



Commission on Civic Education

August 21, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Room C

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The Commission on Civic Education (the Commission) met with Senator Jennifer B. Boysko, chair, presiding.¹ The meeting began with opening remarks from the chair followed by presentations and discussion. Materials presented at the meeting are accessible through the [*Commission's meetings webpage*](#).

Review of Potential Alternative Bill Draft for HB 2052 (Green, 2025)

Ryan Brimmer, Lead Senior Attorney, Division of Legislative Services

Mr. Brimmer provided the Commission with a potential alternative bill draft for HB 2052 (Green, 2025). Based on the Commission's prior discussion of the bill at the May 19, 2025 meeting, Mr. Brimmer prepared a Section 1 bill that directs the Department of Education to update its instructional guide for the grade 12 Virginia and United States Government Standards of Learning no later than the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year to include a variety of resources on and a detailed explanation of the purpose, role, responsibility, and identity of local constitutional officers and local governing bodies, including city councils, town councils, boards of supervisors, and school boards. The Commission did not vote on the proposed draft to make it an official recommendation of the Commission.

Commission-Sponsored Civic Education Website

Lucile Miller, Subcommittee Chair, Website Subcommittee

Ms. Miller explained the subcommittee's position on moving forward with securing a partnership to establish a website for the Commission. Under current law, the Commission has a webpage on the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) website. However, the Commission's webpage has not been updated in recent years and is not administered or maintained by the Commission. Ms. Miller also mentioned potential funding sources. A representative from the Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP) was present to answer questions on how their website could host and promote the Commission's webpage if it were hosted on VPAP's website.

¹ **Members Present:** Senator Jennifer B. Boysko (chair), Delegate Atoosa R. Reaser (vice-chair), Senator David W. Marsden, Delegate Candi Mundon King, The Honorable James H. Dillard II, Lucile Miller, Randy Pearson, Dr. Alice L. Reilly, Adam Wallach

Members Absent: Delegate Delores Oates, Marilyn Hill, Glen H. Hoptman, Terese Matricardi, Benson Redman, Jeff Walters, Steve Weddle

2025 Teacher Summit Planning

The Honorable James H. Dillard II, Subcommittee Chair, Subcommittee 1

Dr. Alice L. Reilly, Subcommittee #1

Mr. Dillard provided a brief update to the Commission on the status of the 2025 Teacher Summit. The date for the summit is Tuesday, November 18, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and it will be located at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. Christonya Brown provided an update to the Commission on the registration form for the summit created and monitored by VDOE. Ms. Brown solicited feedback from members about the information currently on the draft registration form and any additions to it. Commission members also discussed hosting multiple summits throughout the year in different parts of the Commonwealth and/or moving the summit to a different parts of the Commonwealth each year, recording the summit, and livestreaming the event for even more live participation.

George Mason University Civics Education Course

Senator Dave Marsden, Commission Member

Dr. David Ramadan, Professor of Practice, George Mason University

Senator Marsden provided the Commission with an update on the creation of a two-semester civics education course at George Mason University (GMU). Dr. Ramadan presented an overview of the course, which included weekly topics of study, a course credit breakdown, and the grading structure. Dr. Ramadan also stated that if additional funding for the course could be secured, there was matching funding available, and such funds would be used to secure payment for teaching assistants. This in turn would expand class sizes and thus the exposure students throughout the Commonwealth would have to the course. The Commission also suggested that the final course be distributed to community colleges in Virginia.

Public Comment

Members of the public were given a chance to speak regarding the information presented at the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission was not scheduled.



For more information, see the [*Commission's website*](#) or contact the Division of Legislative Services staff:

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