

**GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 FULL COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Call To Order

Chair Lail called the GO Virginia Region 3 virtual Full Council meeting to order on January 19, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Chair Randy Lail welcomed everyone to the GO Virginia Region 3 Virtual ZOOM Council meeting. Due to the nature of the Declaration of a State of Emergency due to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and pursuant to Code §2.2-3708.2, this meeting is being held by electronic communications, via the web platform ZOOM. The catastrophic nature of this declared emergency makes it impractical and unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location. The virtual platform was selected to abide by the restrictions on public gatherings as stated in the Governor’s Emergency Declaration and to protect the health of citizens. The required public notice and receipt of public comments was provided as outlined in the requirements of electronic meetings. The agenda items for this meeting are considered essential to the overall operation of GO Virginia Region 3.

2. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

Chair Lail declared a quorum was present virtually.

Region 3 Council Members

Members	In Person	Virtual	Absent	Members	In Person	Virtual	Absent
Robert Bates			X	Charles Majors		X	
Scott Burnette		X		James McClain			X
Timothy Clark		X		John Parkinson			X
Melody Foster		X		Jeff Reed		X	
Amy Griffin		X		Alfreda Reynolds		X	
Tim Hall		X		Jeremy Satterfield		X	
Keith Harkins		X		Karl Stauber		X	
Rhonda Hodges		X		Sherry Swinson		X	
Randolph Lail		X		Lauren Willis		X	

Region 3 Staff in Attendance

Name/Organization	Organization
Bryan David-UVA Weldon Cooper Center	Region 3 Program Director
Liz Povar-RiverLink Group	Region 3 Contract Staff
Nancy Pool	Region 3 Contract Staff
Deborah Gosney-Southside PDC	Region 3 Support Org/Fiscal Agent
Julie Gill-Southside PDC	Region 3 Support Org/Fiscal Agent

Guests in Attendance

Name	Organization
Sheri McGuire	Longwood College
Toni Clark	Virginia College Fund
David Denny	VGA
Tad Deriso	MBC
Jordan Miles	Supervisor Buckingham Co. & Project Review Comm. Chairman

3. Public Comments

No written or verbal public comments were received.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of interest potentially exist for activities benefiting and/or contracts issued to the following organizations and projects listed below:

Name	Organization(s)
Charles H. Majors	Mid-Atlantic Broadband, Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, Danville Regional Foundation
Randolph Lail	Mid-Atlantic Broadband
Dr. Amy Griffin	Virginia Ed Strategies
Rhonda Hodges	GO TEC
Tim Hall	Henry County
Melody Foster	Longwood University, SOVA Innovation Hub, and Mid-Atlantic Broadband

5. Approval of Minutes

Chair Lail noted that the minutes of the October 20, 2021 Full Council meeting were received via email prior to the meeting and included in the meeting packet. Melody Foster made a motion that the minutes from the October 20, 2021 Full Council meeting be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Jeremy Satterfield and a roll call vote resulted in:

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Robert Bates		Tim Hall	Yes	James McClain		Karl N. Stauber	Yes
Scott Burnette	Yes	Keith Harkins	Yes	John Parkinson		Sherry Swinson	Yes
Timothy Clark	Yes	Rhonda Hodges	Yes	Jeff Reed	Yes	Lauren Willis	Yes
Melody Foster	Yes	Randolph Lail	Yes	Alfreda Reynolds			
Amy Griffin	Yes	Charles Majors	Yes	Jeremy Satterfield	Yes		

6. Financial Reports

Deborah Gosney reviewed the Financial Reports that were included in the meeting packet for period December 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Charlie Majors made a motion that the Financial Reports for period ending December 31, 2021 be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Scott Burnette and a roll call vote resulted in:

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Robert Bates		Tim Hall	Yes	James McClain		Karl N. Stauber	Yes
Scott Burnette	Yes	Keith Harkins	Yes	John Parkinson		Sherry Swinson	Yes
Timothy Clark	Yes	Rhonda Hodges	Yes	Jeff Reed	Yes	Lauren Willis	Yes
Melody Foster	Yes	Randolph Lail	Yes	Alfreda Reynolds	Yes		
Amy Griffin	Yes	Charles Majors	Yes	Jeremy Satterfield	Yes		

7. GO Virginia Region 3 Project Funding Matrix Report

Deborah Gosney reviewed the Project Matrix that was included in the meeting packet for period.

