

Office of New Americans Advisory Board (ONAAB)

Supporting the Economic, Linguistic and Civic Integration of New Americans in the Commonwealth

AGENDA

Date: September 15, 2026

Location: The Christian Arabic Church at Third Church, 600 Forest Avenue, Henrico, VA 23229

Google Meet meeting

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TIME AGENDA ITEM

- 09:00** Arrival
- 10:00** Committee Breakout - Annual Report Review
- 11:30** Working Lunch
- 12:00** Call to Order
- 12:02** Meeting Minutes Approval
- 12:05** Public Comment Period
- 12:10** New Member Introduction
- 12:20** Annual Report Review + Approval
- 1:20** Vice Chair Report +Elections + 2027 Meetings Approval (Wednesdays/Location)
- 1:45** ONA Update
- 2:15** Break
- 2:30** Guest Speaker - Andre Lipan, Former ONAAB Chair/Update on ENGEN
- 3:00** Miscellaneous Announcements + Picture
- 4:00** Adjourn