**GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

* Call To Order

Chair Lail called the GO Virginia Region 3 Full Council meeting to order on April 20, 2022

at 12:00 p.m. Chair Lail welcomed everyone to the GO Virginia Region 3 Council meeting. The agenda items for this meeting are considered essential to the overall operation of GO Virginia Region 3.

* Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

Chair Lail declared a quorum was present.

Region 3 Council Members

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| **Members** | **In****Person** | **Virtual** | **Absent** | **Members** | **In****Person** | **Virtual** | **Absent** |
| Alfreda Reynolds | X |  |  | Lauren Willis | X |  |  |
| Amy Griffin | X |  |  | Melody Foster | X |  |  |
| Charles Majors | X |  |  | Robert Bates | X |  |  |
| James McClain |  |  | X | Scott Burnette | X |  |  |
| Jeff Reed |  |  | X | Sherry Swinson |  | X |  |
| Jeremy Satterfield | X |  |  | Tim Hall | X |  |  |
| John Parkinson | X |  |  | Timothy Clark | X |  |  |
| Karl Stauber | X |  |  | Randolph Lail | X |  |  |
| Keith Harkins |  |  | X | Rhonda Hodges | X |  |  |
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Region 3 Staff in Attendance

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| **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 |

Guests in Attendance

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| **Name** | **Organization** |
| Hamilton Lombard | Program Manager for the Demographics research Group at UVA’s Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service |

* Public Comments

No written or verbal public comments were received.

* 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:

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| **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 |

* Approval of Minutes

Chair Lail noted that the minutes of the January 19, 2022 Full Council meeting were received via email prior to the meeting and included in the meeting packet. Scott Burnette made a motion that the minutes from the January 19, 2022 Full Council meeting be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Karl Stauber and was approved by unanimous vote.

* Financial Reports

Deborah Gosney reviewed the Financial Reports that were included in the meeting packet for period March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022. Charles Majors made a motion that the Financial Reports for period ending March 31, 2022 be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Scott Burnette and was approved by unanimous vote.

* GO Virginia Region 3 Project Funding Matrix Report

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

**SPECIAL APPEARANCES & PRESENTATIONS**

* The Region 3 Council recognized Karl Stauber and Roger Scott with a formal resolution for their able assistance and support with the Council’s work since 2017.
* Hamilton Lombard, Estimates Program Manager for the Demographics Research Group at UVA’s Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, presented his findings on population decline in rural Virginia from the 2020 US Census.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Approved Projects Updates

Prior to the meeting, and in an 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.

* Project Pipeline 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 project pipeline. Randy Lail asked members for questions or comments; there being none, there was no discussion regarding the updates.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Nominating Committee Report

At the Region 3 Council meeting in April 2021, the Nominating Committee recommended that Tim Clark become Chair and Randy Lail become Vice-Chair for 2022-2023 term. They also agreed that an announced succession plan for the Council’s leadership would best serve Region 3. The Region 3 Council concurred with this recommendation. Tim Clark and Randy Lail each confirmed their agreement to continue with the succession plan and serve as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, for 2022-2023.

The Nominating Committee also advised the Council that Alfreda Reynolds has agreed to fill the vacancy on the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Committee left by Roger Scott, who resigned from Council in 2021. Charles Majors made a motion that Tim Clark serve as Chair and Randy Lail serve as Vice-Chair for the 2022-2023 term and to appoint Alfreda Reynolds to serve on the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Committee; the motion was seconded by Lauren Willis and was approved by unanimous vote.

* Proposed FY 2022-2023 GO Virginia Region 3 Council Budget

The FY 2022-2023 Budget was presented to the Council. Tim Clark made a motion to adopt the budget as presented subject to staff revisiting numbers and presenting to the Executive Committee; the motion was seconded by Scott Burnette and was approved by unanimous vote.

* Program Director’s Report
* Liz Povar presented a Growth & Diversification Plan dashboard to the Council to monitor the progress of G&D Plan objectives and priorities.
* The following updates were given on previously pending projects:
* Mid-Atlantic Broadband Communities Corp. – Middle Mile Expansion Project – The GO

Virginia State Board approved the project at a special meeting on March 10th and granted a

waiver from the local match requirement as requested by GO VA Regions 3 and 4. A

companion grant application is pending with the US Economic Development Administration.

* Virginia Growth Alliance's Refresh Project – The Department of Housing and

Community Development GO Virginia staff administratively approved this project on April

11th.

* The Virginia College Fund's Gupton Initiative – The Department of Housing and Community

Development (DHCD) GO Virginia staff has had this project under since its submission in

mid-March. A review meeting was held with DHCD GO Virginia staff, the project's

principals, and GO Virginia Region 3 and 4 staff on April 11th. This meeting appears to have

resolved the DHCD staff's outstanding questions, and the project may be in a posture for

administrative approval.

* The 2022 All Hands Meeting planning continues with the launch of the registration website, distribution to likely attendees, event program finalization, implementation of the social media plan, and other related logistics. The Governor is unavailable to attend. The Office of Commerce and Trade will be providing the keynote speaker.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Call for Closed Session

Pursuant to the Personnel Exemption §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia and on the motion of Melanie Foster, second by Amy Griffin, the GOVA Region 3 Council entered into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters. By roll call vote, all members present voted affirmatively and the Council entered a Closed Session.

There was no action taken while in Closed Session on the Personnel matters.

Return to Open Session

The Closed Session concluded after fifteen minutes. Chair Lail requested a return to Open Session and for Council members to certify that, “To the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the public body. Any member of the public body who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii), shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in their judgment, has taken place.” A motion was made by Charles Majors, second by Amy Griffin, to certify the Executive Session. By roll call, all members present voted affirmatively.

In addition to the Council members present, Council requested the presence of GOVA and Support Organization staff members Deborah Gosney, Bryan David, Liz Povar, and Nancy Pool for the entirety of the Closed Session.

Action on Closed Session Items

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, second by Tim Clark, to accept the Personnel matter recommendations made during the Closed Session held April 20, 2022. By roll call, all members present voted affirmatively.

**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 2:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved on \_\_\_\_\_.

Deborah B. Gosney, Southside PDC Ernest “Randy” Lail

Support Organization/Fiscal Agent Chair