

Agenda
Art and Architectural Review Board
January 9, 2026, at 10:00 am
Patrick Henry Building, East Reading Room
1111 E. Broad St, Richmond, VA 23219

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

1.2 PUBLIC COMMENT

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) / Big Survey Work Center
(Final Approval)

Demolition of 1970's brick house and outbuildings to restore to natural habitat. Note this is just demolition and trail work. DWR has chosen not to move forward with work center currently.

2.2 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) / 1221 E Broad Street Parking Lot Guard Shack
(Final Approval)

The project consists of demolishing an existing condenser unit and guard rail; installing a premanufactured, packaged guard shack by Guard Building Inc.; and installing additional site lighting & site bollards. The guard shack will be fabricated and assembled off-site and delivered to the project site, similar to mechanical equipment.

2.3 Virginia Tech (VT) / Kentland Farms MAAP Modular Unit
(Final Approval)

The project, located at Kentland Farm west of Virginia Tech's main campus in Blacksburg, will support ongoing operations of the Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership (MAAP) at the FAA-designated UAS Test Site. The proposed work includes the installation of a 12-foot by 50-foot (512 square foot) prefabricated modular office unit that will provide workspace and storage to support unmanned aerial systems research, testing, and

regulatory development activities. The modular unit is a factory-built, work-trailer–style structure intended to function as program infrastructure. The modular design allows the facility to remain adaptable to evolving program needs over time.

2.4 Virginia Tech (VT) / Shed Replacement at Middleburg Agricultural Research and Extension Center

(Final Approval)

Three agricultural storage sheds at the Middleburg Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AREC) were severely damaged by wind and determined to be beyond repair. This project proposes the demolition of the damaged sheds and the installation of three replacement agricultural storage sheds. Each replacement structure will measure approximately 23 feet by 16 feet, with a height of 14 feet, and will be constructed with a wood frame consistent with the functional and operational requirements of the site.

2.5 Virginia Tech (VT) / Modular Unit at Southern Piedmont Agricultural Research and Extension Center

(Final Approval)

This project proposes the installation of a 24-foot by 50-foot, single-story prefabricated modular housing unit at the Southern Piedmont Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AREC) in Blackstone, Virginia. The new residence will replace former modular units that were previously located on the site and have since been surplus, thereby restoring essential on-site housing accommodations for personnel.

2.6 University of Mary Washington (UMW) / Replacement of Press Box

(Final Approval)

Replacement of existing Press Box, a 2-story, prefabricated metal structure.

2.7 Virginia Community College System (VCCS) / Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus CP Parking Garage Safety Fencing

(Final Approval)

Wire mesh is to be installed on floors three and above for the Annandale Parking Garage. The proposed wire mesh will be affixed to the existing spandrels. Two Illuminated Signs will also be installed on the southwest corner of the Annandale Parking Garage on the sixth (6th) Floor.

2.8 Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) / Omega Psi Phi Commemoration Marker

(Final Approval)

Granite monument to be placed on a lawn area near Shafer Court.

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Virginia Tech (VT) / Virginia Tech-Carilion School of Medicine

(Preliminary Approval)

The new School of Medicine facility, approximately 122,726 gross square feet, will be constructed on land contributed by Carilion Clinic and will house modern instructional, clinical, and collaborative spaces designed to support active learning and interdisciplinary engagement. Program elements include lecture halls, team-based learning rooms, clinical simulation suites, anatomy and instructional laboratories, testing and study spaces, administrative offices, and shared commons such as a student life suite, café, and central atrium designed to encourage collaboration and wellness. A structured parking and service level will be integrated into the site's existing grade to preserve a pedestrian-focused entry and campus setting while minimizing the building's visual impact on surrounding streetscapes.

3.2 George Mason University (GMU) / Basketball and Academic Performance Center (RAC Addition)

(Final Approval)

The project consists of a 14,000sf gymnasium renovation and a two-story, 30,000sf addition. This work will expand an existing gymnasium to accommodate two basketball courts and add locker rooms, lounges, coaching offices, a strength and conditioning room, and an academic center. The addition will have very simple massing: an upper-level volume with a flat roof, will consist of insulated metal panels and ample glazing; a perforated metal screen will provide solar shading and unify the expression of the volume. Situated on a sloping site, the lower level will be partially below-grade; its material palette and expression will make a direct connection to its landscape: site retaining walls, plaza, stairs, and the building enclosure will share material expression in cast-in-place concrete. Discrete openings in the envelope strategically admit natural light to lower-level program, and a two-story, expressive lobby link the two levels together and register on the exterior as a moment of building identity.

3.3 Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) / Grace and Laurel Residence Center

(Final Approval)

The project consists of new construction for student housing, with the ground floor containing ancillary program elements such as retail, dining, and a mail center to serve the campus. The dining and retail spaces will be provided as shell space to be designed and developed under a separate contract. The building height in stories is broken into two masses. Each tower contains suite room types. The west tower is 14 floors, and the east tower is eight stories. The building has an area of 338,850 gross square feet per CPSM 6.1.2.2 and is classified as construction type I-A modified, non-combustible. It is

non-separated mixed use with a primary occupancy of Residential (R-2) with other occupancies being Assembly (A-2 and A-3), Business (B), Mercantile (M), Storage (S-1) and Residential (R-1). The building structure is a poured-in place concrete frame. The two stair wells and elevator/stair well core will also be poured-in-place concrete to assist lateral stability with the structure.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4.1** The next AARB meeting will be held on Friday, February 6, in the Patrick Henry Building in the East Reading Room.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED