



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR  
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VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2020

12:30 PM

Richmond, Virginia

Members Present

Nancy Howell Agee  
Delegate Lamont Bagby  
The Honorable Brian Ball  
Ben J. Davenport, Jr.  
Jim Dyke  
Thomas F. Farrell II  
Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn  
W. Haywood Fralin  
Leah Fremouw  
Senator Janet D. Howell  
Doug Juanarena  
The Honorable Aubrey Layne  
Delegate Martha Mugler  
The Honorable Atif Qarni  
Steven C. Smith  
Todd A. Stottlemeyer  
Don Robin Sullenberger  
Pia Trigiani  
Delegate Luke E. Torian  
Marilyn H. West  
Joe Wilson  
John O. "Dubby" Wynne

Members Absent

Call to Order

Mr. Thomas F. Farrell II, Chairman 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 an Adobe Connect 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	No comments were made by the public; the public comment period was then closed.
Consent Agenda	Mr. Erik Johnston, Director of DHCD presented a request by Region 4 to modify their project, waiving the remainder of the match requirement. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Davenport and properly seconded by Ms. Agee. The motion passed. (Yeas: Agee, Ball, Davenport, Dyke, Farrell, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Howell, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, West, Wilson, Wynne; Nays: None; No-Vote: Bagby, Juanarena, Layne, Qarni, Smith)
New Business	<p>Mr. Johnston introduced Board Policy #10, creating the GO Virginia Economic Resilience and Recovery Program. Ms. Sara Dunnigan introduced Board Policy #11, creating a temporary per capita contract match policy change. After discussion, the Board elected to vote on the two policies in a bloc. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and properly seconded by Mr. Sullenberger to approve the two policies. The motion passed. (Yeas: Agee, Bagby, Ball, Davenport, Dyke, Farrell, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Howell, Juanarena, Layne, Qarni, Smith, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, West, Wilson, Wynne; Nays: None; No-Vote: Mugler)</p> <p>Ms. Dunnigan presented the findings of the Stakeholder Workgroup sessions held in January. It was decided that action on the findings would take place at a later date.</p>
Director's Report	Mr. Johnston introduced and Sara Dunnigan presented five per capita applications regarding workforce development, startup-ecosystems, cluster scale-up: Classrooms to Careers from Region 2, Increasing Birth Rate of New and High Growth Companies from Region 2, Rowanty Technical Center Logistics Program from Region 4, Centurion Innovation Hub from Region 7, and Scale Up the Valley from Region 8. After discussion, the Board elected to vote on the projects in a bloc. A motion was made by Mr. Wynne and properly seconded by Mr. Dyke to approve the five projects as recommended by staff. The motion passed. (Yeas: Agee, Bagby, Ball, Davenport, Dyke, Farrell, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Howell, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Smith, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, West, Wilson, Wynne; Nays: None; No-Vote: Juanarena, Trigiani)

Mr. Johnston referenced the enclosed presentation on funded GO Virginia projects and provided a summary of upcoming projects in the regional pipeline.

Mr. Johnston gave a brief summary of the administratively approved enhanced capacity building projects that were approved prior to the Board meeting.

Budget Update

Mr. Layne provided a brief update on the budget, noting that the Governor's recommendations had been released and that the legislature is set to take up those recommendations during reconvene session.

Future Board Meetings

Mr. Farrell advised Board members that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

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