

Southeast Compact Commission Annual Meeting DRAFT Minutes

June 18, 2024

The Commission met on June 18, 2024, at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront at 2101 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA, 23451. Chairman Donna Hodges noted that a quorum of the Commission was present, and she called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present

Donna Hodges (Chairman), Cason Coan, Karl Frost, Paul Burks, Ron Rogers, Debra Shults, Jack Storton, and Lea Perlas

Staff Present

Tom Hansen

Also Present

Jim Craig, Les Foldesi

Public Comment Pertaining to Agenda

No members of the public were present except for guest speakers and their invitees.

Approval of Minutes

Paul Burks made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023, annual meeting. Jack Storton seconded the motion, and Chairman Hodges called for a vote on the motion which was unanimously approved.

Staff Report

Tom Hansen, Executive Director, reviewed the agenda items for the meeting and offered a presentation covering the following topics:

- Welcome to new Commissioner and Alternate from the State of Mississippi – Ron Rogers and Jim Craig
- Disposal site updates – no significant updates
- Meetings and conferences attended
 - 68th Annual HPS Meeting/NRRPT BOD; National Harbor, MD; July 23-27, 2023
 - WM2024 Program Development Meeting; Scottsdale, AZ; September 16-19, 2023
 - LLW Forum Fall Meeting/Disused Sources Working Group; Salt Lake City, UT; October 2-5, 2023
 - RP-ALARA/NRRPT BOD Meeting; Key West, FL; January 27-30, 2024
 - 2024 Waste Management Symposia; Phoenix, AZ; March 9-14, 2024

- LLW Forum Spring Meeting/Disused Sources Working Group; Orlando, FL; April 2-5, 2024
- Upcoming meetings and conferences
 - 69th Annual HPS Meeting/NRRPT BOD; Orlando, FL; July 7-12, 2024
 - WM2025 Program Development Meeting; Litchfield Park, AZ; September 8-10, 2024
 - LLW Forum Fall Meeting/DSWG; Reno, NV; October 9-11, 2024
 - RP-ALARA/NRRPT BOD; Key West, FL; January 2025
 - 2025 Waste Management Symposia; Phoenix, AZ; March 9-13, 2025
 - LLW Forum Spring Meeting/DSWG; Odessa, TX; April 9-11, 2025
 - 2025 SECC Annual Meeting Planning; Knoxville, TN; April 2025
 - 2025 Radwaste Summit; Las Vegas, NV; June 2025
 - 2025 SECC Annual Meeting; Mississippi; June 2025
- Policy Updates – deferred to presentation by Dan Shrum, Executive Director of the Low-Level Waste Forum

Treasurer’s Report

Secretary/Treasurer Paul Burks summarized discussions that were had the previous day by the Finance Committee in its meeting. Key updates were as follows:

- As of June 2024, the Commission’s assets are valued at \$20,691,846.02.
- The Commission’s expenditures in fiscal year 2024 will be less than what was budgeted. This is due largely to the fact that \$80,000 that was budgeted for disused sources was not spent and Commission travel was considerably less than budgeted.
- The Commission’s financial advisor, Raymond James, estimates that \$516,549.04 of revenue will be generated by the Commission’s assets in fiscal year 2025. This income would exceed the proposed budget for the upcoming year.

State Reports and Liaison Reports

Each member state was provided a few minutes to speak on items of interest. Items related to the Commission’s mission are concisely summarized below.

- **Alabama** – Cason Coan provided Alabama’s report. Staffing continues to be a challenge in Alabama, and Alabama is considering being the host state for a pilot program of the LLW Forum’s Disused Sources Working Group. The pilot program would examine the feasibility of tracking Category III sources. Karl Frost reported that he will be retiring soon and thus resigning his position on the Commission and as its incoming Chairman.
- **Florida** – No report.
- **Georgia** – Paul Burks provided Georgia’s report. Vogtle nuclear power units 3 and 4 are now operating in the region.

