Develop, revise department policies, procedures and protocols.
- Quality/Lean process initiatives
- Participate as a member multidisciplinary quality teams

2003-2008 Inova Health System Falls Church, VA

*Education Coordinator*

Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement Internship/Fellowship program
- Provide certified education programs for RT's.
- Provide education programs to physicians, nurses, and ancillary medical staff
- Coordinate Respiratory Therapy staff education including yearly skills fair
- Provide evaluation input for staff, interns, and fellows
- Develop and implement training of new equipment and procedures
- Participate in Quality initiatives

1997-2003 Inova Health System Falls Church, VA

*Staff Supervisor/Team Leader*

Responsibilities:

- Front line operational supervisor for staff of 16-28 Therapists
- First line response to in-house emergencies (CPR, rapid response, disaster)

- Organize/assign staff workload
- Assure staffing maintained within budgetary guidelines
- Quality/assurance for reporting missed therapy
- Develop and review policy and procedures
- Staff evaluation

1992-1997 Inova Health System Falls Church, VA

*Staff Therapist*

Responsibilities:

- Provide all modalities of respiratory therapy to all patient populations including: aerosol medication delivery, oxygen therapy, chest physiotherapy, arterial blood gas sampling and interpretation, implementation and monitoring of mechanical ventilation

1994-1995 Nurses INC Falls Church, Va

*Respiratory Therapist*

- PRN RT assigned to various facilities throughout the NOVA area.

2003-2006 Northern Virginia Community College Springfield, VA

*Adjunct Clinical Instructor*

## EDUCATION

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2017-Shenandoah University Winchester, VA

- MPH (candidate)

2006 Shenandoah University Winchester, VA

- B.S. Respiratory Therapy  
Summa Cum Laude

1992 Allegany College Cumberland, MD

- A.A. Respiratory Therapy

## CREDENTIALS/ AFFILIATIONS

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- Virginia License # 0117001397
- RRT-NPS, CPFT, AE-C, BLS
- 2008-Present: American Lung Association Mid-Atlantic Leadership Board member
- 2002-Present: Prince William County and Rappahannock Region Medical Reserve Corp: Member
- 2017 Member-Virginia Clinicians for Climate Change



Thomasson, Kelly &lt;kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov&gt;

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**Air Board Nomination- Gail Bush, RN, MPH (candidate)**

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**Benjamin Hoyne** <ben@virginiaclinicians.org>

Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 11:40 AM

To: kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov

Cc: "Strickler, Matt (GOV)" &lt;matt.strickler@governor.virginia.gov&gt;, "Navarro, Angela" &lt;angela.navarro@governor.virginia.gov&gt;

Greetings,

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action is an organization comprised of over 200 health clinicians from across the commonwealth focused on solutions to the impacts of climate change on Virginians' health.

We understand there are some upcoming vacancies on the State Air Pollution Control Board effective July 1, 2018.

We would like to support the appointment of Gail Bush to one of the open seats.

Gail has been a long time advocate for clean air including several years on the American Lung Associations Mid-Atlantic Chapter Board of Directors.

Her resume is attached.

Please advise if there are steps we can take to assist the nomination process of Gail Bush to the Air Pollution Control Board.

Thank you,

Ben Hoyne

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Ben Hoyne, MA (Env. Policy), MBA

Director

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VCCA is building a network of clinician leaders prepared to discuss how solutions to climate change protect the health of our patients and communities.

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**Application (OASYS)**

**Gail Bush**

**General**

<b>Title or Prefix Name</b>	Mrs.	<b>Applicant Status</b>	1 - New
<b>First Name</b>	Gail	<b>Applicant Contact</b>	 Gail Bush
<b>Middle Name</b>			
<b>Last Name</b>	Bush		
<b>Suffix</b>			

**Contact Information**

<b>Home Phone</b>	<b>Home Fax</b>
<b>Work Phone</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>
<b>Mobile Phone</b>	

**Additional Info**

**Other Names / Aliases, Explanation**      Gail McDaniel (maiden name)

**Requested Board Appointments**      State Air Pollution Control Board

**Home Address**

<b>Address 1</b>	<b>State / Province</b>
<b>Address 2</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
<b>City</b>	

**Work Address**

<b>Address Line 1</b>	3300 Gallows Road	<b>State / Province</b>	Virginia
<b>Address Line 2</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>	22042

**City** Falls Church

**Preferred Mailing Address?** Home Congressional District 1

## Application

### Experience and Credentials

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**Education** Master of Public Health (in-progress). Shenandoah University, 2017-present  
 BS, Respiratory Therapy. Shenandoah University 2006  
 AA, Respiratory Therapy. Allegany College 1992

**Employment Experience** 1992-Present, INOVA Health System Current position, Clinical Manager, Respiratory Therapy. Previous positions include: Education Coordinator, Team Leader, Staff Therapist  
 2003-2006 Northern Virginia Community College- Clinical Instructor

**Honors & Awards** Member- American Association of Respiratory Care, 1993-Present  
 Member- Virginia Society for Respiratory Care  
 Member- American Lung Association Mid-Atlantic Leadership Board 2008-present  
 Member- Prince William Medical Reserve Corp.  
 Member- Stafford County Medical Reserve Corp.  
 Member- Virginia Clinicians for Climate Change.  
 Developed Internship and Fellowship program for Respiratory Therapists @ INOVA Health System  
 Award- 2016 Great Catch, INOVA Fairfax Hospital

**Professional Licenses** 0117001397- License to Practice as a Respiratory Therapist, Commonwealth of Virginia (exp. 1/31/2019) Issued 3/16/1993

**References** Vanessa Lovejoy  
 Paula Cameron-  
 Kira Koon-

### Military Service

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**Military Service Explanation**

**Military Honorable Discharge?** Not answered

**Military Discharge Explanation**





<b>Controversy?</b>	N
<b>Controversy Explanation?</b>	
<b>Controversial Views?</b>	N
<b>Controversial Views Explanation</b>	
<b>Credit History?</b>	Y
<b>Credit History Explanation</b>	
<b>Current Charges?</b>	N
<b>Current Charges Explanation</b>	
<b>Delinquencies?</b>	N
<b>Delinquencies Explanation</b>	
<b>Discrimination?</b>	N
<b>Discrimination Explanation</b>	
<b>Family Proceedings?</b>	N
<b>Family Proceedings Explanation</b>	
<b>Firm Charges?</b>	N
<b>Firm Charges Explanation</b>	
<b>Issues?</b>	N
<b>Issues Explanation</b>	
<b>Legal Proceedings?</b>	Y
<b>Legal Proceeding Explanation</b>	
<b>Oppositions / Associations?</b>	N
<b>Oppositions / Associations Explanation</b>	
<b>Proceedings?</b>	N
<b>Proceedings Explanation</b>	


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Application Details Summary

## Kajal Budhwar Kapur

**Education**

- M.A. Economics, Cornell University, January 1999
- M.A. Economics, University of California, Davis, October 1996

**Employment Experience**

- Northwood University, Midland, Michigan  
Adjunct Professor, Fall 1997  
Taught macroeconomic theory and international economics. Instructed and evaluated forty students in macroeconomics at the undergraduate level and one hundred students in international economics at the graduate level.

