



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

VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2023

1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Members Present

Delegate Terry Austin
The Honorable Steve Cummings
Ben J. Davenport, Jr.
Jim Dyke
W. Heywood Fralin
Leah Fremouw
Speaker Todd Gilbert
William Holtzman
Kenneth Johnson
Doug Juanarena
Delegate Terry Kilgore
John King
The Honorable Caren Merrick
Jon Peterson
Senator Frank Ruff
Todd A. Stottlemeyer
Pia Trigiani
Marilyn H. West

Members Absent

Nancy Howell Agee
Senator George Barker
Senator Janet Howell
Delegate Barry Knight
John O. "Dubby" Wynne

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.

Special Presentation

Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that due to a last-minute conflict, one of the two presentations scheduled to take place as Item III in the agenda would be moved ahead in the agenda.

Ms. Amy Paul, Director of Data, Impact, and Engagement at the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority (VHWDA) provided an overview of the multi-part study that the VHWDA is doing to address workforce needs in the healthcare industry.

Public Comment

Mr. Stottlemeyer opened the floor for public comment.

Dr. Bill Hazel, Senior Deputy Director of the Claude Moore Foundation, appeared before the Board. Dr. Hazel spoke in support of the Region 3 TPI Planning: Southern Virginia Partnership for Health Science Careers project.

Ms. Agee asked if Staff had received written comment ahead of the meeting. Mr. Anderson that staff had received three letters addressed to the Board that were requested to be read as part of the public comment period.

Mr. Anderson read a letter addressed to the Board on behalf of the GO Virginia Region 2 Council in support of the Region 2 Talent Pathways Initiative project.

Mr. Anderson read a letter addressed to the Board on behalf of the GO Virginia Region 3 Council in support of the Region 3 TPI Planning: Southern Virginia Partnership for Health Science Careers project.

Mr. Anderson read a letter addressed to the Board on behalf of the GO Virginia Region 4 Council in support of the GO TEC Region 4 Career Connection Labs project.

The public comment period was closed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Stottlemeyer introduced the meeting minutes of the March 14, 2023, meeting of the Board, the FY24 Regional Per Capita and Statewide Competitive Allocation, the FY24 Capacity Building Allocation, a Technical Amendment to Board Policy #12 – Use of Tobacco Commission Funds as Match, and a Region 3 Extension Request – Statewide MBC Middle Mile Fiber Expansion project as parts of the consent agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Kilgore and seconded by Mr. Dyke to approve the consent agenda as a bloc. The motion passed. (Yea: Austin, Cummings, Dyke, Fralin,

Fremouw, Gilbert, Holtzman, Juanarena, Kilgore, King, Peterson, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Trigiani, West; Nays: none)

Special Presentation President and CEO of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, Mr. Jason El Koubi, provided the Board with a presentation on the Virginia InnoVAtive Framework for Economic Growth.

Deputy Director's Report Ms. Sara Dunnigan, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Community Vitality at DHCD presented the Board with 6 Per Capita applications regarding workforce development, startup ecosystems, and site development and infrastructure: Advancing a Regional Skilled Ecosystem (ARISE) for Life Sciences from Region 4, GO TEC Region 4 Career Connections Labs from Region 4, Capacitor Incubator from Region 8, Region 9 REI from Region 9, Falling Branch Corporate Park Regional Site Development from Region 2, and Virginia's Growth Alliance Site Development Project from Region 3. Ms. Dunnigan also presented the Board with 2 Talent Pathways Planning Initiative application: Region 2 Talent Pathways Initiative (TPI) from Region 2 and TPI Planning 2023: SoVa Partnership for Health Science Careers from Region 3. After discussion, Mr. Davenport requested that GO TEC Region 4 Career Connections Labs, Region 2 Talent Pathways Initiative (TPI), and TPI Planning 2023: SoVa Partnership for Health Science Careers from the bloc. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and seconded by Mr. Kilgore to approve the remaining applications as recommended by staff as a bloc. The motion passed. (Yea: Austin, Cummings, Davenport, Dyke, Fralin, Fremouw, Gilbert, Holtzman, Johnson, Juanarena, Kilgore, King, Peterson, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Trigiani; Nay: none)

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Davenport and seconded by Mr. Dyke to approve the GO TEC Region 4 Career Connections Labs and table the Region 2 Talent Pathways Initiative (TPI) and the TPI Planning 2023: SoVa Partnership for Health Science Careers until the September meeting of the Board. The motion passed. (Yea: Austin, Cummings, Davenport, Dyke, Fralin, Fremouw, Gilbert, Holtzman, Johnson, Juanarena, Kilgore, King, Merrick, Peterson, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Trigiani; Nay: none)

Ms. Dunnigan provided an overview of the expiring Board Policy #11 governing relaxed project match requirements. Ms. Dunnigan noted the Regional Council feedback that was received by staff and provided the Board with three potential options moving forward

based on Regional Council feedback: Option 1: an extension of modified match policy through FY24, Option 2: return to original match requirements for various Per Capita project types, and Option 3: a return to the original total match requirements for various Per Capita project types; return to practice that 20% of required match be contributed by participating localities but eliminate the \$50,000 minimum match requirement.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Davenport to extend board policy #11 until October 1st and to adpt the superseding amendments to Board Policy 11 found in Option 3 as discussed. The motion passed. (Yea: Austin, Cummings, Davenport, Dyke, Fralin, Fremouw, Gilbert, Holtzman, Johnson, Juanarena, Kilgore, King, Merrick, Peterson, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Trigiani; Nay: none)

Ms. Dunnigan introduced a request to delay the implementation of Board Policy #14 until after the September meeting of the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Trigiani and seconded by Mr. Dyke to grant the request to delay implementation of Board Policy #14. The motion passed. (Yea: Austin, Cummings, Davenport, Dyke, Fralin, Fremouw, Gilbert, Johnson, Juanarena, Kilgore, King, Merrick, Peterson, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Trigiani; Nay: none)

Chairs Report

Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that the meeting was running long and noted that the Chair's report and review of bylaw change recommendations would be covered at the September meeting of the Board.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.