Commission on Federally Recognized Tribes

September 22, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

House Room B-205, General Assembly Building

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Agenda

This meeting may be viewed *here*.

1. Call to order

2. Recap of prioritization from last meeting and actions taken since last meeting

Tier One Bills

- *Definitions & Sovereignty: HB 368 (Krizek) / SB 356 (McDougle)*
- *Consultation: HB 367 (Krizek) / SB 353 (McDougle)*
- *Conservation Easements: HB 134 (Simon) / SB 422 (Stuart)*
- *Commission Extension: HB 140 (Krizek)*

Tier Two Bills

- *In-State Tuition: HB 287 (Simonds) / SB 456 (Stuart)*
- *Department of Emergency Management: HB 349 (McLaughlin) / SB 481 (Marsden)*

Flagged for Further Discussion

- *Department of Medical Assistance Services: HB 851 (Krizek) / SB 483 (Marsden)*
- *Indigenous Peoples' Day - HB 858 (Cousins)*
- *Indian Child Welfare Act Incorporation*

Other Items

3. Discussion - Conservation easements

Heather Richards, Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Region and Virginia Director, The Conservation Fund

Brett Christina Glymph, Executive Director, Virginia Outdoors Foundation

4. Discussion - Uniform State Indian Child Welfare Act

Valerie L'Herrou, Deputy Director of the Center for Family Advocacy and Staff Attorney, Virginia Poverty Law Center

5. Introductions

Alexandria Brown, Senior Advisor to the Chief Deputy Director, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services

Roger Kirchen, Director, State Historic Preservation Officer, Virginia Department of Historic Resources

6. Open discussion and next steps

7. Agenda setting / future meeting dates

8. Public comment

9. Adjournment

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