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Marsh to ABC, Algie Howell to parole board

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Now we know why state Sen. Henry Marsh and Del. Algie Howell resigned early from the General Assembly. Gov. Terry McAuliffe tapped them both today for jobs in his administration.

McAuliffe named Marsh one of three commissioners to the state's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. He named Howell, formerly D-Norfolk, to the **the state's parole board**.

Both appointments must be confirmed by the General Assembly, but given all the nice things legislators from both sides of the aisle had to say about Howell and Marsh when they announced their resignations, that probably won't be a problem.

Unlike with McAuliffe's initial choice for this ABC board posting, **Boyd Marcus**.

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Marsh will make \$122,000 a year in his new job, and Howell \$112,455, according to the governor's office.

Obviously that's better than the \$18,000 or so in salary that legislators make a year. And since the state's employee retirement system averages the highest continuous 36 to 60 months of salary to calculate pension payments, these appointments could have a big impact post-retirement.

The governor announced a number of other appointments today, including Randy Wright, a former Norfolk City Councilman, as deputy director of the Virginia Lottery.

Other appointments are pasted below. You'll see a few names from the Peninsula, and from **Hampton Roads**.

Board of Game and Inland Fisheries

- **The Honorable Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr.**, of Appomattox, Former Owner, Conner Abbitt Insurance Agency and Managing Partner, Abbitt Realty
- **Clayton L. Spruill** of Virginia Beach, Supervisor/Principal, **Chesapeake** Juvenile Services

Common Interest Community Board

- **Beth Johnson, CPA**, of Haymarket, President, Johnson, Bremer, & Ignacio CPAs, P.C.
- **Kim Beard Kacani*** of Henrico, Vice President – Land Acquisition and Business Development, HHHunt
- **Christiaan P. Melson*** of Chantilly, Founder & President, CFM Management Services
- **Katie E. Waddell**, CPCU of Henrico, Senior Underwriter, Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia
- **David Watts** of Annandale, President of Truro Homes Association

Council on Women

- **Lashrecce D. Aird** of **Petersburg**, Executive Assistant to the President, Richard Bland College
- **Carol Rick Gibbons** of Midlothian, Vice President & Senior Associate General Counsel for Employment Law at Capital One

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