

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE VIRGINIA COAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Coal 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**, three proposed new appointments are Mr. Bob Jessee, Mr. Scott Kreutzer, and Mr. Lance Wimmer; and

**WHEREAS**, three proposed reappointments are Mr. Kevin Elkins, Mr. George Mason, Jr., and Dr. Victoria Ratliff; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jessee is vice president for Generating Assets for Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power and holds a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kreutzer is senior vice president and chief administrative officer for Ramaco Resources and holds a B.A. from Transylvania University and a Juris Doctor from Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wimmer is senior project engineer at Coronado Global at the Buchanan Operations and holds a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Virginia Tech and a M.S. in Mining & Minerals Engineering from Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Elkins is vice president of mining at Appalachian Technical Services, Inc. who received an M.B.A. from King University, an M.S. in environmental engineering from Marshall University Graduate College, and a B.S. in mining engineering from Virginia Tech; 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**, Dr. Ratliff is a sponsored programs consultant at Virginia Highlands Community College and interim vice president of instruction at Wytheville Community College who received an Ed.D. in education leadership from Liberty University, an M.B.A. from Morehead State University, a B.S. in business administration from Tusculum College, and an A.A.S. from Mountain Empire Community College.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Jessee, Mr. Kreutzer, and Mr. Wimmer be appointed as new members of the Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Board beginning January 1, 2025, ending on December 31, 2027; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mr. Elkins, Mr. Mason, and Dr. Ratliff be reappointed as members of the Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Board beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Visitors approve this resolution appointing Mr. Bob Jessee, Mr. Scott Kreutzer, and Mr. Lance Wimmer and reappointing Mr. Kevin Elkins, Mr. George Mason, and Dr. Victoria Ratliff to the Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Board.

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