

Williamsburg Tourism Council Retreat Agenda

August 19, 2025 – 10 a.m. - Noon
Williamsburg Lodge – Tidewater Room
310 S England St, Williamsburg, VA 23185

 $\underline{\text{Objective}}$: Begin strategic planning for 2026-2031 to capitalize on the momentum created by the 250th anniversary celebration.

| Agenda | a Items | Discussion Lead |
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| I. | Call to Order / Roll Call | Ruth Larson |
| II. | Update on VA250 Efforts | Cheryl Wilson |
| | | Ed Harris |
| III. | Reviewing the Environment | Ed Harris |
| | a. Predictions/trends in travel and tourism | |
| | b. Expected challenges and opportunities | |
| IV. | Establishing the Criteria for New Product Development | Matt Williams |
| | a. Setting strategic objectives | |
| | b. Gap analysis (where we are vs. where we need to go) | |
| | c. New Product = New Construction Projects | |
| V. | Product Development Brainstorming | Matt Williams |
| | a. What might we do to close the gaps? | |
| | b. Prioritizing the ideas | |
| VI. | Next Steps | Ed Harris |
| | a. Any quick wins we should pursue immediately? | |
| | b. Beginning the strategic planning process for 2026- | |
| | 2031 | |
| VII. | Adjournment | Ruth Larson |