



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

VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2021

1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Members Present

Nancy Howell Agee
Delegate Lamont Bagby
The Honorable Brian Ball
Senator George Barker
Ben J. Davenport, Jr.
Jim Dyke
Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn
W. Heywood Fralin
Leah Fremouw
Doug Juanarena
The Honorable Aubrey Layne
Delegate Martha Mugler
The Honorable Atif Qarni
Senator Frank Ruff
Todd A. Stottlemyer
Don Robin Sullenberger
Delegate Luke E. Torian
Pia Trigiani
Marilyn H. West
John O. "Dubby" Wynne

Members Absent

Senator Janet D. Howell
Joe Wilson

Call to Order

Ms. Nancy Agee, Vice Chair of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity (GO Virginia) Board, called the meeting to order. It was noted that the meeting was held electronically in the form of a Google Meets presentation in accordance with § 2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia and as a result of Executive Order Number Fifty-One (2020) declaring a state of emergency due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Roll Call

Ms. Andrea Devening, GO Virginia Program Analyst for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), called the roll and stated that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

Ms. Devening informed the Board that staff had not received any submitted public comments.

The public comment period closed.

Election of Officers

Mr. Erik Johnston, Director of DHCD, opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Board. Mr. Wynne nominated Ms. Agee for the position of Chair. There were no further nominations. The floor was closed.

Ms. Agee was elected Chair (Yeas: Agee, Bagby, Ball, Barker, Davenport, Dyke, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Juanarena, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, West, Wynne; Nays: None).

Proclamation for Tom Farrell

Ms. Agee read aloud a proclamation honoring Mr. Thomas Farrell, II, who served as both Growth and Opportunity Board member as well as chair to the Board prior to his passing on April 2, 2021. Ms. Agee expressed that a copy the proclamation would be spread upon the minutes of the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Agee introduced the consent agenda items to be voted on in a bloc, including the March 16, 2021 meeting minutes, Regional Capacity Building Allocations and Continuation of Match Waiver, Regional Per Capita Allocations, approval of regional council budgets, and approval of the proclamation honoring Mr. Thomas Farrell, II. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and properly seconded by Mr. Juanarena to approve the consent agenda items. The motion passed (Yeas: Agee, Bagby, Barker, Davenport, Dyke, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Juanarena, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, West, Wynne; Nays: None).

Director's Report

Ms. Sara Dunnigan, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Community Vitality at DHCD, presented 1 statewide competitive application regarding workforce development: Cybersecurity Job Creation System from Region 5. Ms. Dunnigan noted that staff recommended approval of the project as presented. After discussion, a motion was made by Senator Barker and properly seconded by Mr. Dyke to approve the application as presented. The motion passed (Yeas: Agee, Bagby, Barker, Davenport, Dyke, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Juanarena, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, West, Wynne; Nays: None).

Ms. Dunnigan presented 13 Per Capita applications regarding workforce development, site development and infrastructure, and start up ecosystems: 757 Collab from Region 5, Maritime Entry-to-Employment Training from Region 5, Northern Virginia Community College Dual Enrollment Expansion Program for Information and Engineering Technology from Region 7, Dearing Ford Industrial Park from Region 2, Strengthening Southern Virginia's Economy by Expanding the Inventory of Shovel Ready Sites from Region 3, Virginia's Gateway Region Sites from Region 4, Westmoreland County Site Development from Region 6, Accelerating Regionally Significant Sites from Region 9, Southwest Virginia REI Implementation from Region 1, VSU Minority Small Business Launch Center from Region 4, 757 Collab from Region 5, Establishing a RIoT Accelerator Program in the Rappahannock Regional Entrepreneur Ecosystem from Region 6, and 2030 Initiative from Region 7. 757 Collab was pulled from the bloc for additional discussion and consideration by Secretary Layne. A motion was made by Mr. Sullenberger and seconded by Mr. Wynne to approve the applications as recommended by staff as a bloc. The motion passed (Yeas: Agee, Ball, Barker, Davenport, Dyke, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Juanarena, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, West, Wynne; Nays: None).

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Juanarena and seconded by Mr. Davenport to approve the 757 Collab project at the full funding request. The motion passed (Yeas: Agee, Ball, Barker, Davenport, Dyke, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Juanarena, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, West, Wynne; Nays: Bagby).

Ms. Dunnigan presented 1 statewide economic resilience and recovery application in the startup ecosystem space, Expansion of ICAP Mentor Network from Region 7 and 1 regional economic resilience and recovery application in the workforce development space, The Future Workforce Development Outreach from Region 9. A motion was made by Ms. Fremouw and properly seconded by Mr. Ruff to approve the applications as presented by staff. The motion passed (Yeas: Agee, Barker, Davenport, Filler-Corn, Dyke, Fralin, Fremouw, Juanarena, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, West, Wynne; Nays: None).

Reports	<p>Secretary Layne provided the Board with a brief presentation regarding Virginia’s Fiscal Health and Future Developments.</p> <p>On the direction of the Chair, the presentation regarding the SCHEV Regional Internship Initiative Pilot was postponed to a future meeting.</p>
Information Items	<p>Ms. Dunnigan gave the Board a brief overview of the enhanced capacity building projects and economic resilience and recovery fast access projects that were administratively approved since the March meeting of the Board.</p>
Future Board Meetings	<p>Ms. Dunnigan advised the Board that the dates for the 2021 Board meetings had been set for September 23rd and December 7th. These meetings will occur in a physical location that is to be determined. Ms. Dunnigan also noted that staff is considering a Board retreat to coincide with the December meeting but further details are to be determined.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned.</p>