

Called to order 1730 hours – Josh Grim, David Newell, Todd Dyer, Jason Curtis, Ben Zimmerman, Wade Collins, Tom Jordan, LJ Logan, Paul Logan, Larry Logan, Patrick Haymore, John Simpson attending

Good and welfare

- David Newell attended The Hazmat Guys conference in Key West and made some good contacts for our conference

Approval of Fall '25 minutes – motion John Simpson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wade Collins, Motion carries unanimously

Treasurer's report

- New website will make it easier to invoice teams for membership
  - If you need invoices please let the treasurer know through the email on the website

Old Business

- Changes at VDEM
  - John Scrivani will be the permanent State Coordinator of Emergency Management
  - Cheryl Atkins (Lee) will be the Chief Deputy State Coordinator
  - VDEM doing a minor reorganization and will have an operations and administrative division moving forward
    - Andy Johns will be the Chief of Operations
  - Brian Thurman retired from VDEM January 31, 2026

New Business

- Website Update
  - Will become a networking and training portal
  - New website that will be tracking vendors and membership
  - Current members will get their login information through email as they are ported from the old website to the new
- 2026 Conference Update
  - Started getting payments from vendors for fall conference
    - Payment portal for vendors and sponsors went live today
  - Been meeting with Sarah and we're ahead of schedule for 2026
  - Sarah's employee Tia will be working with Rick Edinger for marketing of the conference
- Membership report
  - Nomination of Life Members
    - Brian Thurman
  - Vote on Previous Life Member Nominations (Vote delayed from Fall 2025 due to not having a spring 2025 meeting)
    - motion to accept all three nominees below by Todd Dyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wade Collins, motion carries unanimously
      - Mike Christley

- Rob Philips
    - Chris Wagner
  - Nomination of Honorary Members - none
- Committee Reports
  - Legislative
    - Still trying to get HMOs on hazardous duty supplement, VAHMRS will continue to support the effort
    - There is a lot of legislation going on for the fire service, little that's specific to hazmat
  - Scholarship and Grants
  - Training
    - York County Training Facility Update
      - Training center demolition completed, new construction will begin in the next couple of weeks
    - Norfolk Southern Safety Train coming to a few spots in Virginia this spring
    - CSX is also interested in providing training in the Commonwealth
    - Federally funded NDPC courses are shut down at the moment due to the government shutdown
      - There will be pressure on VDEM to provide additional training to make up for the lack of available federal training
    - VDEM has 18 of 26 weeks scheduled for classes in the first half of 2026

Open Agenda - none

Meeting adjourned – motion Todd Dyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Simpson – Meeting adjourned 1752