



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
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VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2023
1:00 PM
Four Points Sheraton
9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond VA. 23235

Members Present

Nancy Howell Agee
Senator George Barker
The Honorable Steve Cummings
Ben J. Davenport, Jr.
Jim Dyke
W. Heywood Fralin
Leah Fremouw
Speaker Todd Gilbert
William Holtzman
Kenneth Johnson
Delegate Terry Kilgore
John King
Emily O’Quinn
Jon Peterson
Senator Frank Ruff
Todd A. Stottlemyer
Pia Trigiani
John O. “Dubby” Wynne

Members Absent

Delegate Terry Austin
Cliff Fleet
Speaker Todd Gilbert
William Holtzman
Senator Janet Howell
Delegate Barry Knight
The Honorable Caren Merrick

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 quorum was present.

Public Comment

Mr. Stottlemeyer opened the floor for public comment.

Dr. Eddie Amos, Chair of the GO Virginia Region 2 Council, spoke on behalf of the Council, noting that they had submitted a letter of intent to withdraw their previously submitted and tabled Region 2 Talent Pathways Initiative application.

Mr. Randy Lail, GO Virginia Region 3 Council member, spoke on behalf of the Region 3 TPI Planning 2023 – SoVa Partnership for Health Science Careers application.

Dr. Bill Hazel, Senior Deputy Executive Director of the Claude Moore Foundation, spoke on behalf of the Region 3 TPI Planning 2023 – SoVa Partnership for Health Science Careers application.

Johnnie Roark, Appomattox County Director of Community Development, spoke on behalf of the Region 2 ACA Classical & CTE Academy Welding Program application.

Mr. Anderson read a letter addressed to the Board from Appomattox County in support of the Region 2 ACA Classical & CTE Academy Welding Program application.

The public comment period was closed.

Election of Officers

Ms. Sara Dunnigan, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Community Vitality at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

Ms. Trigiani nominated Ms. Nancy Agee for the position of Chair. Mr. Kilgore seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made, and the floor was closed. Ms. Agee was elected Chair.

Ms. Agee opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Mr. Dyke nominated Mr. Todd Stottlemeyer for the position of Vice-Chair. Mr. Wynne seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made, and the floor was closed. Mr. Stottlemeyer was elected Vice-Chair.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Agee introduced the meeting minutes of the June 13, 2023, meeting of the Board, the Region 3 (VGA Sites project) and Region 6 (Workforce NOW) Amended Award Amounts, the Region 3 Second Extension Request – Statewide MBC Middle Mile Fiber Expansion Project, Technical Amendment – Board Policy #13 GO Virginia Program Match Requirements – Statewide Competitive Fund, the 2024 Board Calendar, the FY24 Capacity Building Budgets, and the Regional Council Certifications as parts of the consent agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Stottlemeyer and seconded by Mr. Kilgore to approve the consent agenda as a bloc. The motion passed.

Deputy Director's Report

Ms. Dunnigan notified the Board of the GO Virginia Region 2 Council's withdrawal of their Talent Pathways Planning Application, which was tabled by the Board at the June 13, 2023 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Kilgore to untable the GO Virginia Region 3 TPI Planning 2023 – SoVa Partnership for Health Science Careers application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Dyke. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan presented the Board with an overview of the application. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Dyke to approve the application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Dyke to initiate a study to be conducted by Board members to be appointed at a later meeting to study Board Policy #4: Scholarships and Non-Traded Sectors, to determine the necessity for potential amendments to the policy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fremouw. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan presented the Board with 7 Per Capita applications regarding workforce development and startup ecosystems: United Way of Southwest Virginia GO TEC Expansion from Region 1, ACA Classical & CTE Academy Welding Program from Region 2, Biomedical Sciences Workforce training and Development Project from Region 7, GO2 Work in Manufacturing and Transportation in the Valley from Region 8, Strengthening Entrepreneurs' Impact from Region 2, Rise Build-To-Scale Initiative from Region 3, and Region 6 Regional Entrepreneurship Initiative from Region 6. Ms. Dunnigan also presented the Board with 2 Talent Pathways Planning Initiative application: Talent Pathways Initiative from

Region 2 and Region 7 Talent Pathways Initiative from Region 7. After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Fremouw to approve the applications as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dyke. The motion passed.

Chairs Report

Ms. Agee recognized Ms. Trigiani to provide an overview of the GO Virginia Board Bylaws revisions.

Ms. Trigiani noted that she had worked with staff and a variety of stakeholders over the course of the Bylaws revision. Ms. Trigiani noted that the revisions were first introduced to the Board as part of the Board packet at the June 13, 2023, meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Trigiani to approve the Bylaw revisions as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stottlemeyer. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan noted that two items had been inadvertently skipped from the Deputy Directors report. Ms. Agee noted the discrepancy and asked Ms. Dunnigan to return to those two items.

Ms. Dunnigan provided an overview of Board Policy #16 – Subgrantee Indirect Rate Cap. A motion was made by Ms. Fremouw to approve the new policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan provided an overview of the Administrative Guidance and Match Waivers. A motion was made by Mr. King to approve the Administrative Guidance and Match Waivers and to approve a process that allows staff and project review workgroups to provide recommendations for applications and corresponding match waivers for the Board to consider simultaneously at regular meetings of the Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. O’Quinn. The motion passed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.