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October 3, 2025

The Honorable Kelly Gee
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Patrick Henry Building
[1111 East Broad Street](#)
[Richmond, Virginia 23219](#)

re: Interim Appointments Due October 1, 2025

Dear Secretary Gee:

As Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Privileges and Elections, we write to request the immediate communication of all interim appointments by the Governor to boards and commissions requiring confirmation by the General Assembly.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-406(A), your office is required to periodically present to the chairmen of our committees a list of the names of all persons appointed by the Governor that require confirmation by the General Assembly. Specifically, the statute requires that such lists be presented by June 1, August 1, October 1, and December 1, and include the names of all persons so appointed since adjournment or since the last required report, the position to which appointed, and the person whom the appointee will succeed. The October 1 report is now overdue.

In August, your office reported names to us 13 days late. In conversations surrounding that report, we are aware that your office may have decided that it has no obligation to provide this report while the General Assembly is convened in special session although you elected to follow the law and report interim appointments to us in August and every other deadline between then and the Governor's Inauguration in 2022. However, we disagree with this interpretation. Section 2.2-406(A) explicitly states that reports shall be provided "during the interim between sessions of the General Assembly." The statute makes no distinction between regular sessions and special sessions in defining when these reporting obligations are suspended. Rather, it refers broadly to "sessions" and requires reports to be made "during the interim between sessions."

Notably, this interpretation—that the reporting requirement applies during all periods between regular sessions regardless of special sessions—has been consistently followed by your administration since Governor Youngkin's inauguration in 2022, and indeed by every Virginia governor preceding him. This longstanding practice reflects the proper understanding of the statute's plain language and intent: to ensure that the General Assembly's constitutional role in confirming gubernatorial appointments is not impeded by lengthy gaps in information.

Article V, Section 10 The Constitution of Virginia authorizes the General Assembly to determine the confirmation process for gubernatorial appointees and we required this information pursuant to HB2144 which was passed in 2005. The House and Senate Privileges and Elections Committees take seriously its obligation to objectively and fairly evaluate nominees and follow clear precedent, and compliance with the nomination process allows the committee to fulfill that role.

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We therefore request that you provide our committees with the complete list of interim appointments as required under § 2.2-406(A), including all appointments made since the last report that have not yet been communicated to our committees no later than Monday, October 6, 2025.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to receiving the required information without further delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Rouse".

Senator Aaron Rouse
Chair, Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcia Price".

Delegate Marcia "Cia" Price
Chair, House Committee on Privileges and Elections

cc: Senator Scott A. Surovell, Senate Majority Leader
Senator L. Louise Lucas, President Pro Tem
Senator Mamie Locke, Senate Caucus Chairman
Speaker Don Scott
Delegate Charniele Herring, House Majority Leader
Clerk Susan Clarke Schaar
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