

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NEW APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO  
THE VIRGINIA COAL AND ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
ADVISORY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Coal and Energy Research and Development Advisory Board was established in 1977 by the enabling legislation for the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research, and the legislation requires approval by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors of new appointments, reappointments, and changes in the membership of the advisory board; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed *new appointments* are Mr. Michael Duman and Dr. Steven A. Keim; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed *reappointments* are Mr. George Mason, Esquire and Mr. J. Michael Onifer; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Duman is director, Business Development at Huntington Ingalls Industries and has a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Keim is the president of Marshal Miller and Associates, has a B.S. and Ph.D. in mining and minerals engineering from Virginia Tech, and is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mason is the principal of the George Mason Law Firm, PSC, in Lexington, Kentucky, has a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Kentucky, and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts of Kentucky and Virginia, Southern District of West Virginia, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Sixth Circuits, and the U.S. Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Onifer retired in 2015 from the position of interim chief operating officer at CNX Gas Corporation and has a B.S. in mining engineering from Virginia Tech;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Michael Duman and Dr. Seven A. Keim be appointed as new members to the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research and Development Advisory Board beginning September 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mr. Mason be reappointed to the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research and Development Advisory Board beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024; and that Mr. Onifer be reappointed to the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research and Development Advisory Board beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Visitors approve this resolution appointing Mr. Michael Duman and Dr. Steven A. Keim and reappointing Mr. George Mason and Mr. J. Michael Onifer to the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research and Development Advisory Board.

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