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(In Order of Appearance)

The Honorable Sean T. Connaughton Secretary of Transportation Commonwealth of Virginia

Sean T. Connaughton is Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Virginia serving in the cabinet of Governor Bob McDonnell. He oversees six agencies with over 10,000 employees and combined budgets of more than \$4 billion.

Prior to joining the McDonnell administration, Connaughton served as Corporate Vice President, Government Affairs for the American Bureau of Shipping, one of the world's leading ship and marine classification societies

He was named U.S. Maritime Administrator by President George W. Bush in 2006. As Maritime Administrator, Connaughton was head of the Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, and responsible for the daily management of that agency and its promotional programs for the marine transportation industry. He served as Chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors from 2000 – 2006.

Connaughton is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He has served the U.S. Coast Guard as both a commissioned officer and as a civil servant in the Office of Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection. He has a Master's degree from Georgetown University and a law degree from George Mason University. He lives with his family in Northern Virginia.

Mary Doswell Senior Vice President of Alternative Energy Solutions Dominion Resources

Mary C. Doswell is senior vice president-Alternative Energy Solutions.

Her responsibilities include enhancing and expanding Dominion's focus on "smart grid" technologies, energy efficiency, and alternative energy generation in conjunction with the appropriate business units.

She previously served as senior vice president-Regulation & Integrated Planning, and president and chief executive officer of Dominion Resources Services Inc.

Doswell joined Dominion's Virginia Power subsidiary as an economist. She has held leadership positions in several Dominion operating units, including Regulation, Market Research, Forecasting, Market Analysis and Planning, Marketing, Corporate Center Restructuring, Corporate Strategy, Construction and Customer Service, Metering Services, and Billing and Credit. She assumed her current position on April 1, 2009.

She received her B.A. degree in physics cum laude from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. She received a master's degree in Materials Engineering, with a concentration in econometrics, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She also attended the Darden Executive Development Program at the University Of Virginia Graduate School Of Business in 1996.

She serves on the board of directors of Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia, Power Tagging Technologies, Inc., Venture Richmond, Sustainable Transportation Initiative of Richmond, St. Catherine's School Foundation, Theatre IV, and the Virginia Commonwealth University Rice Center for Environmental Life Sciences. Doswell also is a member of the Richmond Ballet Corporate Council, and is president of the Poseidon Swimming Foundation.

Jane Norwood Kusiak
Executive Director, Council on Virginia's Future

Ms. Kusiak is the Executive Director of the Council on Virginia's Future, which is chaired by the Governor. In addition to the Governor, membership includes the Lieutenant Governor and representatives from the General Assembly, business community, and the Governor's Cabinet. A signature initiative of the Council is Virginia Performs, a performance leadership and accountability system for state government.

For over twenty-five years, Ms. Kusiak has served the Commonwealth of Virginia in senior leadership and policy positions in the legislative and executive branches, including the House Appropriations Committee, the Governor's Office, and the Joint Commission on Health Care as its first Executive Director.

Ms. Kusiak has served on a number of boards, including Retreat Hospital, Virginia Health Information, and Women's Health Virginia. She currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Virginia Health Care Foundation and as a member of the Advisory Board for the University of Virginia School of Nursing.

In 1992, Ms. Kusiak received the Outstanding Woman in Government Award from the Richmond Metropolitan Area YWCA; and in 2009, she and the Council received an Excellence in Virginia Government Award from the Virginia Commonwealth University's Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs.

Ms. Kusiak holds a Bachelor of Science degree in hospital administration from Ithaca College and a Master of Arts degree from St. Louis University.

Ms. Kusiak has been married to Tom Kusiak for twenty-three years and has two children, Emily who is twenty-two and Brian who is twenty-one.

Charles W. (Buck) Ward
President, Segway of Richmond

A serial entrepreneur, Charles W. (Buck) Ward has started and managed 8 diverse companies over the past 30 years. These range from those focused on facility services to technology startups mostly in the area of mobile robotics to, most recently, the exclusive Segway dealer for central Virginia.

Segway of Richmond's mission is providing alternative transportation systems to municipalities, university campuses, military bases and large self contained residential communities. The company currently sells the Segway Personal Transporter, used by many consumers as a primary means of commuting to and from work and also used by many police and security departments around the country. Given the growing urban issues of parking and congestion and the emphasis on sustainability, the company is well positioned to offer unique eco-friendly transportation solutions at a time when critical environmental concerns are becoming increasingly important.

Mr. Ward is founder of and currently serves as President of Segway of Richmond. He also is the co-founder of and chair of Project STIR, the Sustainable Transportation Initiative of Richmond, an advocacy group that is supporting Richmond's efforts to become a national leader in integrated alternative transportation modalities and choice.

William H. Leighty
Partner
DecideSmart, LLC

Until September of 2007 Bill served as Chief of Staff to Governors Kaine and Warner of Virginia.

As Chief of Staff, Bill served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Commonwealth. In 2005, *Governing* Magazine named Virginia the "Best Managed State in the Nation" and in 2007, *Governing* Magazine named him one of the nine "Public Officials of the Year."

Prior to serving as Chief of Staff, Bill was the Director of the Virginia Retirement System, where he led the agency to three consecutive United States Senate Productivity Awards. In July of 2008, Bill completed a performance review of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, a \$52 billion pension system. Recently, Bill also completed an engagement with the Scottish Executive; advising the government on how to implement a national performance management system.

Bill joined state government after serving in the United States Marine Corps. Bill graduated from Mary Washington College in 1978, and holds an MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University.