

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE
VIRGINIA COAL AND ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY
BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Virginia Coal and Energy Research and Development Advisory Board was established in 1977 by the enabling legislation for the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research, and the legislation requires approval by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors of new appointments, reappointments, and changes in the membership of the advisory board; and

WHEREAS, one proposed new appointment is Mr. Michael Skiffington; and

WHEREAS, one proposed reappointment is Mr. Michael Onifer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skiffington is the Chief Operating Officer for the Virginia Department of Energy and holds a B.S. in business administration from Old Dominion University and a law degree from George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Onifer retired in 2015 from the position of interim chief operating officer at CNX Gas Corporation and has a B.S. in mining engineering from Virginia Tech;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Skiffington be appointed as a new member of the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research and Development Advisory Board beginning January 1, 2026, ending on December 31, 2028; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Onifer be reappointed as a member of the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research and Development Advisory Board beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Visitors approve the above appointment and reappointment to the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research and Development Advisory Board.

November 18, 2025