



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
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VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING

December 15, 2021

12:00 PM

Patrick Henry Building, West Reading Room

1111 E. Broad St. Richmond, VA 23219

Members Present

Nancy Howell Agee
Delegate Lamont Bagby
Senator George Barker
The Honorable Fran Bradford
Ben J. Davenport, Jr.
Jim Dyke
Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn
W. Heywood Fralin
Senator Janet D. Howell
Leah Fremouw
Eva Teig Hardy
Doug Juanarena
Senator Frank Ruff
Todd A. Stottlemeyer (virtually)
Don Robin Sullenberger
Delegate Luke E. Torian
Pia Trigiani
Marilyn H. West
Joe Wilson
John O. "Dubby" Wynne

Members Absent

The Honorable K. Joseph Flores

Call to Order

Ms. Nancy Agee, Chair of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity (GO Virginia) Board, called the meeting to order. It was noted that Mr. Todd Stottlemeyer was participating virtually pursuant to the Board's electronic participation policy.

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.

Consent Agenda Ms. Agee introduced the meeting minutes of the September 23, 2021 meeting of the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and seconded by Mr. Juanarena to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Public Comment Ms. Agee opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Sondra Schneider, President and CEO of Security University and Security University Foundation, spoke in support of the Board approving the Security University Foundation ACER Project.

No other speakers appeared before the Board. The public comment period closed.

Director’s Report Ms. Sara Dunnigan, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Community Vitality at DHCD, presented 9 Per Capita applications regarding workforce development, site development and infrastructure, cluster scale-up, and start up ecosystems: Regional Talent Strategy Implementation from Region 2, Security University Foundation ACER Project from Region 7, Pathway Park Infrastructure from Region 1, Project Seed – Innovation Hub at Midtown Square from Region 3, RIOT Pre-Accelerator Program from Region 6, Convene & Collaborate – Region 7 REI from Region 7, Agriculture Innovation Center from Region 8, and Mobilizing the Supply chain with Critical Infrastructure from Region 1. Regional Talent Strategy Implementation and Project Seed – Innovation Hub at Midtown Square were removed from the bloc for individual consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and seconded by Mr. Wynne to approve the applications as recommended by staff as a bloc. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Fralin and seconded by Mr. Ruff to approve the Regional Talent Strategy Implementation project. Ms. Agee abstained. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Fralin and seconded by Mr. Stottlemeyer to approve the Project Seed – Innovation Hub at Midtown Square. Ms. Trigiani abstained. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan presented Project Eagle+ to the Board for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Wynne and seconded by Mr. Dyke to approve the project as presented. Mr. Fralin and Ms. Agee abstained. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan presented 1 Regional Economic Resilience and Recovery application in the startup ecosystem space, Growing the Pipeline: Expanding Early Stage Entrepreneurship Support from Region 4. A motion was made by Mr. Juanarena and seconded by Ms. Fremouw to approve the applications as presented by staff. The motion passed.

GO Virginia Project Panel Ms. Agee recognized Mr. Doug Smith, President and CEO of Hampton Roads Alliance, Jeff Gallagher, Interim Executive Director of Advanced Pharmaceutical Manufacturing/R&D Cluster Accelerator, and Bill Donohue, President and CEO of Genedge to appear before the Board.

The three panelists discussed the impact of the Growth and Opportunity Virginia program and the instrumental part it played in creating regional initiatives and collaborations and leveraging those partnerships into successful projects led by their organizations.

Reports Ms. Dunnigan provided the Board with a comprehensive overview of the GO Virginia FY-21 Annual Report.

Information Items Mr. Wynne provided the Board with a brief overview of initiatives that the GO Virginia Foundation plans to undertake beginning in the first quarter of 2022.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned.