

**GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 FULL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Call To Order

Chair Clark called the GO Virginia (GOVA) Region 3 Full Council all virtual meeting to order on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

Deborah Gosney conducted roll call. Chair Clark declared a quorum was present virtually.

Region 3 Council Members

Members	In Person	Virtual	Absent	Members	In Person	Virtual	Absent
Sheldon Barr		x		Randolph Lail		x	
Robert Bates		x		Charles H. Majors		x	
Clark Casteel		x		James McClain			x
Timothy J. Clark		x		John Parkinson		x	
Melody Foster		x		Alfreda Reynolds		x	
Kristin Gee		x		Jeremy Satterfield		x	
Amy Griffin		x		Sherry Swinson		x	
Keith Harkins		x		Dale Wagner		x	
Rhonda Hodges		x		Lauren Willis		x	

Region 3 Staff in Attendance

Name – Organization - Role	In Person	Virtual	Absent
Deborah Gosney - Southside PDC - Support Org. & Fiscal Agent		x	
Bryan David - UVA Weldon Cooper Center Contract Staff – Region 3 Program Director		x	
Ann Taylor Wright (CTW Consulting, LLC) - Southside PDC Contract Staff		x	
Liz Povar (The Riverlink Group) - Southside PDC Contract Staff		x	

Guests in Attendance

<b>Name - Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>In Person</b>	<b>Virtual</b>
Billy Gammel- GOVA Senior Program Administrator	Department of Housing & Community Development		x
Joseph Dennie- GOVA Program Administrator	Department of Housing & Community Development		x
Dr. Scott Tate- Associate Director for Community Innovation	Virginia Tech		x
Dr. Scott Lowman- VP of Advanced Research	Institute for Advanced Learning & Research (IALR)		x
Dr. Julie Brown- VP of Advanced Learning	Institute for Advanced Learning & Research (IALR)		x
Dr. Tammy Hurt- Work Based Learning Specialist	Virginia Department of Education		x
Jordan Miles- Chair	Region 3 Project Review Committee		x

Public Comments

No written, nor 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization(s)</b>
Charles H. Majors	Mid-Atlantic Broadband; Institute for Advanced Learning and Research; Danville Regional Foundation; Future of the Piedmont
Randolph Lail	Mid-Atlantic Broadband; SOVA Innovation Hub
Rhonda Hodges	GO TEC; Patrick Henry Community College; RISE Collaborative
Melody Foster	Longwood University; SOVA Innovation Hub; Mid-Atlantic Broadband
Keith Harkins	Southside Virginia Community College
Jeremy Satterfield	Microsoft; SOVA Innovation Hub; Southside Virginia Community College
Alfreda Reynolds	Brunswick County; VGA Board Member
Clark Casteel	Danville Regional Foundation
Lauren Willis	GO TEC (Charlotte Co Public Schools)

### Approval of Minutes

Chair Clark noted that the minutes of the October 18, 2023 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 18, 2023 Full Council meeting be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Lauren Willis and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

### Financial Reports & Project Update

Bryan David and Deborah Gosney presented the Financial Reports and Project Updates that were included in the meeting packet for the period December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. **Randy Lail made a motion that the Financial Reports be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Melody Foster and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

### **SPECIAL APPEARANCES & PRESENTATIONS**

- Liz Povar with The Riverlink Group presented the Region 3 Growth & Diversification Plan current project dashboard.
- Dr. Scott Lowman from IALR and Dr. Scott Tate from Virginia Tech presented the completed Controlled Environment Agriculture Strategy & Roadmap to the Council.
- Dr. Julie Brown from IALR provided the Council with an update on GO TEC 2025.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Project Pipeline Updates

Bryan David reviewed the current project pipeline which was emailed to Council members prior to the meeting. The following projects were discussed:

- Southern Virginia Regional Alliance: This project would provide funding for a consultant to assess the potential for raising ongoing financial support from private, public, and non-profit stakeholders for a regional economic development organization.
- Institute for Advance Learning & Research (IALR) – Virginia Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) Hub: This is an implementation project for the CEA Strategy & Roadmap.
- Brunswick County Public Schools and Henry County Public Schools GO TEC Lab Development: This project will expand the GO TEC program into these Counties.
- SOVA Innovation Labs: This is an expansion of the SOVA Innovation Hub and will offer a maker's space and co-working space in a campus style environment.
- Region 3 Leadership Development Project: This project would be in partnership with the UVA Sorenson Institute for Leadership and the Virginia Institute for Government to develop a community leadership program in Region 3.

Chair Clark asked members for questions or comments; there being none, there was no discussion regarding the updates.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Committee Reports

Jordan Miles, Chair of the Project Review Committee, presented the Region 3 GO TEC Expansion per capita project for workforce development and recommended the approval of the project. The Council discussed the project. **Melody Foster made a motion to approve the project; the motion was seconded by Clark Casteel; Rhonda Hodges, Charles Majors, and Alfreda Reynolds all abstained from the vote; the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

Bryan David discussed the upcoming election of the Region 3 Council Chair and Vice Chair for 2024-2025. There were no questions nor comments from the Council.

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bryan David presented the Program Director's Report as detailed in the meeting packet. Topics discussed were the recent Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission (JLARC) Report, Region 3's withdrawal of the VGA Site Development Phase II application for State Board approval, the State Board's approval of a reprogramming for the SVRA Site Development budget, and the close out of the Cybersecurity Job Creation System by Region 5 which was supported by Region 3. There were no questions nor comments from the Council.

### ADJOURN

There being no additional business matters to go before the GOVA Region 3 Council, Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

These minutes were approved on 4/17/2024.

  
Deborah Gosney (Apr 18, 2024 10:15 EDT)

Deborah Gosney, Southside PDC  
Executive Director

*Tim Clark*

Tim Clark, GOVA Region 3  
Council Chair

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