

# **Virginia Growth and Opportunity Regional Council**

## **Region 8: Shenandoah Valley**

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# **BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE I            PURPOSE**

The Virginia Growth and Opportunity Regional Council 8 for the Shenandoah Valley (hereafter referred to as “Council”) is a public body certified by the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board to receive grants pursuant to Code of Virginia section 2.2-2485 the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Act (hereafter referred to as “GO VA”). The Council will be supported or affiliated with an existing or newly established organization that engages in collaborative planning or execution of economic or workforce development activities within a region to support the Council’s activities and to ensure proper administration of the Council’s funds.

## **ARTICLE II            DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Section 1            Duties of the Regional Council**

The Council shall:

1. Work in a collaborative manner, respecting all points-of-view, while soliciting and reviewing proposed projects for recommendation to the GO VA Board.
2. Demonstrate extensive knowledge of the region’s potential for growth that lead to high paying jobs. Identify economic/regional projects that support or encourage collaboration and yield significant new job creation deliverables.
3. Review and understand the authority, governance, and administrative role of the GO VA Board in certifying qualified regions and regional councils; including how the GO VA Board develops and implements guidelines or procedures for such certification.
4. Partner with existing or newly established economic/workforce development organization to create a focused collaborative project or programs consistent with the Council’s economic growth and diversification plan.
5. Identify the region’s economic growth potential independently or in partnership with neighboring regions. Identify the competitive advantages for collaboration with private-sector investments to accelerate job growth/economic development.
6. Advise the GO VA Board on best practice initiatives, projects, etc. that encourage collaboration and yield measurable outcomes for job growth in the region.
7. Have the authority to enter into agreements through the support organization in order to pursue the goals and objectives of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Act pursuant to the Code of Virginia and guidelines adopted by the GO VA Board.





**ARTICLES IX****BYLAWS**

The bylaws shall not be amended, modified or replaced except by a majority action of the Regional Council in an official meeting. Action on amended bylaws may not take place at the meeting in which they are introduced. Action on amended bylaws shall take place a minimum of thirty days after their introduction. The bylaws shall be amended to conform to statutory requirements as required. The GO VA Board shall review and approve amendments to the Bylaws.

**SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any portions of the bylaws are deemed invalid, the remaining portion shall stand.