



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
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VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD
GO Virginia Special Board Meeting
Thursday, March 10 · 9:00 – 10:00am
101 N. 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219
James Monroe Building, Conference Room E

For the public, Google Meet joining info:

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Members Present

Nancy Howell Agee
Secretary Steve Cummings
Ben J. Davenport, Jr.
Jim Dyke
Leah Fremouw
Eva Teig Hardy
Delegate Terry Kilgore
Secretary Caren Merrick
Senator Frank Ruff
Don “Robin” Sullenberger
Pia Trigiani
Joe Wilson

Members Absent

Delegate Terry Austin
Senator George Barker
W. Heywood Fralin
Speaker Todd Gilbert
Senator Janet Howell
Doug Juanarena
Todd A. Stottlemeyer
Marilyn H. West
John O. “Dubby” Wynne

Call to Order	Ms. Nancy Agee, Chair of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity (GO Virginia) Board, called the meeting to order.
Roll Call	Ms. Andrea Devening, GO Virginia Program Analyst for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), called the roll and stated that a quorum was present.
Public Comment	Ms. Agee opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Devening stated that no public comments were received.

New Board Members Ms. Agee welcomed newly appointed GO Virginia board members: the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Caren Merrick and Secretary of Finance, Steve Cummings; Speaker of the House of Delegates, Todd Gilbert; Delegate Barry Knight, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations; and Delegates Terry Kilgore and Terry Austin. The new DHCD Director, Bryan Horn, was also introduced and welcomed.

Director's Report Ms. Sara Dunnigan, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Community Vitality at DHCD stated that this special board meeting was requested in order to take action on two time-sensitive applications that require action no later than March 15, 2022, the Economic Development Administration (EDA)'s application deadline. She presented 1 Per Capita application regarding workforce development entitled Building a Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Talent Pipeline and 1 Statewide Competitive application from Regions 3 and 4 in the sites and infrastructure investment strategy entitled the MBC Middle Mile Fiber Expansion Project. Attached to the MBC Middle Mile Fiber Expansion Project was a request to waive the local match requirement. A motion was made by Senator Ruff and seconded by Mr. Dyke to accept the local match waiver request. It was noted that the rationale for approving the waiver was the extraordinary economic opportunity of the middle-mile broadband expansion effort and the need for this waiver to extend middle-mile broadband infrastructure to key economic development sites. Ms. Agee requested that these applications be voted upon as one block. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and seconded by Mr. Wynne to approve the applications as recommended by staff as a bloc. The motion passed.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned.