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VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING

June 23, 2020

1:30 PM

Richmond, Virginia

Members Present

Nancy Howell Agee  
Delegate Lamont Bagby  
The Honorable Brian Ball  
Senator George Barker  
Ben J. Davenport, Jr.  
Jim Dyke  
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  
Senator Frank Ruff  
Steven C. Smith  
Todd A. Stottlemyer  
Don Robin Sullenberger  
Delegate Luke E. Torian  
Pia Trigiani  
Joe Wilson  
John O. "Dubby" Wynne

Members Absent

Thomas F. Farrell II  
Marilyn H. West

Call to Order

Mr. Ben J. Davenport, Jr., 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	No comments were made by the public; the public comment period was then closed.
Consent Agenda	Ms. Sara Dunnigan, Deputy Director of GO Virginia and Economic Development for DHCD introduced the consent agenda items, including the December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 meeting minutes, the April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 meeting minutes, the FY21 Capacity Building Fund allocation, match waiver, and capacity building budgets, the FY21 Per Capita Fund Allocation, the Region 3 GO TEC Phase 2B Total Match Waiver request, and a technical amendment to Board Policy #11. After discussion, the Board elected to vote on all of the items in the consent agenda as a bloc. A motion was made by Senator Ruff and properly seconded by Senator Barker to approve the consent agenda items. The motion passed. (Yeas: Agee, Bagby, Ball, Barker, Davenport, Dyke, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Howell, Juanarena, Layne, Qarni, Ruff, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, Wilson, Wynne; Nays: None; No-Vote: Smith)
New Business	<p>Mr. Erik Johnston, Director of DHCD presented Board Policy #12 relating to use of Tobacco Commission Funds to fulfill the match requirement for GO Virginia Projects to the Board. A motion was made by Senator Howell and properly seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve Board Policy #12. The motion passed. (Yeas: Agee, Bagby, Ball, Barker, Davenport, Dyke, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Howell, Juanarena, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Ruff, Smith, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, Wilson, Wynne; Nays: None; No-Vote: None).</p> <p>Mr. Johnston noted that the GO TEC Phase 2A project had been approved by the Board in March of 2019 contingent on validation of outcomes from a scaled-based version of the project and reviews of the outcomes of Phase 1. Mr. Johnston presented the validation data required by the Board. A motion was made by Senator Ruff and properly seconded by Ms. Fremouw to approve the validation data as presented. The motion passed. (Yeas: Bagby, Ball, Barker, Davenport, Dyke, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Howell, Juanarena, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Ruff, Smith, Stottlemeyer, Torian, Trigiani, Wynne; Nays: None; No-Vote: Agee, Sullenberger, Wilson).</p>
Director’s Report	Mr. Johnston introduced and Ms. Dunnigan presented three Per Capita applications regarding cluster scale up, workforce development, and startup ecosystems: Offshore Wind Supply Chain Hub Development Program from Region 5, Westmoreland

Workforce Training Center Expansion from Region 6, and Startup Shenandoah Valley from Region 8. After discussion, the Board elected to defer the Westmoreland Workforce Training Center Expansion based on staff recommendation and approve the Offshore Wind Supply Chain Hub Development Program and Startup Shenandoah Valley projects in a bloc vote. A motion was made by Mr. Wynne and properly seconded by Mr. Smith to defer the Region 6 project and approve the Region 5 and Region 8 projects. The motion passed. (Yeas: Bagby, Ball, Davenport, Dyke, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Howell, Juanarena, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Ruff, Smith, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Trigiani, Wilson, Wynne; Nays: None; No-Vote: Agee, Barker, Torian)

Ms. Dunnigan presented one statewide Economic Resilience and Recovery program application regarding cluster scale up: Genedge – Retooling Virginia Manufacturers for Strategic Industries lead by Region 1. A motion was made by Senator Ruff and properly seconded by Mr. Dyke to approve the project. The motion passed. (Yeas: Bagby, Ball, Davenport, Dyke, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Howell, Juanarena, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Ruff, Smith, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, Wilson, Wynne; Nays: None; No-Vote: Agee, Barker).

Ms. Dunnigan presented two regional Economic Resilience and Recovery program applications regarding workforce development and cluster scale up: VT Workforce Training, COVID-19 Response from Region 2 and Bridge to Recovery from Region 3. After discussion, the Board elected to vote on the two projects as separate items. A motion was made by Mr. Dyke and properly seconded by Mr. Juanarena to approve the VT Workforce Training, COVID-19 Response project. The motion passed. (Yeas: Bagby, Ball, Davenport, Dyke, Filler-Corn, Fremouw, Howell, Juanarena, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Smith, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, Wynne; Nays: None; Abstain: Fralin; No-Vote: Agee, Barker, Ruff, Wilson). A motion was made by Mr. Sullenberger and properly seconded by Mr. Stottlemeyer to approve the Bridge to Recovery project. The motion passed. (Yeas: Agee, Bagby, Ball, Davenport, Dyke, Filler-Corn, Fralin, Fremouw, Howell, Juanarena, Layne, Mugler, Qarni, Smith, Stottlemeyer, Sullenberger, Torian, Trigiani, Wilson, Wynne; Nays: None; No-Vote: Barker, Ruff).

Mr. Johnston gave a brief summary of the administratively approved Enhanced Capacity Building projects that were approved prior to the Board meeting.

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Ms. Dunnigan gave a brief presentation outlining the details of the funds invested overall in projects since the GO Virginia program's inception.

Mr. Johnston presented letters from Regions 1, 5, 7, and 9 to the Board that outlined various reasons for why one project in each of those regions that had been previously funded by the GO Virginia Board had been withdrawn.

#### Reports

Mr. Stottlemeyer reported to the Board on behalf of VRIC. He noted that VRIC is in the midst of being transferred from being housed under SCHEV to being housed under VIPA. Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that in light of changes to structure, VRIC approved \$15M across four projects as a show of support prior to those projects going to the VIPA council for a final decision.

#### Future Board Meetings

Mr. Davenport advised Board members that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, followed by the final meeting of the year, which will take place on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Adjournment

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