**Visits & Awards**

- Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, Fulbright Fellowship, 1991 - 1999
- Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, Sumner Graduate Fellowship, 1998
- University of California, Davis, California, Fulbright Fellowship, 1994-1995
- University of Delhi, Delhi, India, College Award for highest marks in B.A. Part I and Part II Economics Honors, 1992
- Government of India, India, National Merit Scholarship of Ministry of Education and Culture, 1978 - 1990

**Professional Memberships and Participations**

- United States Association for Energy Economics
- Asian American Business Incubation Center/Oregona Asian Chamber of Commerce
- Ad hoc reviewer for the International Journal of Research and Energy Systems

**References**

1. Mr. Brooks Dapora
2. Mr. Paul Ryan
3. Mr. Rabinovitch

**Military Service**

Military Service Information


**Publications**

Articles

### Application (OASYS)

# Paula Jasinski

#### General

<b>Title or Prefix Name</b>		<b>Applicant Status</b>	2 - Appointed
<b>First Name</b>	Paula	<b>Applicant Contact</b>	 Paula Jasinski
<b>Middle Name</b>			
<b>Last Name</b>	Jasinski		
<b>Suffix</b>			

#### Contact Information

<b>Home Phone</b>		<b>Home Fax</b>	
<b>Work Phone</b>		<b>E-Mail</b>	
<b>Mobile Phone</b>			

#### Additional Info

**Other Names / Aliases, Explanation** Paula Hill, maiden name

**Requested Board Appointments** State Water Control Board | Chesapeake Bay Executive Council, Citizens Advisory Committee to the

#### Home Address

<b>Address 1</b>		<b>State / Province</b>	
<b>Address 2</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>	
<b>City</b>			

#### Work Address

<b>Address Line 1</b>	101 N. 5th Street	<b>State / Province</b>	Virginia
<b>Address Line 2</b>	Suite A	<b>Zip Code</b>	23219

<b>City</b>	Richmond		
<b>Preferred Mailing Address?</b>	Business	Congressional District	4

## Application

### Experience and Credentials

<b>Education</b>	<p>M.S., Marine Science, "Management Implications of Sea Level Rise on Coastal Wetlands". College of William and Mary, School of Marine Science, Virginia Institute of Marine Science.</p> <p>B.A., Biology, University of Virginia.</p>
<b>Employment Experience</b>	<p>Founder &amp; Science Director. Green Fin Studio, 2007-present          Founded Chesapeake Environmental Communications, now DBA, Green Fin Studio to empower environmental messages through creative communications, strategic marketing and meaningful stakeholder engagement. Professional expertise includes strategic marketing, public outreach, environmental education, ecotourism, long-term ecosystem management, and combining economic development with environmental restoration.</p> <p>February 2008-December 2008. Virginia Governor's Commission on Climate Change. Supported the Virginia Commission on Climate Change on a nine-month detail from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to Virginia's Secretary of Natural Resource. Detail included the following responsibilities: provide research and scientific assessments to the Commission on climate change impacts to infrastructure, human health, and natural resources; staff the Adaptation and Sequestration Workgroup; develop recommended actions for Virginia in preparation for the likely impacts of climate change; coordinate with regional academics, industry groups, federal and state governments, and NGOs to include various perspectives and information; build consensus among workgroup members; and author sections of the final report to the Commission.</p> <p>2002-2010. Fisheries Biologist and Virginia Program Manager, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)          Managed Virginia Program activities for NOAA's Chesapeake Bay Office (NCBO) to more effectively connect NOAA with projects and emerging issues in the lower Bay. Projects ranged from coastal policy and management, climate research and adaptation planning, fisheries management and research, oyster restoration and aquaculture, educational activities and professional event planning. Worked with constituents from federal, state, local government, academia, private industry, and non-profits to forge partnerships and develop collaborative projects.</p>
<b>Honors &amp; Awards</b>	<p>2017 Graduate, University of Virginia, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, Sorensen Institute for Political Leaders Program</p> <p>2014, Virginia Economic Developers' Association Winner, Community Economic Development Award</p> <p>2006, NOAA, Bronze Medal for Service for Development of NOAA Restoration Day in Virginia</p> <p>2006, EPA, Gold Star for Development of Living Resource Indicators</p>
<b>Professional Licenses</b>	

**Military Service**

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**Military Service Explanation**

**Military Honorable Discharge?** Not answered

**Military Discharge Explanation**

**Military Reserves / National Guard?**

**Military Obligation End Date?**

**Additional Experience**

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**Citizen Seat?** Y

**Citizen Seat Explanation**

**Previous Government Appointments** Chesapeake Bay Program Citizens Advisory Committee member and current Chair, Gubernatorial Appointment, 2015-2018

**Questionnaire**

**Demographic Details**

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<b>Date of Birth</b>	1/11/1967	<b>US Citizenship?</b>	Y
<b>Gender</b>	F	<b>Ethnic Group Explanation</b>	
		<b>Country</b>	United States

**Disability**

**Vetting Questions**

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**Affiliations Explanation**





**Legal Proceedings?** N

**Legal Proceeding Explanation**

**Oppositions / Associations?** N

**Oppositions / Associations Explanation**

**Proceedings?** N

**Proceedings Explanation**


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**Status**                      **Active**

## **Kajal B. Kapur, Ph.D.**

### **Synopsis**

Dr. Kapur, Principal of Kapur Energy Environment Economics, LLC (KEEE) received a Ph.D. in Economics from Cornell University in 1990 with a major in Industrial Organization. As part of her Ph.D. dissertation, she performed econometric analyses of one hundred and six manufacturing industries. She modeled changes in market structure and profit adjustments for these industries. She has consulted on economic, policy, regulatory and environmental issues for more than twenty years. She is assisting EPA's Office of Air Quality and Planning Standards (OAQPS) with economic analyses of air pollution control regulations. She has helped the City of Charlottesville, County of Albemarle and University of Virginia evaluate energy conservation options. She has analyzed favorable state, utility level funds, grants, loans and rebates that have resulted in the installation of Combined Heat and Power (CHP) systems for EPA's CHP partnership. She has provided expert advice on economic and financial issues related to small hydroelectric power plants and the carbon emission reduction potential of these plants for Kenya Tea Development Agency's study.

