

**GO VIRGINIA REGION 3
VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

The GO Virginia Region 3 Executive Committee met on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Call To Order And Chair's Opening Comments

Due to the nature of the Declaration of a State of Emergency issued under Executive Order 81 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. 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.

Chair Lail called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

Chair Lail declared a quorum was present.

A. Region 3 Executive Committee Members:

Members	Present	Absent
Timothy J. Clark	X	
E. Randolph Lail	X	
Charles H. Majors	X	
Sherry Swinson	X	
Lauren Willis	X	

B. Region 3 Staff in Attendance:

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

Guests in Attendance

Name	Organization
Dr. Tammy Hurt	Institute for Advanced Learning and Research
Steve Wilkinson	CPA – Wilkinson CPA

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Chair Lail noted that the minutes of the June 16, 2021 Executive Committee meeting were received via email prior to the meeting and included in the meeting packet. **Tim Clark made a motion that the minutes from the June 16, 2021 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Charles Majors, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote. (Ayes: Clark, Lail, Majors, Swinson, Willis; Nays: None; Abstentions: None)**

6. Financial Reports

Deborah Gosney reviewed the Financial Reports that were included in the meeting packet for period August 1, 2021 – August 30, 2021. **Sherry Swinson made a motion that the Financial Reports for period ending August 31, 2021 be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Charles Majors, and the Financial Reports were approved unanimously. (Ayes: Clark, Lail, Majors, Swinson, Willis; Nays: None; Abstentions: None)**

OLD BUSINESS

7. Approved Projects Updates

Prior to the meeting and under separate cover, Bryan David provided the Executive Committee members with updated Project Progress Reports for the following:

Region 3 Projects

- Bridge to Recovery
- GO TEC
- Common Platform (Major Clarity)
- Mid-Atlantic Broadband Communities Corporation (MBC) – Middle Mile Expansion for Economic Growth
- Entrepreneurship Investment and Innovation Strategy

State-wide Competitive Projects Supported by Region 3

- Genedge - Retooling Virginia Manufacturing for Strategic Industries
- Virginia Small Business Development Center

He shared that all current projects are tracking as expected.

Mr. David announced that David Denny has been named the interim Executive Director for the Virginia Growth Alliance. Mr. Denny has extensive economic development experience. He currently is a Managing Partner with Sanford Holshouser Economic Development Consulting, LLC in Raleigh and is Owner of David W. Denny, LLC. Mr. David shared that this role could lead to collaboration, the Virginia Growth Alliance resetting and refreshing its organization.

8. Project Pipeline

Chair Lail referred Executive Committee members to the Project Pipeline Report that Bryan David provided under separate cover prior to the meeting. With no questions or concerns, the Executive Committee had no discussion regarding the Report.

Chair Lail shared that two per capita grant applications — *Strengthening Southern Virginia's Economy by Expanding the Inventory of Shovel Ready Sites* and *ExperienceWorks* — will be considered before the State Board at its next meeting. Tim Clark will reach out to Senator Frank Ruff and State Board member Benjamin Davenport on behalf of Region 3 Executive Committee in support of these applications.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Committee Reports

None

10. GO Virginia Region 3 Policy for Members Participating Remotely and Other Meeting Management Matters

Bryan David referred Executive Committee members to the summary memo and proposed policy distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. David shared that the transition back to in-person meetings from virtual/electronic meetings, which were allowed under Executive Order 51 for a Governor-declared state of emergency, is necessitated due to the expiration of this State of Emergency. Mr. David brought forward the need for the Region 3 Executive Committee to consider recommending a policy to the Region 3 Council which gives guidance on the conditions and the uniform procedures to be followed for a council member to participate by electronic means as provided in §2.2-3708.2 (Meetings held through

a council member to participate by electronic means as provided in §2.2-3708.2 (Meetings held through electronic communication means) of the Code of Virginia. The Region 3 Council's current bylaws reference in Article IV-Section 3 that "Virtual meetings and meetings including participation by telephone and/or video conferencing may be held in accordance with the requirements of Virginia law." Executive Committee members discussed the requirements of the Code of Virginia and the necessity to formally adopt a written policy regarding the uniform application of allowances for electronic participation.

Lisa McGee shared a new interactive RSVP tool that was developed by Jennifer Morgan of GO Virginia Region 6 to collect the necessary information in compliance virtual meeting attendance. Mrs. McGee modified the form to collect other meeting logistical information. Lauren Willis requested that the form be amended to add "disability or medical condition of a family member" in order to comply with the Code of Virginia and Region 3 policy as presented.

Additionally, Executive Committee members reviewed the results of a survey Nancy Pool conducted with other GO Virginia regions regarding the frequency of their meetings as well as the manner of material distribution.

Sherry Swinson made a motion that the GO Virginia Region 3 Policy for Members Participating Remotely, interactive form (as amended above), and information brought forth in the survey be recommended to the Full Council for adoption at the October meeting; the motion was seconded by Charles Majors. The recommendation was approved unanimously. (Ayes: Clark, Lail, Majors, Swinson, Willis; Nays: None; Abstentions: None)

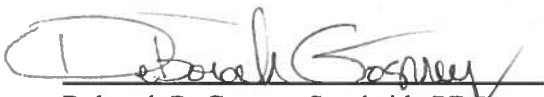
11. Approval of Region 3 Executive Committee Meeting Actions (7.21.21)

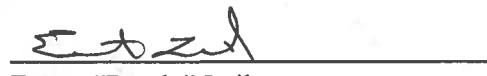
Bryan David shared summary information about matters from the July 21, 2021 discussions. As there was no quorum present to open the meeting, but a quorum was present due to the council's new members, votes were taken to be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

Sherry Swinson made a motion to approve the Region 3 Executive Committee Actions taken on July 21, 2021; the motion was seconded by Charles Majors. The motion was approved unanimously. (Ayes: Clark, Lail, Majors, Swinson, Willis; Nays: None; Abstentions: None)

OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURN

There being no additional business matters to go before the GO Virginia Region 3 Executive Committee, Chair Lail adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.


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


Ernest "Randy" Lail
Chair