❖ **Scott Burnette apologized but had to leave meeting.**

SPECIAL APPEARANCES & PRESENTATIONS

8. 2020 US Census Findings for Rural Virginia – Hamilton Lombard, Demographer, Demo0graphics Research Group, UVA Weldon

The presenter had a family emergency and was not able to attend. The presentation has been rescheduled for the April 2022 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Go Virginia Region 3 Growth & Diversification (G&D) Plan Adoption of 2021 Update

Liz Povar and Nancy Pool presented an update on the G&D Plan. Karl Stauber made a motion that the G&D Plan be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Melody Foster and a roll call vote resulted in:

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Robert Bates		Tim Hall	Yes	James McClain		Karl N. Stauber	Yes
Scott Burnette		Keith Harkins	Yes	John Parkinson		Sherry Swinson	Yes
Timothy Clark	Yes	Rhonda Hodges	Yes	Jeff Reed	Yes	Lauren Willis	Yes
Melody Foster	Yes	Randolph Lail	Yes	Alfreda Reynolds	Yes		
Amy Griffin	Yes	Charles Majors	Yes	Jeremy Satterfield	Yes		

10. Approved Projects Updates

Prior to the meeting, and in a confidential email sent separately from the meeting packet, Bryan David provided Council members with updates on the approved projects. Randy Lail asked members for questions or comments; there being none, there was no discussion regarding the updates.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Committee Reports

1. Mid-Atlantic Broadband Communities Corporation: Middle Mile Fiber Expansion Project. Jeff Reed made a motion to approve the Fiber Expansion Project as submitted; Melody Foster seconded the motion and a roll call vote resulted in:

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Robert Bates		Tim Hall	Yes	James McClain		Karl Stauber	Yes
Scott Burnette		Keith Harkins	Yes	John Parkinson		Sherry Swinson	Yes
Timothy Clark	Yes	Rhonda Hodges	Yes	Jeff Reed	Yes	Lauren Willis	Yes
Melody Foster	Yes	Randolph Lail	Abstain	Alfreda Reynolds	Yes		
Amy Griffin	Yes	Charles Majors	Abstain	Jeremy Satterfield	Yes		

2. Virginia’s Growth Alliance: Refresh/Restart – A Strategy for Regional Economic Development in Southern Virginia. Jeff Reed made a motion to approve the Virginia’s Growth Alliance: Refresh/Restart project as submitted; Lauren Willis seconded the motion and a roll call vote resulted in:

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Robert Bates		Tim Hall	Yes	James McClain		Karl Stauber	Yes
Scott Burnette		Keith Harkins	Yes	John Parkinson		Sherry Swinson	Yes
Timothy Clark	Yes	Rhonda Hodges	Yes	Jeff Reed	Yes	Lauren Willis	Yes
Melody Foster	Yes	Randolph Lail	Yes	Alfreda Reynolds	Abstain		
Amy Griffin	Yes	Charles Majors	Yes	Jeremy Satterfield	Yes		

3. The Virginia College Fund: The Gupton Initiative - Keith Harkins made a motion to approve the Virginia College Fund: The Gupton Initiative project as submitted; Karl Stauber seconded the motion and a roll call vote resulted in:

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Robert Bates		Tim Hall	Yes	James McClain		Karl Stauber	Yes
Scott Burnette		Keith Harkins	Yes	John Parkinson		Sherry Swinson	Yes
Timothy Clark	Yes	Rhonda Hodges	Yes	Jeff Reed	Yes	Lauren Willis	Yes
Melody Foster	Yes	Randolph Lail	Yes	Alfreda Reynolds	Yes		
Amy Griffin	Yes	Charles Majors	Abstain	Jeremy Satterfield	Yes		

12. Seed Innovation Hub and Controlled Environment Agriculture Strategy and Roadmap – Presented by Bryan David, no vote needed.

13. 2022 GO Virginia Region 3 All-Hands Meeting - Presented by Bryan David, no vote needed.

14. GO Virginia State Board Input Session - Presented by Bryan David, no vote needed.

15. Governor Youngkin – GO Virginia Region 3 Letter - Presented by Bryan David, no vote needed.

16. Go Virginia Region 3 Council 2022 Master Calendar - Presented by Bryan David, no vote needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

There being no additional business matters to go before the GO Virginia Region 3 Council, Chair Lail adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved on 4/20/2022.

Deborah Gosney

[Deborah Gosney \(Apr 26, 2022 15:48 EDT\)](#)

Deborah B. Gosney, Southside PDC
Support Organization/Fiscal Agent

Ernest R. Lail

[Ernest R. Lail \(Apr 26, 2022 12:51 PDT\)](#)

Ernest "Randy" Lail
Chair