Dr. Kapur has conducted cost-benefit analyses of energy efficiency, renewable energy, distributed generation and other green programs. She has participated in regulatory hearings as an economics, energy efficiency, resource planning and clean air compliance expert on behalf of state consumer counselor offices. She developed a report for EPA's Combined Heat and Power Partnership on *Utility Incentives for Combined Heat and Power* systems. Dr. Kapur conducted the research and analysis and completed the 30 page report in four weeks. Dr. Kapur is assisted in her studies and analyses by Research Analysts with economics, environmental backgrounds and experience in policy issues.

### **Education**

- Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University, 1990
- M.A., Economics, Cornell University, 1989
- M.A., Economics, University of California, Davis, 1986
- B.A. (Honors), Economics, University of Delhi, India, 1984.

### **Professional Experience**

- Conducting an Economic Impact Study (EIS) for Paul D. Camp Community College (PDCCC). The EIS will assess the economic importance, leakages and ripple effects of the College on its service region.
- Helped Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Air Quality and Planning Standards (OAQPS) with economic analyses of air pollution control regulations. Conducted updates of Industry Profiles for Regulatory Impact Analysis documents related to EPA revisions of Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) standards and New Source Performance Standards (NSPS). Assisted EPA's OAQPS with updates of manufacturing industries such as wood, paper, chemicals, petroleum and coal products, electric utilities and brick. Helped EPA assess the economic impact of regulations on small and large entities.
- Helped the City of Richmond develop a Sustainability Plan through engagement with City experts and the community as a whole along with prime contractor VHB, Inc. Assisted in identifying focus areas for the Plan. Developed goals and actions and metrics to measure progress on goals. Identified and analyzed energy conservation, green building and alternative energy initiatives. Facilitated input from Richmond stakeholders, community members and City executives to identify energy initiatives. Helped develop a methodology to rank these initiatives and an implementation strategy and write the Plan for City review and comments. Helped conduct Life Cycle Cost Studies

for ten energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives and cost analyses for Economic Development, Open Space & Land Use initiatives.

- Supported the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County with the Local Climate Action Planning Process (LCAPP) goal of lowering greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Participated in an Energy Conservation Working Group to delineate goals and develop plans and strategies for lowering emissions from energy use. Helped place those plans within a mitigation matrix that ranked the strategies according to criteria such as GHG reduction, cost, return on investment and impacts like job and employment creation
- Provided General Support to EPA's Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Partnership. Offered technical advice to CHP Partnership on specific opportunities, projects, or state policy conditions related to CHP in the utilities sector; assisted in developing technical materials for stakeholders in these markets; helped with market engagement activities such as meetings, networking and communications; providing outreach to stakeholders.
- Developed a report for EPA's Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Partnership (CHPP). Analyzed favorable utility policies that have resulted in the installation of CHP systems by utility customers; prepared case studies of successful utility support of CHP technologies including local utility financing of these projects. Examined utility actions resulting from state policies to promote CHP for achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals and in-state energy resource development objectives.
- Provided economics and financial expertise for Kenya Tea Development Agency's (KTDA) Integrated Energy Management Feasibility Study funded by United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA). Conducted economic and financial analyses of nine small hydropower plants. Researched United Nations Environment Program/Global Environment Facility UNEP/GEF Greening Projects to understand the financing available for small hydro plants in Kenya. Determined payback periods, rates of return and net present values for the projects at different electricity prices and developed a report based on this analysis. Made recommendations about hydro power electricity pricing to tea factories.
- Provided technical support to the Office of People's Counsel (OPC), District of Columbia. Assisted the OPC in development of the case against Potomac Electric Power Company's (Pepco) requested rate increase in a District of Columbia Public Service Commission (DCPSC) rate case. Evaluated the conceptual justification and quantification of Pepco's repression (revenue) adjustment, an adjustment to reflect the price elasticity of demand for electricity. Studied DCPSC guidelines for the validity and reliability of a proposed price elasticity of demand estimate, including guidelines on economic models and methodology used. Examined Pepco's method to calculate the price elasticity of demand and justification for its estimate.
- Helped the Attorney General of Kentucky evaluate the Integrated Resource Plan of a Transmission and Distribution (T&D) Cooperative. Reviewed the utility's load forecasting, demand side, supply side and environmental compliance modeling efforts. Commented on the cooperative's integrated resource planning process including the identification and screening of supply side options; treatment of demand side management alternatives; conduct of sensitivity and risk analysis; incorporation of transmission options into the planning process.
- Participated in a settlement process for the approval of Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company's demand side management plan on behalf of the Indiana Consumer Counselor's office.

The process included the planning, design, implementation and evaluation of residential, commercial and industrial conservation programs.

- Participated in a Settlement process for the approval of Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company's Clean Air Compliance Plan on behalf of the Indiana Consumer Counselor's office. Analyzed the impact of Clean Air Act Amendments on resource planning. Studied Indiana requirements for the approval of an environmental compliance plan to determine whether the utility's plan met those requirements.
- Lecturer for the Manager Development Education Program in electric utility business practices, presented by Global Change Associates' Energy & Environment College. Trained Korean management personnel on topics related to customer satisfaction, education strategies, product differentiation and pricing of services. Explained the difference between pricing electric power in a regulated versus deregulated market, new pricing mechanisms used in competitive markets and the differences in pricing methods. Discussed the implications of competitive pricing including economic development rates, green pricing and distributed power.
- Directed a settlement process for the approval of Indianapolis Power and Light's (IPL) demand side management plan on behalf of the Indiana Consumer Counselor's office. The goal of the settlement process was to understand IPL's residential, commercial and industrial programs to reach a reasonable agreement. The process included the planning, design, implementation and marketing of these programs.
- Provided expertise to a major Midwest utility's restructuring project. Helped the utility develop a Promotional Strategy for the company's energy efficiency programs, renewable energy/distributed power options and other environmental stewardship efforts. Performed an economic analysis to show the benefits of these programs in terms of lower costs, additional markets, customer satisfaction and product line extension. Helped the company understand how alternate sources of energy such as renewable energy, distributed power and energy efficiency can lower energy costs and increase customer loyalty given the restructuring of the electric industry in Illinois.
- Helped Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Air and Radiation, Climate Protection Partnership Division with reviewer comments on *Clean Energy-Environment Guide to Action*. Compiled comments on the institutional, regulatory and market barriers that prevent the adoption of energy efficiency, renewable energy and combined heat and power resources and best practices to overcome these barriers at the state level.
- Reviewed PSI Energy's energy conservation implementation/evaluation activities for Indiana Consumer Counselor's Office. Examined PSI Energy's annual updates related to the implementation of its demand side management programs including information on program costs, monitoring/evaluation of results, participation rates, demand/energy impacts, lost revenue and shared savings incentive projections and reconciliations.
- Examined PSI Energy's Clean Air Compliance Plan for the Indiana Consumer Counselor office. The Plan included environmental dispatch, demand side management programs, coal switching, installation of scrubber and purchase/banking of emission allowances. Determined if PSI explored all possible Clean Air options and whether the Plan was least-cost.
- Studied Indianapolis Power and Light's (IPL) Integrated Resource Plan on behalf of the Indiana Consumer Counselor's office. Examined the company's demand side management and supply side activities.

