

**COMMISSION ON VASAP
QUARTERLY MEETING**

March 28, 2025

Minutes

Attendance:

Commission Members:

Senator Richard H. Stuart, Chairman
Mr. John L. Saunders, Vice Chairman
The Honorable George D. Varoutsos
The Honorable Gino W. Williams
Ms. Pat Eggleston
Ms. Margaret Steele
Ms. Loren Ashley Cole

Teleconference:

Senator Scott A. Surovell
Ms. Krystal Hullette

Absent:

Delegate Patrick A. Hope
Delegate James A. Leftwich, Jr.
Delegate Rae C. Cousins
Delegate Atoosa R. Reaser
The Honorable Mary Jane Hall

Commission Staff

Ms. Angela Coleman, Executive Director
Ms. Rosario Carrasquillo
Ms. Shelby Edwards
Mr. Glen Miller
Mr. Christopher Morris
Ms. Charlene Motley
Ms. LeAnne Turner

Office of the Attorney General

Ms. Janet Baugh

Time and Place

The quarterly meeting of the Commission on Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) was conducted in Senate Room A at the General Assembly Building in Richmond, Virginia on March 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Senator Richard H. Stuart, Chairman, presided and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Ms. Angela Coleman, Executive Director, called roll of the Commission Members.

Approval of the Minutes

Due to the absence of a quorum, voting on approval of the minutes from the December 6, 2024, meeting will occur at the next Commission meeting on June 6, 2025.

Special Recognition

Recognition of Mr. John L. Saunders, Vice Chairman

Ms. Coleman recognized Mr. John L. Saunders, Vice Chairman as a valuable member of the Commission on VASAP. Mr. Saunders served as Director of the Virginia Highway Safety Office and as a member of the executive team at DMV since 2003. Nationally he has served on the Governors Highway Safety Association and is an accomplished retired naval officer. Ms. Coleman thanked Mr. Saunders for over 20 years of service to the Commission on VASAP.

Senator Stuart presented Mr. Saunders with an award in appreciation of dedicated service and commitment as a member of the Commission on VASAP since 2007.

Mr. Saunders thanked the commission and shared it has been his honor to serve. He recognized the commission members, staff and the local ASAP offices for their dedication to highway safety.

Recognition of Ms. Pat Eggleston

Ms. Coleman recognized Ms. Pat Eggleston as a valuable member of the Commission on VASAP. Ms. Eggleston's life work of dedication to her community and helping others has been

long standing. From her professional career as a retired registered nurse to her community activism and church work. She has served on a local human trafficking team and volunteered with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for over 20 years. Ms. Coleman thanked Ms. Eggleston for 20 years of service to the Commission on VASAP.

Senator Stuart presented Ms. Eggleston with an award in appreciation of her dedicated service and commitment as a member of the Commission on VASAP since 2005.

Ms. Eggleston shared her appreciation for the opportunity to have served on the commission. She said that while we hear a lot of statistics regarding drunk driving, the numbers we do not hear are the number of lives that are saved because of the program. Ms. Eggleston thanked the Commission, commission staff and local programs for their dedicated service.

Legislative Review

Mr. Christopher Morris, Special Programs Coordinator, provided an update on the following bills:

- SB1006 – Passed General Assembly and signed by the Governor. Allows individuals to pre-enroll in ASAP and have the ignition interlock installed pre-conviction allowing for interlock credit.
- SB1392- Passed General Assembly and signed by the Governor. Makes the primary option of the restricted license 12 months with interlock as the only restriction.
- HB2096 – Intelligent Speed Assistance Program – The device will allow for an alternative to license suspension. Mr. Morris shared that two commission staff members have the device installed on their personal vehicles to provide feedback.

Intelligent Speed Assistance Device Presentation

LifeSafer President Michael Travars presented to the commission the intelligent speed assistance device which uses GPS and onboard maps to determine speed limits and prevent vehicles from operating at higher speeds. Senator Stuart thanked Mr. Travars and expressed his support of the device.

