



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Public Information Bulletin

Regional Public Hearings on the Governor's Proposed Budget

Overview of the Hearings

- **Date of Hearings:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022
- **Type of Hearings:** All hearings will be conducted in a virtual online format using Zoom.
- **Number of Hearings:** 4 Virtual Hearings by Region of the State:
Northern Virginia Western Virginia Hampton Roads Central Virginia (Richmond)
- **Hearings Start Time:** All hearings will begin at 10:00 AM.
- **Hearings End Time:** After all registered speakers have been heard or no later than 4:00 PM.

Registering to Speak at the Hearings

- **Registration Period:** The public may sign up to speak for one of the virtual public hearings on Tuesday January 4, 2022, beginning at 7:00 AM through 4:00 PM.
 - Please check the House Appropriations or Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee websites for the latest information on registration closer to the registration date.
Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee Website (<http://sfac.virginia.gov>)
House Appropriations Committee Website (<http://hac.virginia.gov>)
 - You may only register for one of the hearings.
 - After you register online, you will receive an email with a link for you to access the Zoom meeting beginning at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Please check the House Appropriations or Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee websites prior to the hearing start time to see the order of the public speakers and an estimated time range for when you will likely be called to speak.
 - Members of the General Assembly will participate in the hearing for the Region they represent so members of the public may choose the appropriate hearing for where they live. If the hearing where you live is full, you may sign up for a different location.

- It is possible that due to the number of signups, registration may reach full capacity, however, you may still submit public comments online or send them by mail (see details below).
- **Please note** that if you are signing up someone else to speak that you must use a unique email for each registration. If you use the same email address, it will replace the previous registration.

How to Watch the Public Hearings

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

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

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

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

- If you cannot attend a virtual public hearing or do not have access to a computer or the Internet, your comments are welcome, by no later than January 5, 2022, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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Senator Janet D. Howell
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