



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**AGENDA DATE:** 7/11/2018

**TITLE:**

Public Recreational Facilities Authority (PRFA) Name Change

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Public hearing to consider PRFA's requested name change to Albemarle Conservation Easement Authority

**ITEM TYPE:** Regular Action Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Herrick, Gast-Bray, Maliszewski, Clark

**PRESENTER (S):** Andy Herrick

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Yes

**REVIEWED BY:** Jeffrey B. Richardson

**BACKGROUND:** The Albemarle County Public Recreational Facilities Authority (PRFA) accepts, holds, and administers open-space land easements throughout the County under the Virginia Open-Space Land Act. At its February 22 meeting, the PRFA asked staff to explore changing the name of the Authority to the Albemarle Conservation Easement Authority (ACEA) to better describe its purpose. Because the requested name contains the word "authority," it is permissible under *Virginia Code* § 15.2-5602(A). However, the name must be reflected in the Authority's Articles of Incorporation, which in turn requires Board of Supervisors' review and approval at a public hearing.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** *Natural Resources Stewardship:* Thoughtfully protect and manage Albemarle County's ecosystems and natural resources in both the rural and development areas to safeguard the quality of life of current and future generations.

*Rural Area Character:* Preserve the character of rural life with thriving farms and forests, traditional crossroad communities, and protected scenic areas, historic sites, and biodiversity.

**DISCUSSION:** The attached memo from Authority Chair Dr. Hamilton Moses, III (Attachment A) explains both the work of the Authority and its rationale for seeking the proposed name change.

Staff has prepared the attached draft Amended Articles of Incorporation (Attachment B) for review and approval. Except for the initial recitals, the proposed new name, and the listing of current members, the draft Amended Articles largely track the Authority's existing original Articles.

As required by *Virginia Code* § 15.2-5602(B), the Articles set forth:

1. The name of the Authority and the address of its principal office.
2. A statement that the Authority is created under the Public Recreational Facilities Authorities Act.
3. The name of each participating locality.
4. The names, addresses and terms of office of the first members of the Authority.
5. The purpose or purposes for which the Authority is to be created.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** No budget impact is expected.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Following a public hearing, staff recommends approving the proposed amendments to the Authority's Articles of Incorporation, changing its name to the Albemarle Conservation Easement Authority (ACEA).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A - Explanatory memo from Authority Chair Dr. Hamilton Moses, III
- B - Proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation