

2026 Virginia County Board Chairpersons' Institute



Friday, February 6, 2026 | Saturday, February 7, 2026

Breakout Sessions at VACo Headquarters

Meals and Accommodations at the [**Omni Richmond Hotel**](#)

Friday, February 6, 2026

730 – 830AM
Breakfast

9 – 910AM

Institute Overview, Welcome, and Introductions

Victor Angry | VACo President and Prince William County Supervisor
Dean Lynch | VACo Executive Director

910 – 1010AM

Session 1 – AI/Media Relations

Dean Lynch | VACo Executive Director

Gage Harter | VACo Director of Communications

1010 – 1015AM

BREAK

1015AM – 1145AM

Session 2 – Managing Meetings/Parliamentary Procedure

Michelle Robl | Prince William County Attorney

1145AM – 1245PM

Lunch

1245 – 1PM

HOW CAN VACo HELP YOU?

1 – 3PM

**Session 3 – Small Roundtable Discussions | Conflict Resolution and
Decision Making**

Charles Hartgrove | Virginia Institute of Government Managing Director

**3 – 315PM
BREAK**

315 – 415PM

Session 4 – Small Roundtables Talking Advocacy

Penny Gross | VACo Ambassador

Billy Kyger | VACo Ambassador

Katie Boyle | VACo Deputy Director

530PM

Reception | Dinner

Saturday, February 7, 2026

**7 – 8AM
Breakfast**

930 – 1030AM

Session 5 – Leadership

Kevin Massengill | Dinwiddie County Administrator

1030 – 1115AM

Session 6 – Relationship Building

Doug Stanley | Prince Edward County Administrator

**1115 – 1130AM
BREAK**

1130AM – 1215PM
Session 7 – The Role of the Chair
Ruth Larson | VACo Immediate Past President
and James City County Supervisor

1215 – 1230PM
Closing Remarks
Dean Lynch | VACo Executive Director

1230PM
Adjournment | Box Lunch to Go