Remote Alcohol Monitoring Discussion Follow-Up

Mr. Morris provided the background on the process in which the Remote Alcohol Monitoring Device contracts are obtained as well as the certification process of the device to include the ability of contracted vendors to work with certified sub-contractors. Mr. Morris shared that Mr. Wayne Renfrow with Commonwealth Alcohol & Electronic Monitoring Inc. is currently using a device that is not certified in the state and is not from a contracted company. The device, by Buddi Electronic Monitoring Services, was not available for distribution until a year after contracts were awarded. Mr. Morris provided an alternative to Mr. Renfrow in sharing with him that Securus Monitoring is contracted with the state of Virginia, has a commission-certified device, and they do not currently have any sub-contractors. Mr. Renfrow expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to get in contact with Securus Monitoring.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Coleman presented the Executive Director's report.

Valley ASAP

Ms. Coleman provided the commission with a summary of events of Valley ASAP. In August of 2023, Valley ASAP was failing to meet certification standards. There was also numerous phone calls received from judges in the servicing area complaining of inadequate services of the Valley ASAP. The ASAP at that time was also functioning with little to no staff. By September of 2023, Valley ASAP did not have any employees. To ensure continuity of services to clients, commission staff stepped in to provide services to the courts and clients in the servicing areas of Augusta, Buena Vista, City of Staunton, Highland, Lexington/Rockbridge and Waynesboro and . In November 2023, the Valley ASAP Policy Board dissolved. Commission staff continues to provide services to the courts and clients in the areas of Highland, Lexington /Rockbridge and Buena Vista.

Ms. Coleman reported that on December 5, 2024, a check was received from the City of Staunton in the amount of \$20,439.41 for unexpended revenue as a result of the closure of Valley ASAP and the dissolution of the policy board.

At the end of December, Ms. Coleman reported that a resolution was received from the City of Staunton requesting that the unexpended revenue of the Valley ASAP provided to the Commission on VASAP be returned to disperse to the servicing localities of Augusta, Buena Vista, City of Staunton, Highland, Lexington/Rockbridge and Waynesboro.

Ms. Coleman reported that the commission has expended a total of \$150,498.27 in expenditures and commission staff labor hours.

Senator Stuart asked Ms. Coleman if she had a recommendation. Ms. Coleman recommended that the funds not be returned and that they remain retained by the state treasurer to offset the expenditures incurred. No action was taken by the Commission. The funds will not be returned.

Shamrock The Block

Ms. Coleman reported that on March 15, 2025, commission staff set up a booth at the Shamrock the Block festival in Scott's Addition to promote the Drive Sober message. The message was seen on both people and, in some instances, pets throughout the event. Many attendees returned with Drive Sober items they had received at last year's festival from the VASAP booth, demonstrating the lasting impact of the campaign.

Thousands were in attendance to the event which featured a variety of alcoholic beverages, making it an ideal opportunity to partner with vendors to help distribute the message. The VASAP booth was strategically located right next to the area where alcohol was being served, ensuring the message was front and center.

Ms. Coleman extended her thanks to Ms. Ashley Cole, Director of John Tyler ASAP, and her staff for their valuable support during the event.

Annual Training Conference

Ms. Coleman shared that the VASAP Annual Training Conference will be held on August 6 & 7, 2025. The save the date was sent out to the local program directors. She reported that the

conference will be held in the Tidewater area. The request for proposals was put out a few months ago and contracts are still being negotiated to obtain the state per diem.

Interlock Summary Report

Ms. Coleman shared the interlock summary report.

Election of New Vice Chair

Senator Stuart stated that, in the absence of a quorum, the election of the new Vice Chair has been deferred to the next scheduled meeting.

2025 Meeting Date

June 6
September 19
December 5

Adjournment

There being no further business, Senator Stuart, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Senator Richard H. Stuart, Chairman