

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF 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 approve the appointment of the center's executive director, and;

WHEREAS, Professor Dr. Erik Westman served as the center's interim director until July 2023; and

WHEREAS, Associate Professor Nino Ripepi is a faculty member in Mining and Minerals Engineering and serves as the center's deputy director; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the appointment of Dr. Nino Ripepi as interim executive director of the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research be approved beginning on September 1, 2023 and until such a time as a permanent executive director is identified.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Visitors approve the appointment of Dr. Nino Ripepi as interim executive director of the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research.

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