

**Hampton Roads
Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022
11:30 AM**

***Poquoson City Hall Council Chambers
500 City Hall Avenue
Poquoson, VA 23662***

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes (Attachment 3)

The Summary Minutes from the July 6, 2022 CAO Committee meeting are attached for the Committee's consideration and approval.

IV. Public Comment

Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to address the CAO Committee. Comments should be limited to three minutes per speaker.

V. Hampton Roads Interoperability System – Follow Up Discussion

At the July 6, 2022 CAO Committee meeting, a discussion was held regarding regional interoperable communications systems. This discussion centered on the Overlay Regional InterOperability Network (ORION), which has served the region since 2005, and whether this system should be replaced with the Hampton Roads Integrated Regional Interoperable System (HR-IRIS). The CAO Committee and representatives of the All Hazards Advisory Committee (AHAC) held an extensive discussion about both of these options. Some localities endorsed the transition to the HR-IRIS system, while others indicated that the current ORION system meets their needs and they support continued use of the ORION system.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the CAO Committee took action to direct the AHAC to utilize available grant monies to complete further studies to address questions raised by CAO members. Specifically, the CAO Committee directed the AHAC to:

- Evaluate and provide the CAO Committee information on the allocation of newly obtained frequencies.
- Provide a snapshot of the current ORION system.
- Provide an estimate to refresh the current ORION system, which the CAO Committee referred to as ORION 2.0.

- Determine if a hybrid solution of the two systems would meet the region's needs. For instance, if portions of our region utilize ORION, while other areas utilize HR-IRIS, will this hybrid approach allow regional communications and coordination?

In addition, the CAO Committee also directed staff to dedicate the August 3, 2022 Committee meeting to continue discussion on this issue in an effort to collect additional information. To assist with this discussion, Cheryl Giggetts from CTA Consultants will be in attendance to address the CAO Committee. In addition, AHAC representatives will also be present to serve as a resource for this discussion.

VI. Election of CAO Committee Vice Chair

The Executive Director will share information on nominations for the CAO Committee Vice Chair and request official action to make an appointment to this position.

VII. Items of Interest

CAO Committee members will be asked to share information on items of interest from their locality.

VIII. Adjournment