## Professional Positions

- 1999-Present Principal, Kapur Energy Environmental Economics, LLC
- 1999-2001 Adjunct Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 1998 Adjunct Professor, Kettering University
- 1998 Adjunct Lecturer, University of Michigan, Dearborn
- 1997 Adjunct Professor, Northwood University
- 1994-1998 Principal, Kajal Associates
- 1991-1993 Principal Economist, Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, State of Indiana
- 1989-1990 Research Support Specialist, Cornell University
- 1987-1988 Research Assistant, Cornell University
- 1985-1989 Teaching Assistant, Cornell University
- 1984-1985 Teaching Assistant, University of California, Davis

## Professional Participation

- United States Association for Energy Economics
- Asian American Business Assistance Center (Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce)
- Ad hoc reviewer for the International Journal of Power and Energy Systems

## Research, Publications and Reports

- McIntyre, B.K., Kajal B. Kapur and Meera Ahamed, "Promotional Strategy for electric utility's Greening Strategy", B.K. McIntyre and Associates, Inc., May 1999.
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- RTI International and Kajal B. Kapur, "Regulatory Impact Analysis: Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units", April 2010. <http://www.epa.gov/airquality/combustion/docs/ciswiria20100429.pdf>
- VHB, Inc. and Kajal B. Kapur, "City of Richmond RVAgreen: A Roadmap to Sustainability", April 2012.

[http://www.richmondgov.com/Sustainability/documents/RVAGreen\\_ARoadmapToSustainability.pdf](http://www.richmondgov.com/Sustainability/documents/RVAGreen_ARoadmapToSustainability.pdf)

- Panel Participant, “Sustainability and Resilience: Capturing Missed Synergies in Program and Infrastructure Development”, American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference, March 2013.
- Kapur, B. Kajal, “Sustainable Financial Management through Citizen Engagement”, American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference, March 2013.



## JAMES A. LOFTON

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American Bar Association's 2015 Government Environmental Attorney of the Year. 25+ years of experience building common ground among stakeholders to resolve complex environmental issues. Secured victories in multibillion-dollar environmental cases. Trained hundreds of DOJ attorneys at the National Advocacy Center; Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy at Cambridge University; Fulbright Scholar in Turkey teaching environmental law; adjunct professor at Washington & Lee teaching environmental law. Virginia Army National Guard and U.S. Army National Reserve. BA from VMI and JD from University of Richmond.

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### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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**Federal Aviation Administration, Washington, DC** 2016 to Present

***Assistant Chief Counsel for Airports and Environmental Law***

Lead the Airports and Environmental Law Division in the Office of Chief Counsel.

- Establish legal strategies for all agency environmental programs and resolve legal issues raised by multibillion-dollar airport improvement program.
- Cultivate relationships with stakeholders, including state and local governments, to ensure consistent and appropriate enforcement of all related rules and regulations.
- Oversee training for the Office of Chief Counsel, ensuring access to and effectiveness of programs for 200-lawyer staff in areas such as trial advocacy, writing, communication skills, and litigation.
- Secured one of the best records among federal agencies for defense of its airport and environmental decisions in federal court through partnership with the US. Department of Justice.

**United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC** 1990–2016

**Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Enforcement Section**

***Counsel to the Chief (2010-2016), Senior Counsel (1997–2010), Trial Attorney (1990–1997)***

Represented the United States in complex environmental matters, including serving as lead counsel in litigation. Supervised and directed teams through all stages of litigation. Provided guidance to senior government officials on the enforcement implications of draft government policies and regulations.

- Managed the Power Plants Litigating Group, a staff of trial lawyers who brought enforcement cases against electric utilities for violations of the Clean Air Act, securing billions of dollars in civil penalties, injunctive relief and environmental projects.
- Served as senior litigator in the largest environmental settlement in history in *United States v. AEP*; worked with all parties to create a mutually acceptable agreement for \$4.6 billion in injunctive relief and emission reductions of 800,000 tons annually.
- Successfully litigated landmark case in *United States v. Fisher*, the first case tried under the National Marine Sanctuary Act.
- Successfully negotiated settlement for the largest Superfund site in Virginia, the Avtex Fibers Site in Front Royal Virginia.

**Maloney, Yeatts & Barr, Richmond, VA** 1982–1990

***Commercial Litigation Attorney***

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**MILITARY EXPERIENCE**


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**Captain**, Virginia Army National Guard, 1/183<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Division; Company Commander, Hopewell, Va. 1986-1988

**First Lieutenant**, U.S. Army Reserve, 80<sup>th</sup> Training Division, Richmond, Va. 1977-1986

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**


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**National Advocacy Center**, Columbia, SC 2005-Present

*Instructor and Lecturer*

Teaching trial advocacy, evidence, discovery, and public speaking.

**Washington and Lee University School of Law**, Lexington, VA 2009

*Adjunct Professor of Law*

Taught semester-long survey course on environmental law.

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**INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE**


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**American Bar Association, Rule of Law Initiative**, Kyiv, Ukraine 2013

*Legal Specialist*

Taught trial advocacy skills to Ukrainian law students.

**Bilkent University Faculty of Law**, Ankara, Turkey 2007

*Fulbright Scholar*

Taught International Environmental Law and Anglo-American Law.

**Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, England 2000-2001

*Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy*

Researched and wrote about environmental policy and interfaced with environmental offices in Europe.

