

**Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)
Quarterly Meeting
Embassy Suites - Richmond
Glen Allen, Virginia
November 6, 2025
1300**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Robert Trimmer, Chairman	Noah Hillstrom	Michael Berg	Ed Rhodes -VAFR
Mark Barenklau, Secretary	Byron Andrews, Vice Chair	Linwood Pulling	Daniel Linkins -OEMS
Greg DeYoung			Dr James Giebfried -APTA of VA
Jeff Grimm			Ali Akbar -Greene County EMS
			Joseph Williams -REMS
			Lara Taylor -REMS

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I. Call to order/Welcome:	The meeting was called to order at by Chairman Trimmer at 1300, Quorum confirmed. Motion to approve today’s agenda motion by Grimm second by Barenklau, approved.	No further action is required
II. Introductions:	Introductions of all in attendance and Welcome address by Chairman Trimmer Chairman Trimmer expressed his appreciation to the VAOEMS staff for all their assistance.	No further action is required
III. Approval of Minutes:	The July 31, 2025, minutes were approved as submitted. Motion by DeYoung, second by Barenklau, approved.	No further action is required
IV. Committee Business: 1. OEMS Report	Michael Berg: VAOEMS representative report, Attached.	No further action is required

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<p data-bbox="142 321 420 344">2. Unfinished Business</p> <p data-bbox="184 383 415 406">Workgroup reports</p>	<p data-bbox="472 383 1575 620">Greg DeYoung Application workgroup: The volunteer assigned to the workgroup was unable to attend due to a family emergency. The workgroup came up with several suggestions to improve the application process, the report is attached. Several suggestions involve the financial section of the application including a standard financial form recommended to be added. If specific manufacturers should be mentioned or move to a drop-down system for equipment categories. Also discussed raising the minimum line-item amount of \$500 as well as eliminating the option for agencies to request the 100% funding level unless the submission is for emergency funding, (disallow for standard grants). All the workgroup suggestions would require the involvement of VAOEMS IT.</p> <p data-bbox="472 659 1558 711">Motion to eliminate the 100% funding option starting with the Spring Cycle for standard applications. Motion DeYoung, second Grimm, approved.</p> <p data-bbox="472 750 1583 867">Jeff Grimm Review Process Workgroup: Still in progress and isn't completed enough to report today. The VDH uses the composite index formula which the workgroup has found is flawed. The workgroup found multiple localities with the same index but, the localities are very different socioeconomically. The composite index system was created in 1976 and has never been updated.</p> <p data-bbox="472 906 1579 1019">Robert Trimmer Funding Tier workgroup: It is still a work in progress and will relate to the categories being worked on by the application workgroup. I believe it will be very beneficial to the program when finished. The workgroup discussed sun setting the special initiatives listed in the RSAF program, several are no longer top priorities. In the future all special initiatives will include an end date.</p>	<p data-bbox="1612 932 1995 1016">All Workgroups will continue the process and advise at the next meeting</p>
<p data-bbox="142 1146 344 1169">3. New Business</p>	<p data-bbox="472 1146 1562 1198">Annual review and approval of the virtual meeting policy. Motion DeYoung, second Trimmer, motion passed.</p> <p data-bbox="472 1237 1579 1321">Michael Berg: Meetings next year are looking to be held at the Hanover Public Safety Training Center. February 6th, 2026, 1000</p>	<p data-bbox="1612 1237 1940 1260">No further action is required</p> <p data-bbox="1612 1357 1940 1380">No further action is required</p>
<p data-bbox="92 1422 327 1445">V. Public Comment:</p>	<p data-bbox="472 1422 533 1445">None</p>	<p data-bbox="1612 1422 1940 1445">No further action is required</p>

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VI. Date of Next Meeting:	All meetings are at 10:00 am unless otherwise indicated: December 4 th , 2025, at 1000, Location ODEMSEA	No further action is required
VII. Adjournment	Motion to adjourn 1330	No further action is required