

SOUTHERN VIRGINIA COMMITTEE



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AGENDA

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**Hilton Downtown Richmond
Miller-Rhoads-Gerhart Rooms
501 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219**

**Monday, January 6, 2025
2:30 P.M.**

If participating in the meeting by phone, dial: **1-332-249-0607** and enter access code: **328 396 15#**.

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Welcome and Call to Order

Mr. Walter “Buddy” Shelton, Chair

Call of the Roll

The Honorable James Campos, Executive Director

Approval of the 9/25/2024 Minutes
(published on website)

Mr. Walter “Buddy” Shelton, Chair

Public Comment

Extensions and Modifications

Ms. Emily Van Pelt, Grants Assistant – Southern

Other Business

The Honorable James Campos, Executive Director

Adjournment

Southern Virginia Committee

January 6, 2025

The Southern Virginia Committee will meet on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. to consider the extension of one existing grant.

Institute for Advanced Learning and Research

Controlled Environment Agriculture; Increasing and Diversifying Agribusiness in Southern Virginia (#3590)

Current Project End Date: 1/31/2025 - 1 Year Extension Requested

Staff Comments: This \$365,520 grant from January 2020 is to support a Postdoctoral Research Assistant for 3 years, 3 conferences and workshops, and greenhouse supplies/materials. There remains a balance of \$146,630. The grant was originally delayed due to COVID but has since had much success. CEA Summit East events in 2022, 20223, and 2024 served as prominent gatherings, with attendees from across the country and worldwide. These summits emphasized industry-academia collaborations, featuring trade show exhibitions, media coverage and support from Matt Lohr, Virginia Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry and Governor Glenn Youngkin. Many of the grant outcomes have been achieved.

A fifth year extension was granted last year to support CEA Summit East 2024, roadmap expansion planning support, marketing and a new CEA conference for entrepreneurs. The new CEA conference for entrepreneurs was postponed due to the RISE Collaborative Conference that had a CEA component. This event is now planned for Spring 2025. A sixth year extension is requested by IALR to support the new conference, CEA Summit East in October 2025, another grower and extension agent workshop and supplies and materials.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends a final one-year extension to January 31, 2026.