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**EDUCATION**


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Juris Doctor, University of Richmond, 1982

Bachelor of Arts, with distinction, Virginia Military Institute, 1976

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**SELECT AWARDS**


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American Bar Association, Section on Environment, Energy and Resources, Government Attorney of the Year (2015)

United States Department of Justice, John Marshall Award (the Department of Justice's highest award for support of litigation) (2008)

United States Department of Justice, Outstanding Performance Award (1992, 1996, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012)

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Gold Medals (two in 2008)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, General Counsel's Award (1997)

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**BAR MEMBERSHIP**


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**The Honorable Kelly Thomasson**  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
P.O. Box 2454  
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Secretary Thomasson:

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On behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), I am writing to offer our strong support for the following individuals for appointments to the State Water Control Board. As openings become available on this citizen board, CBF believes these individuals would serve the Commonwealth as well-qualified, reasoned, and devoted citizen advisors. While brief biographies of each recommendation are included here, we have also enclosed their more detailed resumes for further review.

**James A. Lofton**

Mr. Lofton has more than 25 years of experience working on behalf of the environment. For more than two decades, he served in the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Enforcement Section of the Department of Justice as Counsel to the Chief, Senior Counsel, and Trial Attorney, and strove to build common ground among stakeholders to resolve complex environmental issues. He has secured victories in multibillion-dollar environmental cases and has trained hundreds of U.S. Department of Justice attorneys at the National Advocacy Center. Mr. Lofton currently works for the Federal Aviation Administration as the Assistant Chief Counsel for Airports and Environmental Law.

Mr. Lofton was an Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy at Cambridge University, a Fulbright Scholar in Turkey teaching environmental law, and an adjunct professor at Washington & Lee teaching environmental law. He is also a member of the Virginia Army National Guard and U.S. Army National Reserve. He received his B.A. from VMI and J.D. from University of Richmond.

**Stella Koch**

Ms. Koch resides in Great Falls and is Chair of the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council, an appointed board which advises the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Ms. Koch has also served as past chair and present board member of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and the Virginia League of Conservation Voters Education Fund. Before retiring in 2015, Ms. Koch worked for the Audubon Naturalist Society as its Virginia Conservation Associate for more than 20 years. Prior to her tenure with Audubon Society, she was a biology teacher in Washington, D.C., receiving the National Association of Biology Teachers Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year Award in 1989. Ms. Koch has a B.S. degree in Biology from the University of Maryland and a M.A. degree in Education from Catholic University.

**Arthur J. Butt**

Dr. Butt worked for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the State Water Control Board (SWCB) from 1988-2015. During this period, he was the DEQ's

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Thomas H. Stoner

Bishop Eugene Taylor Sullivan

Attila L. Wurzel

Chesapeake Bay Senior Scientist and consultant to EPA's Chesapeake Bay Monitoring, Modeling, Toxics, and Living Resources Programs. He subsequently transitioned to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL program and successfully managed DEQ's Monitoring and Assessment Programs. During his state service, Dr. Butt gained expertise in a variety of watershed issues including water quality and standards development, TMDLs, permits, stormwater, toxics, living resources (including harmful algal blooms), and modeling.

Prior to 1988, Dr. Butt consulted on a wide variety of water quality and infrastructure projects, with special knowledge in seaport systems management, including dredging and Craney Island; water contamination and supply; fisheries, including oysters and harmful algal blooms; stream and wetland mitigation and restoration; permit management; and Environmental Impact Reports in Florida and Virginia.

Dr. Butt holds his doctorate degree in Fisheries Oceanography with a minor in Seaport Systems Management from Old Dominion University, and a M.S. in Marine Science and Wetland Ecology from University of West Florida.

In addition, CBF also strongly supports the re-appointment of **Roberta Kellam** to the State Water Control Board, as she has provided excellent advice and guidance on water-quality issues during her current tenure and provides a valuable voice representing citizens from Virginia's Eastern Shore.

We thank you for considering CBF's recommendations. Service on this Board is essential to the preservation of water quality and related environmental resources, and it demands work and commitment. We recognize the long service of Board Chair **Robert Dunn** in this regard.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 804/258-1481.

Sincerely,




Rebecca LePrell Tomazin  
Virginia Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Matt Strickler, Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources  
Lana Westfall, Director of Gubernatorial Appointments  
Margaret L. Sanner, Virginia Assistant Director & Senior Attorney, CBF

## Application (OASYS)

**Kajal Budhwar Kapur****General**

<b>Title or Prefix Name</b>	Dr.	<b>Applicant Status</b>	1 - New
<b>First Name</b>	Kajal	<b>Applicant Contact</b>	 Kajal Budhwar Kapur
<b>Middle Name</b>	Budhwar		
<b>Last Name</b>	Kapur		
<b>Suffix</b>			

**Contact Information**

<b>Home Phone</b>		<b>Home Fax</b>	
<b>Work Phone</b>		<b>E-Mail</b>	
<b>Mobile Phone</b>			

**Additional Info**

<b>Other Names / Aliases, Explanation</b>	I have used my maiden name Budhwar. I added my husband's last name (Kapur) to my name after marriage.
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<b>Requested Board Appointments</b>	State Air Pollution Control Board
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**Home Address**

<b>Address 1</b>		<b>State / Province</b>	
<b>Address 2</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>	
<b>City</b>			

**Work Address**

<b>Address Line 1</b>	401 East Market Street	<b>State / Province</b>	Virginia
<b>Address Line 2</b>	Executive Suite 31	<b>Zip Code</b>	22902



**Military Service**

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**Military Service Explanation**

**Military Honorable Discharge?** Not answered

**Military Discharge Explanation**

**Military Reserves / National Guard?**

**Military Obligation End Date?**

**Additional Experience**

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**Citizen Seat?**

**Citizen Seat Explanation**

**Previous Government Appointments**

**Questionnaire**

**Demographic Details**

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<b>Date of Birth</b>	8/4/1963	<b>US Citizenship?</b>	Y
<b>Gender</b>	F	<b>Ethnic Group Explanation</b>	Indian
		<b>Country</b>	India

**Disability**

**Vetting Questions**

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**Affiliations Explanation**

- United States Association for Energy Economics
- National Capital Area Chapter (NCAC), United States Association for Energy Economics
- Asian American Business Assistance Center (Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce)
- Virginia Association of Counties
- LinkedIn
- Key West Association (Neighborhood)
- Key West Association, Section VI (Neighborhood)
- National Facilities Management & Technology
- The Blue Book Building and Construction Network
- American Automobile Association
- Hilton HHonors
- Staples Rewards
- Borders Rewards
- Barnes and Noble
- United Mileage Plus
- Delta Frequent Flier
- Northwest World Perks
- TrueBlue JetBlue
- Sam's Club Advantage
- CVS ExtraCare Rewards
- UVA Intramural-Recreational Sports

