



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

**VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING**  
**December 13, 2022**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting**

Members Present

Nancy Howell Agee  
Delegate Terry Austin  
Senator George Barker  
The Honorable Steve Cummings  
Ben J. Davenport, Jr.  
Jim Dyke  
W. Heywood Fralin  
Leah Fremouw  
Speaker Todd Gilbert  
Kenneth Johnson  
Doug Juanarena  
John King  
Delegate Barry Knight  
The Honorable Caren Merrick  
Senator Frank Ruff  
Todd A. Stottlemeyer  
Pia Trigiani  
Marilyn H. West  
John O. "Dubby" Wynne

Members Absent

Senator Janet Howell  
Delegate Terry Kilgore  
Jon Peterson

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 indicated virtually that they would like to make public comment at that time.

Ms. Agee asked if Staff had received written comment ahead of the meeting.

Mr. Anderson read comment submitted by the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR). IALR expressed support for the GO TEC Virginia 2025 application.

The public comment period was closed.

#### Consent Agenda

Ms. Agee introduced the meeting minutes of the September 13, 2022 Board meeting, an Existing Project Modification Request – Total Match Waiver for Region 5’s – Virginia Digital Shipbuilding Phase 2, Board Policy #14 (New Policy) – Maximum Regional Per Capita Carryover Allowance and Establishment of Regional Performance Pool, and a proclamation commemorating former Board member Joe Wilson. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and seconded by Mr. Barker to approve the consent agenda as a bloc. The motion passed (Y: Agee, Austin, Barker, Cummings, Davenport, Dyke, Fralin, Fremouw, Gilbert, Johnson, Juanarena, King, Knight, Merrick, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Trigiani, West, Wynne; N: none).

#### 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, start up ecosystems, cluster scale-up, and site development and infrastructure: BTEC – Expanding Welding Training Capacity & Jobs in the Roanoke Valley from Region 2, Workforce Now from Region 6, Center of Entrepreneurship from Region 2, Industry 4.0 for the Automated-Connected-Electrified (ACE) Workforce from Region 2, Airport Commerce Park from Region 2, and SHD Technology Park from Region 8. Ms. Dunnigan presented the Board with 1 Statewide Competitive Application regarding workforce development: GO TEC Virginia 2025 from lead region 3, partnered with Region 1, Region 4, and Region 5. Ms. Dunnigan presented the Board with 1 Talent Pathways Planning Initiative application: Region 6 Talent Pathways Initiative (TPI) Planning from Region 6. On a request from Mr. Fralin, GO TEC Virginia 2025 was removed from the bloc. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and seconded by

Mr. King to approve the remaining applications as recommended by staff as a bloc. The motion passed (Y: Agee, Austin, Barker, Cummings, Davenport, Dyke, Fralin, Fremouw, Gilbert, Johnson, Juanarena, King, Knight, Merrick, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Trigiani, West, Wynne; N: none).

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Fralin to fully fund the GO TEC Virginia 2025 request from Region 3 to not delay expansion and to allow those activities to begin concurrently with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party evaluations and enterprise plan. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party evaluation and enterprise plan is to be presented to the GO Virginia State Board once concluded. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ruff. The motion passed (Y: Agee, Austin, Barker, Cummings, Dyke, Fralin, Fremouw, Gilbert, Johnson, Juanarena, King, Knight, Merrick, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Trigiani, West, Wynne; N: none Abstained: Davenport).

Reports

Ms. Dunnigan provided the Board with a comprehensive overview of the Growth and Opportunity Virginia 2022 annual report.

Information Items

Ms. Dunnigan provided a brief overview of enhanced capacity building projects administratively approved by staff, a summary of all funded projects to date, and status updates on two previously funded projects, Accelerate 2022 from Region 7 and Dearing Ford From Region 2, that had been pulled by their respective Regional Councils.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.