

# STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA

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## Policy Briefing

*Academic Research: Challenges and Opportunities for the Commonwealth*

1. Call to Order

2. Overview and Introductions

- Peter Blake, Interim Director, SCHEV

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*Setting the Stage for a Discussion of Academic Research*

- Alan Edwards, Policy Studies Director, SCHEV

4. Current Efforts and Recent Developments

*Aligning Virginia's Research Investments with Commonwealth Priorities*

- Nancy Vorona, Vice President for Research Investment, Center for Innovative Technology
- Robert Stolle, Vice President for Regional Growth Programs, Center for Innovative Technology

5. Current and Future Policy Issues

*Accelerating Innovation in Virginia: The Role of Research Universities*

- William R. Knocke, Associate Vice President for Research Programs, Virginia Tech
- Thomas C. Skalak, Vice President for Research, University of Virginia

6. Summary and Discussion

- Peter Blake, Interim Director, SCHEV

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