**Business Relationship / Lobbying**

N

**Business Relationships / Lobbying Explain Citations?**

None  
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N

**Citations Explanation**

**Conviction?**

N

**Conviction Explanation**

**Controversy?**

N

**Controversy Explanation?**

**Controversial Views?**

N

**Controversial Views Explanation**

**Credit History?**

N

**Credit History Explanation**

**Current Charges?**

N

**Current Charges Explanation**



**Delinquencies?** N

**Delinquencies Explanation**

**Discrimination?** N

**Discrimination Explanation**

**Family Proceedings?** N

**Family Proceedings Explanation**

**Firm Charges?** N

**Firm Charges Explanation**

**Issues?** N

**Issues Explanation**

**Legal Proceedings?** N

**Legal Proceeding Explanation**

**Oppositions / Associations?** N

**Oppositions / Associations Explanation**

**Proceedings?** N


**Proceedings Explanation**

## Notes

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12/4/2018

Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - Service on Boards and Commissions



Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

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## Service on Boards and Commissions

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Cale Jaffe <cjaffe@law.virginia.edu>  
To: kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov

Thu, Mar 1, 2018 at 11:02 AM

Secretary Thomasson,

I am an environmental law professor at UVA Law School, and Director of the Environmental and Regulatory Law Clinic at UVA. I am interested in volunteering to serve on a governor-appointed board or commission. Nikki Rovner at TNC suggested I reach out to you. My resume is attached, and a narrative bio is online here: [www.law.virginia.edu/fac/caj5f](http://www.law.virginia.edu/fac/caj5f). I've also submitted my materials through the online portal on the appointments page.

My expertise is probably most applicable to the State Air Pollution Control Board, although I would happily consider other positions as well. The Virginia Outdoors Foundation, the Board of Conservation and Recreation, and the Virginia Offshore Wind Development Authority are all appealing. I might also be interested in the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority and Virginia Solar Energy Development and Energy Storage Authority. Of course, I would be happy to consider other needs as they arise.

Thanks for your consideration,

Cale

Cale Jaffe

Assistant Professor of Law, General Faculty

Director of the Environmental and Regulatory Law Clinic


University of Virginia School of Law

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(434) 924-4776

*Please make a note of the slight change in my email address to [cjaffe@law.virginia.edu](mailto:cjaffe@law.virginia.edu)*

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12/4/2018

Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - Air Board Nomination- Gail Bush, RN, MPH (candidate)



Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

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## Air Board Nomination- Gail Bush, RN, MPH (candidate)

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Strickler, Matthew <matt.strickler@governor.virginia.gov>

Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 9:30 PM

To: Benjamin Hoyne <ben@virginiaclinicians.org>

Cc: Kelly Thomasson Mercer <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>, "Navarro, Angela" <angela.navarro@governor.virginia.gov>

Thanks, Ben. Appreciate your input here. We will be in touch.

Matt

On Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 11:40 AM, Benjamin Hoyne <ben@virginiaclinicians.org> wrote:

Greetings,

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action is an organization comprised of over 200 health clinicians from across the commonwealth focused on solutions to the impacts of climate change on Virginians' health.

We understand there are some upcoming vacancies on the State Air Pollution Control Board effective July 1, 2018.

We would like to support the appointment of Gail Bush to one of the open seats.

Gail has been a long time advocate for clean air including several years on the American Lung Associations Mid-Atlantic Chapter Board of Directors.

Her resume is attached.

Please advise if there are steps we can take to assist the nomination process of Gail Bush to the Air Pollution Control Board.

Thank you,

Ben Hoyne

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Ben Hoyne, MA (Env. Policy), MBA

Director

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action

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VCCA is building a network of clinician leaders prepared to discuss how solutions to climate change protect the health of our patients and communities.

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Matthew J. Strickler  
Secretary of Natural Resources  
Commonwealth of Virginia

# Gail Bush

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Strong problem solving and decision making skills with the ability to develop and implement effective action plans. Proven ability to work well with individuals from various backgrounds while promoting team values. Excellent communication and written skills. Possesses exceptional productivity management, a propensity for organizational focus on quality, and multi-tasks with accuracy and attention to detail with strong initiative, energy, and confidence to complete projects. Uses considerable independent judgment to anticipate issues and resolve problems. Applies tact and diplomacy and practical knowledge of company policies, practices and procedures.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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6/2009- Present Inova Health System Falls Church, VA

*Clinical Manager (Interim from 2/2008-6/2009)*

- Provide direction and supervision of Respiratory Care Team Leaders, therapists, Respiratory Assessors/tracheostomy team, and equipment technicians
- Implement tracheostomy team resulting in improved outcomes
- Develop, revise, and implement department and system policies and procedures
- Maintain departmental compliance with mandatory hospital, state, and federal regulations
- Assure accuracy of bi-weekly payroll and staff evaluations
- Participate in capital purchase evaluation and recommendations
- Assure Team Leaders and Charge therapists maintain staff within budgetary guidelines
- Manage \$3.5m department inventory and supply

2003-2008 Inova Health System Falls Church, VA

*Education Coordinator*

- Developed, implemented, and coordinated a 12 month Internship and 10 month Fellowship program
- Provide over 50 hours of annual certified education to RT's.
- Provide over 450 hours of external education to physicians, nurses, and ancillary medical staff
- Coordinate Respiratory Therapy Staff education including: yearly skills fair, mandatory HIPPA requirements, Patient Safety Requirements, and disaster preparedness
- Provide intern and fellowship evaluations
- Develop and implemented training of new equipment and procedures

1997-2003 Inova Health System Falls Church, VA

*Staff Supervisor/Team Leader*

- Front line operational supervisor for staff of 16-28 Therapists
- First line response to in-house CPR, rapid response, emergency department trauma responder, and fire/oxygen emergency response.
- Organize staff workload and assignment to assuring staffing was maintained within budgetary guidelines

- Implemented quarterly reporting on missed therapy resulting in reduction of missed therapy by 10 %
- Developed and review policies and procedures
- Responsible for staff evaluations

1992-1997 Inova Health System Falls Church, VA

*Staff Therapist*

- Provide various modalities of respiratory therapy to all patient populations including: aerosol medication delivery, oxygen therapy, chest physiotherapy, arterial blood gas sampling and interpretation, implementation and monitoring of mechanical ventilation
- Researched and developed standard procedure for Nitric Oxide therapy

1994-1995 Nurses INC Falls Church, Va

*Respiratory Therapist*

- PRN RT assigned to various facilities throughout the NOVA area.

