



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
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OPPORTUNITY**
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VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2024

1:00 PM

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800 E. Broad St., Richmond VA. 23219

Members Present

Nancy Howell Agee – Virtual (Salem, Virginia;
non-personal – principal residence is in excess of
60 miles from the meeting)
Delegate Terry Austin – Virtual (Buchanan,
Virginia; non-personal – principal residence is in
excess of 60 miles from the meeting)
Jim Cheng
The Honorable Steve Cummings
Ben J. Davenport, Jr.
Jim Dyke
Leah Fremouw
Kenneth Johnson – Virtual (Glynn County,
Georgia; personal - vacation)
John King – Virtual (Rockingham County,
Virginian; non-personal – principal residence is in
excess of 60 miles from the meeting)
Emily O’Quinn
Todd A. Stottlemyer
Pia Trigiani

Members Absent

Cliff Fleet
W. Heywood Fralin
Delegate Todd Gilbert
William Holtzman
Delegate Terry Kilgore
Senator L. Louise Lucas
The Honorable Caren Merrick
Jon Peterson
Delegate Luke Torian

Call to Order

Ms. Nancy Agee, 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 physical quorum of the Board was not present.

Public Comment

Ms. Agee opened the floor for public comment.

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

Mr. Anderson noted that the staff had received one written public comment, which was read aloud:

Abby Wicker, representing Stafford County Public Schools, expressed support for the Igniting Entrepreneurship project from Region 6.

The public comment period was closed.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Agee noted that the only item on the Consent Agenda, the Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2023, was scheduled to be an action item.

No action was taken on the item due to a lack of physical quorum.

Election of Officer – 2nd
Vice Chair – Regional
Councils

Ms. Agee noted that the recently created Governance and Policy Committee is charged with providing recommended nominations for leadership positions. Ms. Agee recognized Ms. Emily O’Quinn, Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee, to report on the Committee’s recommended nominee.

Ms. O’Quinn noted that the Governance and Policy Committee had met and unanimously supported the nomination of Ms. Leah Fremouw for the position of Vice Chair for Regional Councils.

After discussion, no action was taken on the election due to a lack of physical quorum.

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: Developing IT & Cybersecurity Certification Pipeline to Advance Cluster Growth (ITCCP) from Region 2, and GO TEC Region 3 Expansion from Region 3.

After discussion, no action was taken on either item due to a lack of physical quorum.

Ms. Dunnigan presented the Igniting Entrepreneurship project from Region 6. Ms. Dunnigan noted that the planning application was submitted to DHCD for administrative approval and staff chose not to approve the project. The project was presented to the Board alongside a letter from the Region 6 Council requesting an appeal of the staff's decision.

After discussion, no action was taken on the item due to a lack of physical quorum.

Healthcare Taskforce Report

Ms. Agee recognized Mr. Stottlemeyer, Chair of the Healthcare Taskforce, to present a report on the work of the Healthcare Taskforce.

Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that the Taskforce had met twice since the December meeting of the Board and that a new Board Policy, Board Policy 17, had been developed and approved by the Task Force, that would create the ability for the Board to accept applications for Healthcare Industry workforce projects. Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that the Policy would normally be presented to the Board for final approval, however, due to a lack of physical quorum, the Policy would be presented for consideration at a future meeting of the Board.

After discussion, no action was taken on the item due to a lack of physical quorum.

Program Performance and Evaluation Committee Report

Ms. Agee recognized Mr. Stottlemeyer, Chair of the Program Performance and Evaluation Committee, to present a report on the work of the Committee.

Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that the Committee had met twice since the December meeting of the Board. Mr. Stottlemeyer stated that the Committee was working closely with staff to address three of the JLARC recommendations included in the JLARC Report on GO Virginia that was released in December of 2023. Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that there were no Board actions required at the present meeting.

Governance and Policy Committee Meeting

Ms. Agee recognized Emily O'Quinn, Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee, to present a report on the work of the Committee.

Ms. O'Quinn noted that the Committee had met twice since the December meeting of the Board. Ms. O'Quinn stated that the Committee was working closely with staff to address nine of the JLARC recommendations included in the JLARC Report on GO Virginia that was released in December of 2023. Ms. O'Quinn noted that there were no Board actions required at the present meeting.

Information Items

Ms. Dunnigan noted that the Board Packet included two letters from the Regional Councils, one Joint Letter from all of the Regional Council leaders, and one letter from GO Virginia Region 6 Council, both in support of various JLARC recommendations.

Ms. Dunnigan noted that five DHCD administratively approved projects as well as the Q2 FY24 Fiscal Report and anticipated GO Virginia project pipeline could be found in the Board packet.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

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