



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
**GROWTH &
OPPORTUNITY**
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VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING

June 14, 2022

1:00 PM

Monroe Building

101 N. 14th Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Members Present

Delegate Terry Austin
Senator George Barker
The Honorable Steve Cummings
Ben J. Davenport, Jr.
Jim Dyke
W. Heywood Fralin
Leah Fremouw
Speaker Todd Gilbert
Senator Janet Howell
The Honorable Caren Merrick
Senator Frank Ruff
Todd A. Stottlemeyer
Don Robin Sullenberger
Pia Trigiani
Joe Wilson

Members Absent

Nancy Howell Agee
Eva Teig Hardy
Doug Juanarena
Delegate Terry Kilgore
Delegate Barry Knight
Marilyn H. West
John O. "Dubby" Wynne

Call to Order

Mr. Todd Stottlemeyer, Vice-Chair of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity (GO Virginia) Board, called the meeting to order.

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

Mr. Stottlemeyer opened the floor for public comment.

No members of the public appeared before the board for public comment. The public comment period was closed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Stottlemeyer introduced the meeting minutes of the April 21, 2022, the FY23 Capacity Building Allocation and Continuation of Match Waiver, the FY23 Regional Capacity Building Budgets, the FY23 Regional Per Capita and Statewide Competitive Fund Allocations, and a technical amendment to Board Policy #12 as part of the consent agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Davenport and seconded by Mr. Dyke to approve the consent agenda as a bloc. The motion passed.

Director's Report

Mr. Bryan Horn, Director of DHCD provided a brief overview of the budgetary process, noting that the House and Senate had adjourned from conferencing and transmitted a version of the budget to the Governor for consideration, which includes a sweep of unobligated balances from previous years of the GO Virginia program.

Ms. Sara Dunnigan, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Community Vitality at DHCD presented the Board with two different options for how a sweeping of balances could take place, should the Governor sign the proposed budget. After discussion, the Board elected to consider an option that would allow the funding of all Economic Resilience and Recovery program projects set for consideration before the board and to sweep FY19, FY20, FY21, and a portion of FY22 competitive pool money to satisfy the sweep. A motion was made by Mr. Ruff and seconded by Mr. Cummings to approve this option. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan presented 10 Per Capita applications regarding workforce development, sites and infrastructure, and start up ecosystems: Maritime Entry-to-Employment Training from Region 5, Nano-IMAGINE from Region 7, Accelerating Advanced Manufacturing Workforce from Region 8, Talent Supply Connector from Region 9, Tech Talent Retention from Region 9, Technology Academies for Fauquier and Rappahannock Counties from Region 9, Hampton Roads Economic Development Sites Readiness: Phase II from Region 5, Workforce and Entrepreneurship Initiatives in a Regional Makerspace 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. Austin to approve the applications as recommended by staff as a bloc. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan presented 4 Regional Economic Resilience and Recovery applications in the workforce development and startup

ecosystem space: United Way of Southwest Virginia – Employer-Sponsored Childcare Benefit, 2022 from Region 1, Rappahannock and Germanna Community Colleges Patient Care Technician from Region 6, NextGen Nurses from Region 8, and BEACON’s Kitchen from Region 9. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and seconded by Mr. Ruff to approve the applications as presented by staff. The motion passed.

Ms. Dunnigan presented 1 Economic Resilience and Recovery Fast Access project in the cluster scale up space: Shenandoah Valley Small Business Resiliency Teams (SBRT) Round 2 from Region 9. A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Fremouw to approve the application as presented by staff. The motion passed.

Presentations

A panel of speakers, encompassing applicants from past workforce development projects appeared before the board to present their experiences and successes of their projects that were funded by the GO Virginia program.

Ms. Dunnigan gave a brief overview of language included in the pending budget that creates a new Talent Pathways Initiative under the GO Virginia program in partnership with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. Ms. Dunnigan noted that further details would be made available to the Board after the final budget is approved by the Governor.

Information Items

Ms. Dunnigan provided a brief overview of enhanced capacity building projects administratively approved by staff.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.