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**VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING**  
**September 13, 2022**  
**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  
Ben J. Davenport, Jr.  
Jim Dyke  
W. Heywood Fralin  
Speaker Todd Gilbert  
Senator Janet Howell  
Delegate Terry Kilgore  
John King  
Delegate Barry Knight  
Doug Juanarena  
The Honorable Caren Merrick  
Senator Frank Ruff  
Todd A. Stottlemyer  
Pia Trigiani  
John O. "Dubby" Wynne

Members Absent

Leah Fremouw  
Eva Teig Hardy  
Senator Janet Howell  
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.

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

Ms. Agee opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Anderson noted that no members of the public submitted public comments to the board via digital means.

Mr. Chris Kyle, Chair of GO Virginia Region 8 Regional Council appeared before the board. Mr. Kyle spoke in support of board reconsideration of the funding amount to be allocated to the NextGen Nurses project, which was previously approved by the Board at the June 14 meeting at a lower funding amount than was requested.

Ms. Marguerite Landenburger, representing Shenandoah University, spoke in support of Board reconsideration of the funding amount to be allocated to the NextGen Nurses project.

Mr. Mark Merrill, a member of the GO Virginia Region 8 Regional Council, spoke in support of Board reconsideration of the funding amount to be allocated to the NextGen Nurses project.

No other members of the public appeared before the Board. The public comment period was closed.

#### Consent Agenda

Ms. Agee introduced the meeting minutes of the June 14, 2022 Board meeting, the FY23 Regional Capacity Building Budgets and Memorandum, the 2023 Board calendar, and an updated version of the Board's Electronic Participation Policy as part of the consent agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Ruff and seconded by Mr. Fralin to approve the consent agenda as a bloc. The motion passed.

#### Election of Officers

Mr. Bryan Horn, Director of DHCD, opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and seconded by Mr. Juanarena to nominate Ms. Agee for the position of Chair. No further nominations were made. The nomination period was closed. A motion was made by Ms. Trigiani and seconded by Mr. Davenport to elect Ms. Agee as Chair. The motion passed.

Ms. Agee opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and seconded by Mr. Juanarena to nominate Mr. Todd Stottlemeyer for Vice-Chair. No further nominations were made. The nomination period was closed. A motion was made by Mr. Davenport and seconded by Ms. Agee to elect Mr. Stottlemeyer Vice-Chair. The motion passed.

Director's Report

Ms. Sara Dunnigan, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Community Vitality at DHCD presented the Board with 4 Per Capita applications regarding workforce development and start up ecosystems: Tech Talent Retention from Region 9, CS/root from Region 2, Accelerate 2023/2024 from Region 7, and Carver Food Business Incubator from Region 9. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and seconded by Mr. Fralin to approve the applications as recommended by staff as a bloc. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan presented a request from the GO Virginia Region 8 Regional Council to reconsider the funding amount approved by the Board at the June 14, 2022 meeting for the NextGen Nurses project. Ms. Dunnigan outlined three possible options for the board to consider, including declining to increase the funding as requested, approving a higher funding request to be funded out of the Region 8 per capita allocation, or to approve the funding request to be funded out of the Statewide Competitive fund. A motion was made by Mr. Kilgore and seconded by Mr. Dyke to approve the increase in funding through the Region 8 per capita allocation pending Region 8 Regional Council consideration and approval. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan provided the Board with an update on the GO Virginia Talent Pathways Initiative, including updated guidelines for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Davenport and seconded by Mr. Dyke to approve the guidelines. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan provided the Board with an update on the Bio/Life Science Cluster Initiative, which is an initiative created through the latest budget and includes GO Virginia State Board representation as part of the process.

Presentations

Ms. Heather McKay and Mr. Todd Oldham provided the Board with information on the role and work of the recently created Virginia Office of Education and Economics, which is part of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

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.