

AGENDA
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SESSION 1: ORIENTATION – THE POLITICS OF OUR REGION / THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

A primer on regional government and politics.

- 4:00 p.m. **ChamberRVA / 919 East Main Street, Suite 1700, RVA 23219**
Welcome, introductions and a program overview with **Richard Wintsch**, vice president of leadership development & engagement, and **Mark Hickman**, senior manager of government & community affairs, ChamberRVA.
- 4:30 **Thad Williamson**, associate professor of leadership and philosophy, politics, economics and law, and former director of the Mayor’s Office of Community Wealth Building, will offer an introduction to regional government and politics, and the opportunities and challenges facing our region.
- 5:15 Meet and greet with your classmates, Chamber leadership and special guests.
- 6:00 Adjourn.

SESSION 2: ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL / THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Assessing, running and serving in the local landscape.

- 9:30 a.m. **Richmond City Hall / 900 East Broad Street, RVA 23219**
Observation Deck, 19th Floor
Grant Neely, the Mayor’s Chief of Staff, will take us on a unique verbal and visual “tour” of the cityscape’s history and how Richmond’s past continues to shape its future.
- 10:30 a.m. **City Council Chambers**
Convene in City Council Chambers with **City Council President Michelle Mosby**, who will speak to the city’s shifting constituency, how City Council makeup paints a similar shift, and what role young professionals can and need to play moving forward.
- 11:15 a.m. Welcome **Henrico County Board of Supervisors Chairman Tyrone Nelson**, who will discuss running for office and bringing a different perspective as one of the county’s newest and youngest members of the Board of Supervisors.
- 12:00 p.m. **UR Downtown / 626 E. Broad Street, Suite 100**
Enjoy a roundtable lunch discussion at the University of Richmond Downtown with **Chesterfield County School Board Member John Erbach** and **Richmond School Board Members Jeffrey Bourne and Kristen Larson**, who will talk about the role of School Boards in our local government, and running for and serving in public office as parents and professionals.
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn.

SESSION 3: THE PURPOSE OF POLITICS / THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

What it means to be an elected leader.

- 9:00 a.m. **ChamberRVA / 919 East Main Street, Suite 1700, RVA 23219**
Bill Murray, managing director of corporate public policy at Dominion Resources, will offer an introduction to the General Assembly, the advocacy process and various opportunities to engage at the local and state levels.
- 10:00 a.m. **General Assembly Building (GAB) / 910 Capitol Street, RVA 23219 (walking distance)**
Jay Braxton, assistant clerk for the House of Delegates, will take the class on a tour through the GAB – see where all the action happens!
- 11:00 a.m. Meet with **Senator Glen Sturtevant** and **Delegate Lashrecse Aird** in *5th Floor East Conference Room* for a roundtable discussion on what it means to be a political leader.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch with **Delegate Peter Farrell**, one of the youngest elected officials serving in Virginia’s legislature.
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn

SESSION 4: PREPARING FOR YOUR POLITICAL JOURNEY / THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

So you want to be a political leader. Now what?

- 9:00 a.m. **Alliance Group / 2201 West Main Street, RVA 23220**
Tom Shields, director at the Center for Leadership in Education and an assistant professor at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at University of Richmond, and **Chris Winslow**, elected to the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors in 2015, will share different perspectives and experiences on the basic framework for getting ready to run for elected office—what’s involved and how you can do it.
- 10:00 a.m. Elected officials cannot do it all themselves – particularly under Virginia’s part-time structure – and that is where the role of the lobbyist comes into play. **Katie Hellebush**, vice president – government affairs with Alliance Group and **Dietra Trent**, Virginia Deputy Secretary of Education and experienced political expert, will illustrate the positive and vital role lobbyists play in the political process, providing research and education to elected officials to help them craft public policies that work.
- 11:00 a.m. **Karin Addison**, director at Troutman Sanders Strategies, has over 15 years of experience lobbying the Virginia General Assembly and Executive Branch offices. Karin will share what it takes to make a career in the lobbying world.
- 12:00 p.m. **Hunton & Williams / Riverfront Plaza East Tower, 20th floor, 951 East Byrd Street, RVA 23219**
Closing luncheon and discussion with Chamber leadership and **Heidi Abbott** who leads civic engagement, government relations and external affairs for Hunton & Williams LLP.
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn.



BONUS OPPORTUNITY: EXCLUSIVE SESSION AT REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

You will be invited to an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour and talk with special guests at the Greater Richmond Chamber's annual Regional Legislative Reception at the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS).

Details to be announced after the conclusion of this year's Politics 101 program.

CONFIRMED LEADERS & EXPERTS:

Karin Addison, Director, Troutman Sanders Strategies

Lashrecse Aird, House of Delegates, Virginia General Assembly

Heidi Abbott, Counsel, Hunton & Williams LLP

Jeffrey Bourne, Chair, City of Richmond School Board

Jay Braxton, Assistant Clerk, House of Delegates

John Erbach, School Board, Chesterfield County

Peter Farrell, House of Delegates, Virginia General Assembly

Katie Hellebush, Vice President – Government Affairs, Alliance Group

Kristen Larson, School Board, City of Richmond

Michelle Mosby, President, Richmond City Council

Bill Murray, Managing Director of Corporate Public Policy, Dominion Resources

Grant Neely, Mayor’s Chief of Staff, City of Richmond

Tyrone Nelson, Chair, Henrico County Board of Supervisors

Tom Shields, Director of the Center for Leadership in Education and Assistant Professor, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond

Glen Sturtevant, Senate of Virginia, Virginia General Assembly

Dietra Trent, Deputy Secretary, Virginia Department of Education

Thad Williamson, Associate Professor, University of Richmond, and former Director of the Mayor's Office of Community Wealth Building, City of Richmond

Chris Winslow, Board of Supervisors, Chesterfield County