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Meetings Subcommittee of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council

Monday, July 7, 2025
11:00 AM
House South Subcommittee Room, Room 210
General Assembly Building

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PROPOSED AGENDA (Annotated)

1. **Call to Order.**

2. **Bill referred for study.** *As you may recall, the FOIA Council directed the Subcommittee to study several issues, beginning with SB 876 (Ebbin), which was referred to the Council by the 2025 Session of the General Assembly (summary below). The Subcommittee heard from Senator Ebbin and interested parties at its meeting on June 16, 2025 but made no final recommendation. Instead, the Subcommittee asked that interested parties submit comments by June 30, 2025, for consideration at today's meeting. The Subcommittee also directed that the bill be the only agenda item for today's meeting.*

   SB 876 (Ebbin) **Virginia Freedom of Information Act; notice of public meetings; proposed agenda required.** Requires public bodies subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to include a proposed agenda and any subsequent revisions to be posted on the public body's official public government website, if any, and made available to the public prior to the meeting. The bill provides that any items added to the agenda after the meeting commences may be considered and discussed at the meeting, but final action shall not be taken on such an item unless the matter is time-sensitive.

3. **Stakeholder meetings.** Philip F. Abraham of the Vectre Corporation raised the issue of stakeholder group meetings at the state level where the groups did not include members of a state public body's governing board or any agency heads, but consisted solely of interested parties. He noted that different agencies treat these groups differently, with some treating them as public bodies that must adhere to FOIA's meetings rules and others saying these groups are not public bodies. He asked that the

issue be studied with an eye toward addressing these meetings in the definitions section of FOIA. *The Subcommittee considered this issue at its meeting on June 16, 2025 and decided it would like to hear from affected state agencies at a future meeting. Mr. Abraham indicated he would provide a list of agencies so their representatives could be invited to the next meeting of the Subcommittee.*

4. **Discussion.**

5. **Recommendations.**

6. **Other Business.**

7. **Schedule next meetings.** *At its last meeting the Subcommittee decided to reserve the afternoon of Monday, August 18, 2025, for its next meeting.*

8. **Adjournment.**

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