

Legislative Task Force on Transparency in Publicly Funded Animal Testing Facilities

Patrick Henry Building, East Reading Room
1111 E. Broad St. Richmond

July 26, 2024
9 AM – 12 PM

Participants Agenda

Overview

This Commonwealth Legislative Task Force was created during the 2023-24 General Assembly session. The actual legislative language is shown in the printed copies of the enacting legislation (VA Code Chapter 675 S 411). The main purpose is to identify potential deficiencies in publicly funded animal testing facilities, as that term is defined in §3.2-6593.2 of the Code of Virginia.

Furthermore, the Task Force is to recommend methods and context for making certain information about such animal testing facilities publicly available, including information pertaining to instances of noncompliance with federal animal welfare regulations, guidelines, or policies, as well as the care, use and approximate numbers of animals used for research, education, testing, or other experimental, scientific, or medical purposes by each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, including animals not covered by the federal Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. §2131 et seq.).

8:45 Coffee

9:00 Welcome & Task Force Protocol

Joe Guthrie, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Dr. Paul Smith, Senior Associate for Student Mobility Policy and Research
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

9:30 IEN Overview and Agenda Review

Kelly Altizer, Associate Director of Operations, Institute for Engagement & Negotiation (IEN)

Mike Foreman, Special Projects Manager, IEN
Meredith Keppel, Senior Associate, IEN

9:40 Task Force Member Introductions

Kelly Altizer and Mike Foreman

- *Name / Organization*
- *Connection to this topic*
- *What does success for this Task Force look like to you?*

10:20 Break

10:30 Requests for Working Together

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10:40 Group Discussion

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In your view, what, if any, deficiencies are there in transparency around publicly funded animal testing facilities?

What is working well, or what are areas that might need improvement?

11:30 Summarize Themes and Next Steps

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11:45 Public Comment Period

Commissioner Guthrie

12:00 Adjourn