

**GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 FULL COUNCIL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

The GO Virginia Region 3 Council met on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Call To Order And Chair’s Opening Comments

Chair Lail called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

Chair Lail declared a quorum was present.

A. Region 3 Council Members:

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

B. 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 Staff	Region 3 Support Org/Fiscal Agent
Lisa McGee-Southside PDC Staff	Region 3 Support Org/Fiscal Agent - Virtual
Ann Taylor Wright – Southside PDC Contract Staff	Region 3 Support Org/Fiscal Agent - Virtual

C. Guests in Attendance:

Name	Organization
Linda Green	Southern Virginia Regional Alliance
David Denny	Virginia's Growth Alliance
Zachary Jackson	Virginia Tech - Virtual
Brandon Hennessey	Longwood SBDC - Virtual
Sheri McGuire	Longwood SBDC
Scott Lohman	Institute for Advanced Learning and Research
Lauren Mathena	Mid-Atlantic Broadband Communities - Virtual
Kristy Johnson	Halifax County IDA

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 July 21, 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 July 21, 2021 Full Council meeting be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Lauren Willis, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.**

6. Financial Reports

Deborah Gosney reviewed the Financial Reports that were included in the meeting packet for period ending September 30, 2021. Roger Scott **made a motion that the Financial Reports for period ending September 30, 2021 be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Melody Foster, and the Financial Reports were approved unanimously.**

SPECIAL APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

7. Southern Virginia Regional Alliance and Virginia's Growth Alliance

Linda Green, Executive Director of the Southern Virginia Regional Alliance, and David Denny, Executive Director of Virginia's Growth Alliance, provided a brief overview to the Region 3 Council of their respective regional economic development organizations and some recent accomplishments.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Approved Projects Updates

Prior to the meeting, Bryan David provided the Council members with updated Project Progress Reports. All projects are tracking as expected.

The Southern Virginia Regional Alliance (SVRA) Regional Site Development Project and the Institute of Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) Experience Works Project were recently approved by Council and the State Board. Contract negotiations for each project are underway with the Department of Housing and Community Development GO Virginia staff. Both projects will soon begin. Media releases were included in the meeting package.

9. Project Pipeline

Randy Lail referred to the Project Pipeline Report that Bryan David emailed to Council members prior to the meeting. With no questions or concerns, the Council had no discussion regarding the Report.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Committee Reports

Project Review Committee

The Project Review Committee met on Tuesday, October 12th, to review applications for the Project SEED Innovation Hub and the Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) Strategy and Roadmap Projects.

SEED Innovation Hub Project – This project is a partnership between Longwood University, Hampden-Sydney College, and the Longwood University Real Estate Foundation to develop an entrepreneurship center in the former Barnes and Noble Bookstore in downtown Farmville. This project was identified and builds upon the Region 3 Entrepreneurship and Innovation Implementation Project currently underway. GO Virginia funds totaling \$662,304 will be utilized for the construction of maker-space and the purchase of equipment.

Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) Strategy and Roadmap – The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR), using its recently opened Controlled Environment Agriculture Innovation Center, proposes to engage the Virginia Tech Office of Community and Economic Engagement to develop a strategy and roadmap for supporting industry growth and workforce development in CEA within the Region. GO Virginia funds totaling \$77,053 will be utilized to prepare the study.

Each of these projects was recommended for approval by the Project Review Committee.

Roger Scott made a motion to approve the SEED Innovation Hub Project as submitted; Lauren Willis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim Hall made a motion to approve the Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) Strategy and Roadmap Project as submitted; Roger Scott seconded the motion. Sherry Swinson and Melody Foster abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

11. GO Virginia Region 3 Council Policy for Members Participating By Electronic Means

Bryan David provided a draft policy regarding virtual participation in meetings by members. Per the Code of Virginia, virtual attendance at meetings, when not in a governor-declared state of emergency, is limited to three reasons:

- a. a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance;
- b. a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family member, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance; or,
- c. a personal matter that prevents the member's physical attendance. If a member cannot attend the meeting due to a personal matter, the member must identify with specificity the nature of the personal matter.

Mr. David explained that a quorum must be physically assembled prior to a member being allowed to actively participate in the meeting virtually.

Roger Scott made a motion to approve the Region 3 Council Policy for Members Participating by Electronic Means; Jeremy Satterfield⁷ seconded the motion. The Policy was approved by unanimous vote.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

12. 2021 Region 3 Growth and Diversification Plan Update

Liz Povar provided an update on the Growth and Diversification Plan.

13. GO Virginia Region 3 FY2020-2021 Annual Report

The FY2020-2021 Annual Report, prepared by Deborah Gosney of the Southside Planning District Commission, was provided to the Council for review. No action was required.

14. GO Virginia Region 3 Project Funding Matrix Report

Bryan David shared the Region 3 Project Funding Matrix Report with the Council. The report presents each project approved by the Region 3 Council since the first award in 2018, along with the project's status and balances.

15. GO Virginia Region 3 Council 2022 Meeting Schedule

Bryan David provided a 2022 schedule for Full Council meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS/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.

Deborah Gosney
Deborah Gosney (Jan 20, 2022 11:29 EST)

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

Ernest "Randy" Lail
Ernest "Randy" Lail (Jan 20, 2022 07:13 PST)

Ernest "Randy" Lail
Chair








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