2003-2006 Northern Virginia Community College Springfield, VA

*Adjunct Clinical Instructor*

2004-2005 Health Fitness Cooperation Woodbridge, VA  
 (Sierra Military) 5838 North Pike Rd Duluth, MN 55811  
 (218)729-9206

*Smoking Cessation Counselor*

**EDUCATION**

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2017-Shenandoah University Winchester, VA

- MPH (candidate)

2006 Shenandoah University Winchester, VA

- B.S. Respiratory Therapy  
Summa Cum Laude

1992 Allegany College Cumberland, MD

- A.A. Respiratory Therapy

**CREDENTIALS/ AFFILIATIONS**

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- Virginia License # 0117001397
- RRT-NPS, CPFT, AE-C, BLS
- 2008-Present: American Lung Association Mid-Atlantic Leadership Board member



- Planning committee/Presenter-AE-C preparation course
- Planning Committee/Moderator-Lung Force Expo 2015-2018

- 2002-Present: Prince William County and Rappahannock Region Medical Reserve Corp: Member
- 2017 Member-Virginia Clinicians for Climate Change
- 2018 International Tracheostomy Symposium-Presentation
- 2017- Speaker/Moderator, Multidisciplinary CV and Thoracic Critical Care conference
- 2015 Respiratory Care Journal review of Manuscript ID RC-04093
- 2006 Respiratory Care Journal abstract presentation at AACRC Nationals

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**FYI - Jalone White-Newsome**

**Strickler, Matthew** <matt.strickler@governor.virginia.gov>  
To: Kelly Thomasson Mercer <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>  
Cc: "Castaneda, Maribel" <maribel.castaneda@governor.virginia.gov>

Wed, Oct 24, 2018 at 7:44 PM

Thanks.

On Wed, Oct 24, 2018 at 2:09 PM Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:  
Attached is a rec letter we received in 2015. Albert Pollard also weighed in on her behalf that year.

Kelly Thomasson

Secretary of the Commonwealth  
1111 E. Broad Street, 4th Floor | Richmond, VA 23219  
804.663.7761 direct | kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov  
<https://commonwealth.virginia.gov/>

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Matthew J. Strickler  
Secretary of Natural Resources  
Commonwealth of Virginia

May 15, 2015

The Hon. Levar Stoney  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
P.O. Box 2454  
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Secretary Stoney:

We are writing to share our enthusiastic recommendation for Dr. Jalonne White-Newsome to be appointed to the Air Pollution Control Board.

As you know, the Air Board will have a critical role to play in developing and approving Virginia's approach for compliance with the Clean Power Plan. The Air Board may ultimately determine whether Virginia steps forward to be a champion in reducing carbon pollution, or whether we fall behind and surrender the mantle of clean energy leadership to other states.

Dr. White-Newsome stood out to us for her expertise, commitment to environmental justice, and ability to value a wide array of perspectives. She has worked for regulated industries like Ferro Corporation, a manufacturer of ceramics, enamels, and other coatings. She is also familiar with academic and non-governmental organizations, having taught at George Washington University and earned a fellowship from the Union of Concerned Scientists. Perhaps most notably, she appreciates the hard work of DEQ staff, having herself worked for the Maryland Department of the Environment.

As is evident from her resume, Dr. White-Newsome is a bridge builder. With her husband, she co-founded a consulting firm, Empowering a Green Environment and Economy, Inc.—a firm whose very name echoes Governor McAuliffe's emphasis on clean-energy job creation. We are confident that Dr. White-Newsome would add immense value to the Air Board.

Sincerely,

Cale Jaffe  
Director, Virginia Office  
Southern Environmental Law Center

Walton C. Shepherd  
Staff Attorney  
Natural Resources Defense Council

Albert C. Pollard, Jr.  
Former Member  
Va. House of Delegates

Chelsea Harnish  
Energy Policy Manager  
Virginia Conservation Network

Dawone Robinson  
Virginia Policy Director  
Chesapeake Climate Action Network

Sarah Bucci  
Campaign Director  
Environment Virginia

Glen Besa  
Director  
Sierra Club-Virginia Chapter

Quan Williams  
Policy Associate  
New Virginia Majority

Kate Rooth  
Campaign Director  
Appalachian Voices

Cc: The Hon. Molly Ward, Secretary of Natural Resources  
Jennifer Sayegh

12/4/2018

Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - Recommendation of Andrew Reighart to the State Air Pollution Control Board



Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

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## Recommendation of Andrew Reighart to the State Air Pollution Control Board

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Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>  
To: Matthew Strickler <matt.strickler@governor.virginia.gov>

Wed, Oct 17, 2018 at 4:59 PM

FYI

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Office of Sen. Adam Ebbin <district30@senate.virginia.gov>  
Date: Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 4:31 PM  
Subject: Recommendation of Andrew Reighart to the State Air Pollution Control Board  
To: <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

Dear Secretary Thomasson,

Senator Ebbin would like to share this electronic copy of his recommendation of Andrew Reighart of Arlington to the State Air Pollution Control Board.

Best,  
Chris

**Christopher Leyen**  
Legislative Aide  
Office of Adam P. Ebbin  
Member, Senate of Virginia

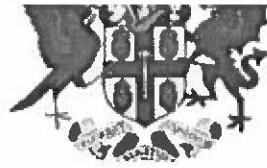
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October 9, 2018

The Honorable Ralph Northam  
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor Northam:

I strongly recommend that Andrew Reighart of Arlington be considered for appointment to the Air Pollution Control Board.

Andrew serves as a policy analyst within the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation, Clean Air Markets Division, Market Operations Branch. In this role, he develops technical and policy analyses, tools, and documents that support regulatory development, reporting and implementation of regulations such as Title IV of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR), seeking to limit sulfur dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, ozone, and particulate matter pollution in order to encourage nationwide attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). His position requires him to maintain highly effective professional relationships with EPA Regional offices and other EPA offices, state and local agencies, and interested parties outside of the government on regulatory and policy issues related to the operating permits programs.

Prior to becoming a career civil servant, Andrew amassed significant clean air and energy policy experience from academia, several federal agencies, and a regional non-profit. Andrew graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from St. Mary's College of Maryland, completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in public policy and political science with minors in biology, environmental studies, economics, and French. As an undergraduate student, Andrew served as student body president and student government senator, during which time, he advocated for the creation of and served on the board of the college's green revolving loan fund, which sought to invest in on-campus renewable energy generation and energy efficiency initiatives. While completing a study abroad semester in Paris, France, Andrew also worked full-time tracking green growth, energy and environment affairs at the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) through the U.S. Mission to the OECD. He later joined EPA's Office of Global Affairs and Policy as a Greater Research Opportunities Fellow, where he advanced cooperation on a multilateral finance initiative aimed at cutting black carbon pollution. His thesis focused on comparing national, state, and local carbon dioxide pollution pricing mechanisms in order to make recommendations for a federal carbon pricing policy with design features that would best attract broad, bipartisan political support.

