



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
**GROWTH &
OPPORTUNITY**
IN EACH REGION

VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2023
3:00 PM
Library of Virginia
800 E. Broad St., Richmond VA. 23219

Members Present

Delegate Terry Austin
Senator George Barker
The Honorable Steve Cummings
Ben J. Davenport, Jr.
Jim Dyke
Cliff Fleet
W. Heywood Fralin
Leah Fremouw
Kenneth Johnson
John King
Emily O'Quinn
Jon Peterson
Senator Frank Ruff
Todd A. Stottlemeyer
Pia Trigiani

Members Absent

Nancy Howell Agee
Speaker Todd Gilbert
William Holtzman
Senator Janet Howell
Delegate Terry Kilgore
Delegate Barry Knight
The Honorable Caren Merrick

Call to Order

Mr. Todd Stottlemeyer, Vice Chair of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity (GO Virginia) Board, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Mr. Cody Anderson, GO Virginia Program Administrator for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), called the roll, and stated that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

Mr. Stottlemeyer opened the floor for public comment.

No members of the public appeared before the Board for the public comment period.

Mr. Anderson noted that staff had not received written public comment ahead of the Board meeting.

The public comment period was closed.

Board Proclamation
Honoring John O.
“Dubby” Wynne

Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that the resolution included in the Board packet slightly differed from the one that the Board would be voting on.

Mr. Stottlemeyer read the amended resolution honoring Mr. John O. “Dubby” Wynne, noting that as part of the resolution, it would be spread across the minutes of the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Fralin and seconded by Mr. Davenport to adopt the resolution honoring Mr. Wynne, as presented by Vice Chair Stottlemeyer. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Stottlemeyer introduced the meeting minutes of the September 12, 2023, meeting of the Board, the Region 3 SVRA Sites Scope Change, the Region 5 FY24 Capacity Building Budget, and the 2023 Regional Growth & Diversification Plan Updates as part of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that the September 12, 2023 minutes as presented in the packet had a technical error relating to the attendance of a member, and that the version to be voted on would have that technical error rectified. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and seconded by Mr. Barker to approve the consent agenda as a bloc. The motion passed.

Deputy Director’s Report

Ms. Dunnigan, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Community Vitality at DHCD, presented the Board with 2 Per Capita applications regarding workforce development: ACA Classical & CTE Academy Welding Program from Region 2, and Rappahannock Community College New Career Training Center from Region 6. Ms. Dunnigan then presented the Board with 2 Talent Pathways Planning Initiative application: ACI TPI from Region 1 and Region 4 Talent Pathways Initiative Planning from Region 4. Ms. Dunnigan also presented the Board with 1 Competitive Fund application: Promoting Careers in Aquaculture 2.0 from Regions 5 & 6.

It was requested by Mr. Johnson that the Region 4 Talent Pathways Initiative Planning application be pulled from the bloc vote so that he may abstain due to a conflict of interest.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Dyke to approve the remaining applications as recommended by staff as a bloc. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fleet. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Fleet to approve the Region 4 Talent Pathways Initiative Planning application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fremouw. The motion passed with one abstention (Mr. Johnson).

JLARC Report:
Recommendations and
Summary

Mr. Stottlemeyer recognized Mr. Bryan Horn, Director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, to provide an update and overview of the Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission (JLARC) report.

Mr. Horn noted that all Board members had received a copy of the report via email prior to the meeting, which had been posted public to the JLARC website after Commission review on December 11, 2023.

Mr. Horn provided a brief overview of the report and noted that staff was committed to work alongside the Board to address the recommendations provided in the report.

JLARC Study Discussion
and Next Steps

Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that the Board had taken steps in previous months to amend the governing Bylaws to create multiple committees that would be key in reviewing the JLARC report and creating a plan of action for addressing the report's concerns and recommendations.

Mr. Stottlemeyer detailed that the Chairs of the Program Evaluation Committee and the Chair of the Regional Councils Committee would serve as co-Vice Chairs of the Board and that both positions are elected positions. In his existing capacity as an elected Vice Chair, Mr. Stottlemeyer shared his designation as the Chair of the Program Evaluation Committee.

Mr. Stottlemeyer also noted that the third committee, the Governance and Policy Committee, is chaired by a member to be appointed by the Chair. Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that Ms. O'Quinn has been asked and has accepted the position of Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee.

Healthcare Investment Taskforce Update

Mr. Stottlemeyer announced that Mr. Austin, Ms. O’Quinn, and himself had been designated as members of the Healthcare Investment Taskforce. The Taskforce will hold a virtual public meeting in January with further details to be determined, as well as an in-person public meeting to be held directly preceding the March 12, 2024 meeting of the Board, with plans to present findings and recommendations to the full Board at that meeting.

Information Items

Ms. Dunnigan noted that three DHCD administratively approved projects as well as the Q1 FY24 Fiscal Report could be found in the Board packet.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

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**GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY VIRGINIA
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

At a regular meeting of the Growth and Opportunity Board held at the Library of Virginia on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at the hour of 3:00 p.m., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, John O. “Dubby” Wynne, was appointed by Governor Terence R. McAuliffe and confirmed by the 2016 Virginia General Assembly to serve on the Growth and Opportunity Board for a term of four years and subsequently reappointed by Governor Ralph S. Northam in 2020 to serve a term of four years; and

WHEREAS, he served the Board with distinction beginning on August 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, he was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board, on October 12, 2016, serving in that capacity until June 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, his vision for the future of the Commonwealth has been pivotal in the establishment and development of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund; and

WHEREAS, his unwavering determination to strengthen the Commonwealth’s economy coupled with his knowledge and experience in business collaboration with regional economic development efforts greatly contributed to the realization of this Board’s mission; and

WHEREAS, his dedicated vision for Virginia to grow fiscally independent of reliance on outside sources markedly promoted the interests of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, his talent for identifying and promoting innovative best practices for the betterment of the well-being of the economy greatly improved the Commonwealth’s future; and

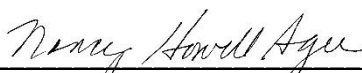
WHEREAS, his graciousness in supporting the corresponding initiatives of third parties in the interest of promoting the greatness of the Commonwealth has been critical to the execution of this Board’s directive; and

WHEREAS, his affinity for assembling leaders across the Commonwealth who are passionate about making Virginia the top state for talent and the best place to live and work was essential to this Board’s accomplishments; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Growth and Opportunity Virginia Board does hereby posthumously express its gratitude to **John O. “Dubby” Wynne**, and his family for his many contributions to this body and for his enhancement of the professional and personal lives of all who have been associated with him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Minutes of this meeting and that the resolution be presented to his wife, Susan Stribling Snodgrass Wynne, as a permanent testament of our affection, esteem, and high regard.





Nancy Howell Agee, Chair



Todd Stottlemyer, Vice Chair



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