

**COUNTY OF FAIRFAX
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (EQAC)**

**MEETING MINUTES
DATE: October 5, 2025
TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
LOCATION: South Lakes High School, Reston VA**

EQAC Member Attendance

Name	Present/ Absent*	Name	Present/ Absent*
Larry Zaragoza (Chair, Mount Vernon)	P	Ken Lanfear (Vice-Chair, Hunter Mill)	
James Albright (Mason)		Kathryn Alsegaf (Providence)	
Bryan Campbell (Braddock)		Alexis Dickerson (At-Large)	
Johna Gagnon (Franconia)		Eric Goplerud (At-Large)	V
Ken Gubin (Dranesville)	P	Andreana Lin (At-Large)	P
Kersey Manliclic (At-Large)		Nishka Shah (Student Member)	
Rich Weisman (Sully)		Clyde Wilber (Springfield)	

* P indicates present; A indicates absent; V indicates attended virtually

Staff Attendance

None

The Virginia Climate Crisis Forum meeting started at 3 pm.

The first panel included Ivy Main, author and contributor for Virginia Mercury; and Eleana Schlossber, Executive Director, Coalition to Protect Prince William.

The second panel included Dr. Luis Ortiz, Assistant Professor of Climate Applications, George Mason University; Ann Bennett, Sierra Club Data Center and Land Use Chair, and Jim Purekal, Director Advanced Energy United.

Participants discussed the growth of data centers and associated energy and water use as well as associated cost, health and environmental impacts. At the end, the Faith Alliance staff stated that they would be following up. Ann Bennett said that Fairfax County residents should offer comment at the Planning Commission hearing on the 15th. She highlighted the discussion of data centers, which she thought the draft that was circulated in spring was much better. She also encouraged people to testify before the Planning Commission on October 16th as she highlighted the short setback.

No votes were taken.

The discussion concluded at 4:45 pm.