After completing his undergraduate education, Andrew went on to complete his Master's of Public Policy degree from the University of Maryland School of Public Policy, where he specialized in environmental policy and wrote a capstone paper on the climate ramifications of liberalizing U.S. export policy on liquefied natural gas. Additionally, he completed significant research projects on the climate impacts stemming from gold mining-related deforestation in Peru and palm oil-related

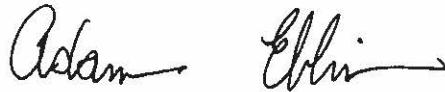
deforestation in Indonesia. As a graduate student, Andrew also worked for both the State Department's Bureau of Energy Resources and the U.S. Treasury's Office of Environment and Energy on projects related to clean energy finance. He also supported Dr. Elisabeth Gilmore's research on the economic cost of human mortality and morbidity stemming from climate change for the U.S. Global Change Research Program and prepared Dr. Nathan Hultman for public appearances on major news networks to help explain EPA emissions standards for new coal and natural gas plants that were announced under the Obama administration.

After earning his Masters, and immediately prior to starting his career at the EPA, Andrew worked as a fellow of the non-profit Chesapeake Climate Action Network, where he analyzed the economic and health impacts associated with Virginia's Clean Power Plan targets, conducted research on the intersections between climate change and urban poverty, and examined how increasing energy renewable generation could yield improvements in grid reliability.

Andrew possesses a deep understanding of the nexus between clean air and energy policies and the adverse economic and social impacts stemming from air pollution through a multitude of experiences that cover the public, non-profit, and academic sectors. He also has a record of successful leadership and superior academic achievement.

I renew my recommendation that Andrew Reighart be appointed to the Air Pollution Control Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adam Ebbin".

Adam P. Ebbin  
Member, Virginia Senate

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Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

## State Water Control Board Nominations

Strickler, Matthew <mall.strickler@governor.virginia.gov> Thu, Oct 25, 2018 at 6:01 PM  
To: "Castaneda, Maribel" <maribel.castaneda@governor.virginia.gov>  
Cc: Ann Jennings <ann.jennings@governor.virginia.gov>, Joshua Saks <joshua.saks@governor.virginia.gov>, "Karad, Meryem (GOV)" <Meryem.Karad@governor.virginia.gov>, Kelly Thomasson Mercer <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

Got it, thanks!

On Thu, Oct 25, 2018 at 2:11 PM Castaneda, Maribel <maribel.castaneda@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:  
Good afternoon Matt,

I wanted to let you know that the following have been nominated for the State Water Control Board. (The dates are when the letters or e-mails arrived to our office):

- **Rebecca LePrell TomazIn - Chesapeake Bay Foundation (4/13/2018)**
  - James A. Lofton
  - Stella Koch
  - Arthur J. Bull
  - Roberta Kellam
- **William H. Street - James River Association (6/22/2018)**
  - Kimball Payne
  - Paula Jasinski
  - Richard Parrish
- **Alice Scruby (7/10/2018)**
  - Roberta Kellam
- **Joan Farrell (7/10/2018)**
  - Roberta Kellam
- **Mayor Kenneth Alexander - Norfolk (6/29/2018)**
  - Theresa Whibley
- **Paul D. Fraim - Lawyer and Former Mayor of Norfolk (6/26/2018)**
  - Theresa Whibley
- **US Representative Gerald E. Connolly - (6/1/2018)**
  - Stella Koch
- **Barry DuVal - Virginia Chamber (4/9/2018)**
  - Robert Dunn
- **Delegate Mark Keam - (3/22/2018)**
  - Desiree Di Mauro
- **Delegate Sam Rasoul - (6/6/2018)**
  - Martin Morrison
- **Nancy K. Stoner - US EPA (6/13/2018)**
  - Ellen Gilinsky

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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## Appointments follow-up

Karad, Meryem <meryem.karad@governor.virginia.gov>  
To: "Wynn, Courtney" <courtney.wynn@governor.virginia.gov>  
Cc: Kelly Thomasson Mercer <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov>

Mon, Oct 29, 2018 at 5:14 PM

Hey guys! Sorry I was in and out of the office and missed this!

Matt can do the following:  
Thursday, Nov 1st at 2:30pm  
Friday, Nov 2nd anytime before noon.

Thanks,  
Meryem

On Mon, Oct 29, 2018 at 10:15 AM Wynn, Courtney <courtney.wynn@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:  
Hey Meryem,

I just wanted to follow up on Kelly's email wanting a meeting with her, Matt, and Maribel regarding the air and water boards. Does Matt have any openings or availability this week to meet?

On Thu, Oct 25, 2018 at 3:32 PM, Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

Meryem,  
I think it would be helpful to have a follow-up meeting with Matt next week/when he has time soon (re: Air & Water boards). Can you and Courtney please figure out a time?

Thanks!

Kelly Thomasson

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**Accepted: Mtg re Appts @ Thu Nov 1, 2018 2:30pm - 3:30pm (EDT) (meryem.karad@governor.virginia.gov)**

Thomasson, Kelly <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov> Wed, Nov 7, 2018 at 2:36 PM  
To: Meryem Karad <meryem.karad@governor.virginia.gov>, Maribel Castaneda <maribel.castaneda@governor.virginia.gov>, Courtney Wynn <courtney.wynn@governor.virginia.gov>

Meryem,  
Can we get back on the schedule to talk about Air & Water boards? Remember we canceled last week and gave him the folder of info to review instead; but need to get together to discuss the folder and make decisions!

Thanks!

Kelly Thomasson

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On Tue, Oct 30, 2018 at 8:30 PM Kelly Thomasson <kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

**Kelly Thomasson has accepted this invitation.**

**Mtg re Appts**

**When** Thu Nov 1, 2018 2:30pm – 3:30pm Eastern Time - New York

**Calendar** meryem.karad@governor.virginia.gov

- Who**
- meryem.karad@governor.virginia.gov - organizer
  - kelly.thomasson@governor.virginia.gov
  - matt.strickler@governor.virginia.gov
  - maribel.castaneda@governor.virginia.gov

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