At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Van Clief called the regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) to order.

Commissioner Miller moved approval of the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Van Clief moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 31, 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

During the public comment period, approximately 5 participants gave their opinion regarding the proposed Historical Horse Racing regulations and other matters.

During the report from the Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA), Jeb Hannum gave an overview on the race meet at Shenandoah Downs.
Chairman Van Clief moved to approve the request from The Virginia Gold Cup Association for approval of simulcast outlets taking the International Gold Cup Races from Great Meadow Race Course. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

At 10:23 a.m., the Commission went into closed session “I move that the Virginia Racing Commission convene a closed meeting under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss the Regulatory Process for the purpose of obtaining legal advice, a matter lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under Section 2.2-3711(a)(8) of the Virginia Code. The following non-members will be in attendance to aid in the discussion: Stephen Cobb, Robert Drewry, and David Lermond.” The motion for approval was made by Chairman Van Clief and seconded by Commissioner Miller. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Returning from closed session, at 10:52 a.m., “I move that the Virginia Racing Commission’s closed meeting, pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(8), be adjourned and the Commission return immediately to open session and WHEREAS, the Virginia Racing Commission has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and WHEREAS, § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Commission that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virginia Racing Commission hereby certifies that, to the best of each Commissioner’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia laws were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Virginia Racing Commission.” Certified by the Commission, the vote was: Miller, aye; Reynolds, aye; and Chairman Van Clief, aye.

Chairman Van Clief moved to approve adoption of Final Emergency Regulations for Historical Horse Racing. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Miller welcomed Robert Drewry as new counsel for the Virginia Racing Commission.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.