



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
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VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2023
1:00 PM
Library of Virginia
800 E Broad Street, Richmond, VA. 23219

Members Present

Nancy Howell Agee
Delegate Terry Austin
Senator George Barker
The Honorable Steve Cummings
Jim Dyke
W. Heywood Fralin
Leah Fremouw
Speaker Todd Gilbert
William Holtzman
Kenneth Johnson
Doug Juanarena
Delegate Terry Kilgore
John King
Delegate Barry Knight
Senator Frank Ruff
Todd A. Stottlemyer
Pia Trigiani
John O. "Dubby" Wynne

Members Absent

Ben J. Davenport, Jr.
Senator Janet Howell
The Honorable Caren Merrick
Jon Peterson
Marilyn H. West

Call to Order

Ms. Nancy Howell Agee, Chair of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity (GO Virginia) Board, called the meeting to order. It was noted that Delegate Austin, Speaker Gilbert, Mr. Holtzman, and Mr. Wynne were participating remotely, consistent with the GO Virginia State board electronic participation policy.

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	<p>Ms. Agee opened the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Ms. Agee asked if Staff had received written comment ahead of the meeting. Mr. Anderson noted that no members of the public had submitted written comment ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>No members of the public appeared before the Board in the meeting room or virtually.</p> <p>The public comment period was closed.</p>
Consent Agenda	Ms. Agee introduced the meeting minutes of the December 13, 2022 Board meeting, 2023 Growth and Diversification Plan Review Guidelines, and Board Policy #15: Contract Terms and Performance Period as parts of the consent agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and seconded by Ms. Fremouw to approve the consent agenda as a bloc. The motion passed.
Special Presentation	Virginia Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade Joe Benevento appeared before the Board. Mr. Benevento provided the Board with an overview of the strategies and focus of the governor's office, including an emphasis on the Governor's Compete to Win economic development plan.
Director's Report	Ms. Sara Dunnigan, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Community Vitality at DHCD presented the Board with 9 Per Capita applications regarding workforce development, startup ecosystems, and cluster scale-up: Lynchburg Career Acceleration Program from Region 2, P&HCC – Expanding GO TEC Pathways from Region 3, SVCC Expanding GO TEC Pathways from Region 3, Innovation Pathways from Region 6, Workforce Now from Region 6, Center of Entrepreneurship from Region 2, Rural Entrepreneur Ecosystem Building from Region 9, Demonstration Site for Clean Energy Transition to Green Hydrogen (HRH2) from Region 5, and VNNI – Virginia Nanotechnology Networked Infrastructure from Region 7. Ms. Dunnigan also presented the Board with 1 Talent Pathways Planning Initiative application: Region 5 Talent Pathways Initiative (TPI) from Region 5. A motion was made by Mr. Ruff and

seconded by Mr. Juanarena to approve the applications as recommended by staff as a bloc. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan informed the Board that Board Policy #11: Modified Match Requirements is set to expire on June 30, 2023. She noted that staff would welcome written comment from both Board members and Regional Councils ahead of the June meeting of the Board, where any decision on the expiration of the policy would be set to take place.

Chairs Report

Ms. Agee introduced the potential to revise Board Policy #4: Use of GO Virginia Funds for Scholarships and Non-Traded Sectors. After discussion, no action was taken on this matter.

Ms. Agee noted that a review of the bylaws is underway with State Board member Ms. Trigiani taking the lead on the effort.

Ms. Agee also noted that some Board members will see their terms ending over the course of the next year and any gubernatorial appointee who wishes to seek reappointment should visit the website of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to apply for reappointment.

Ms. Agee announced that GO Virginia staff has begun planning a leadership summit that would coincide with the in-person State Board meeting in September. More details will be shared as those plans finalize.

Information Items

Ms. Dunnigan provided a brief overview of enhanced capacity building projects administratively approved by staff and a summary of all funded projects to date.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.