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Governor Appoints Allen R. Jones to VPA Board of Commissioners

NORFOLK, VA – Allen R. Jones Jr., of Newport News, owner and chief executive officer of Dominion Physical Therapy & Associates Inc., has been appointed by Gov. Tim Kaine to serve a five-year term on the Virginia Port Authority [VPA] Board of Commissioners.

Jones comes to the VPA board with 20 years of experience in the healthcare field. Outside of his profession Jones has a long record of civil and community service. He has served on the boards of many area businesses, churches, schools and non-profits. In addition, he spent time on the city's Board of Zoning Appeals, the Peninsula Economic Development Council and the Newport News Industrial Development Authority.

As a resident of Newport News, which is home to Newport News Marine Terminal, Jones has experience in economic development and transportation issues and says he understands the significance of the maritime industry to the Hampton Roads economy.

Jones earned his bachelor's degree in physical therapy in 1987 from the University of Connecticut. He holds a postgraduate certification in clinical management of head, facial,

and neck pain, and TMJ disorders from the American Academy of Head, Facial and Neck Pain and TMJ Orthopedics.

Jones succeeds William M. Grace who served on the VPA board for 10 years.

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