

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE VIRGINIA CENTER FOR COAL AND ENERGY RESEARCH**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research was established in 1977 by the Code of Virginia ([§23.1 Article 3](#)), and the legislation requires that the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors appoint an executive director for the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research.

**WHEREAS**, Interim Director, Kramer Luxbacher left Virginia Tech in July 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Erik Westman is proposed for appointment as Interim Executive Director; and

**WHEREAS**, Erik Westman is professor and interim department head in Mining and Minerals Engineering; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Erik Westman be appointed as interim executive director of the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research beginning August 23, 2022, until such time as a permanent executive director is identified.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Visitors approve this resolution appointing Dr. Erik Westman as Interim Executive Director of the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research.

August 22, 2022