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## Manufacturing Development Commission

June 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

General Assembly Building, Senate Room 305/A

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The Manufacturing Development Commission (the Commission) met in Richmond with Delegate Rozia Henson, Jr., chair, presiding.<sup>1</sup> The meeting began with introductions and opening remarks by the outgoing chair, Senator Angelia Williams Graves. Materials presented at the meeting are accessible through the [Commission's meetings webpage](#).

### Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The members elected Delegate Henson as chair and Senator Williams Graves as vice-chair of the Commission.

### Adoption of Virtual Meeting Policy

The Commission re-adopted its virtual meeting policy for the 2026 interim.

### Report on 2026 Session Legislation

*Marvi Ali, Senior Attorney, Division of Legislative Services*

Ms. Ali provided an overview of two bills that passed during the 2026 Session related to manufacturing: HB 67 (Feggans)/SB 25 (Carroll Foy), relating to workforce development in the offshore wind industry, and HB 672 (Maldonado)/SB 256 (McPike), relating to minimum energy and water conservation standards for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning facilities and home appliances.

### Presentation by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade

*The Honorable Carrie H. Chenery, Secretary of Commerce and Trade*

Secretary Chenery presented an overview of updates on commerce and trade, the administration's focus, and Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) target industries. Updates included the launch of the Governor's Comprehensive Economic Development Policy Process, designation of a new Chief Energy Officer, development of a Virginia Energy Plan framework, and four recent executive orders regarding commerce and trade. She gave an overview of VEDP target industries, first discussing factors assessed, then identifying updated industry scopes, including aerospace and defense, life sciences, and food and beverage manufacturing, as well as new target industries, including the energy supply chain, building materials, and industrial machinery. She concluded with a breakdown of the regional distribution of target industries throughout the Commonwealth.

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<sup>1</sup> **Members Present:** Delegate Rozia A. Henson, Jr. (chair), Senator Angelia Williams Graves (vice-chair), Delegate Michael Feggans, Delegate Margaret Angela Franklin, Delegate Fernando J. Martinez, Secretary Carrie H. Chenery, Dr. Dawit Haile, Kimberlee Humphrey, Brett Vassey, the Honorable Mike Watson, Amy White  
**Members Absent:** Senator Lamont Bagby, Senator William M. Stanley, Jr., Delegate Robert S. Bloxom, Jr.

## Public Comment and Other Business

There were no public commenters. The members discussed potential topics for the interim work plan.

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