- **Mississippi** – Ron Rogers provided Mississippi’s report. The state’s radiological control program remains on probation with NRC but is improving. The state is also increasing its licensing fees.
- **Tennessee** – Debra Shults provided Tennessee’s report. Tennessee’s Nuclear Energy Advisory Council continues to seek opportunities to build upon the state’s legacy in nuclear innovation and has demonstrated interest in fusion, nuclear energy advancement, and small modular reactors. The state’s radiological control program is reviewing a proposal from EnergySolutions to take back foreign casks and utilize them for reuse.
- **Virginia** – Lea Perlas provided Virginia’s report. Although staffing challenges were reported at previous meeting, Virginia’s radiological control program is now fully staffed. Small modular reactors are of particular interest in Virginia due to BWXT being in the state.

The following concise reports were made from the liaisons with professional organizations with which the Commission associates.

- **Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD)** – Virginia Commissioner Lea Perlas provided the liaison report. Topics covered during CRCPD’s last meeting were Part 61 rulemaking and fusion.
- **Health Physics Society (HPS)** – Tom Hansen provided the liaison report but noted that he is not aware of any HPS pursuits related to low-level radioactive waste management beyond interest in proposed updates to 10 CFR 61.
- **Organization of Agreement States (OAS)** – Tennessee Commissioner Debra Shults provided the liaison report. She reported that updates to 10 CFR 61 were the main OAS topic related to the Commission’s concerns.
- **Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and Southern States Energy Board (SSEB)** – No report.

New Business

- **Report of the Finance Committee.** Paul Burks, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that his Treasurer’s report earlier conveyed the important information that was discussed by the Committee during its meeting the previous day. He recommended that the Commission adopt a resolution that shows that the Commission is authorized to secure credit and borrow money to secure a credit card from PNF. He stated that officers that would be elected later that day would be added as signatories to the Commission’s accounts and that the Truist checking and credit card accounts would be closed once these items were complete.

Following his report, Paul Burks made a motion that the Commission adopt the following resolution for purposes of obtaining a new credit card.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the Southeast Interstate Compact for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management that in accordance with Article VII, Section 8 of the By-Laws of the Commission, the Commission empowers its Executive Director to obtain a corporate credit card via its bank, Pinnacle Financial Partners, this 18th day of June, 2024.

Debra Shults seconded the motion. Chairman Hodges call for a vote on the motion which was unanimously approved.

Action Item – Tom Hansen will prepare a document containing the resolution and Paul Burks will sign it.

- **Report of the Administrative Committee.** Jack Storton, Chairman of the Administrative Committee, stated that the Committee had met the previous day and had the following recommendations:
 - As Karl Frost will be retiring on or about October 1, identify a person to complete his term as Chairman
 - Draft a letter recognizing Mike Mobley for his years of service to the Commission
 - Adopt the draft policy for records retention
 - Implement changes to the process for Hodes Award nomination to increase the number of nominees
 - Have the Executive Director find a suitable location in MS for the next annual meeting

Debra Shults made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Administrative Committee. Lea Perlas seconded the motion. Chairman Hodges call for a vote on the motion which was unanimously approved.

Action Item – Tom Hansen will accomplish the items recommended by the Administrative Committee and will seek assistance from the Commission’s officers where required.

Jack Storton also presented a proposed FY 2025 budget of \$363,422 as follows and recommended that the Commission approve the budget.

RENT	\$200
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.....	\$50,500
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$1,500
POSTAGE AND PRINTING	\$200
TELEPHONE.....	\$240

motioned that he be given a \$2,000 bonus to keep up with cost-of-living increases. Lea Perlas seconded the motion. Chairman Hodges called for a vote, and the motion was unanimously approved. No other action was taken during executive session.

- **Officer Elections**

- Paul Burks nominated Debra Shults to complete Karl Frost's term as incoming Chairman. Jack Storton seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Chairman Hodges called for a vote, and Debra Shults was unanimously elected to serve as the Commission's Chairman.
- Debra Shults nominated Lea Perlas to serve as the Commission's Chair-elect. Paul Burks seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Chairman Hodges called for a vote, and Lea Perlas was unanimously elected to serve as the Commission's Chair-elect.
- Debra Shults nominated Paul Burks to serve as the Commission's Secretary/Treasurer. Jack Storton seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Chairman Hodges called for a vote, and Paul Burks was unanimously elected to serve as the Commission's Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present except for guest speakers and their invitees; thus, there was no public comment except as described under other business.

Adjournment

Debra Shults moved to adjourn the meeting and Paul Burks seconded the motion. Chairman Hodges called for a vote, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:15 pm.