

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

Call To Order

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

Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

Ann Wright conducted roll call. Chair Clark declared a quorum was present.

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

Name - Title	Organization	In Person	Virtual
Billy Gammel- GOVA Senior Program Administrator	Department of Housing & Community Development	X	
Joseph Dennie- GOVA Program Administrator	Department of Housing & Community Development		X
Shara Gibson- GOVA Program Manager	Department of Housing & Community Development		X
Dr. Scott Lowman- VP of Advanced Research	Institute for Advanced Learning & Research (IALR)	X	
Ilsa Loeser-Principle	LetterPress Communications		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:

Name	Organization(s)
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; GO TEC
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 January 17, 2023 Full Council meeting were received via email prior to the meeting and included in the meeting packet. **Keith Harkins made a motion that the minutes from the January 17, 2023 Full Council meeting be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Jeremy Satterfield; the motion was approved unanimously.**

Financial Reports & Project Update

Bryan David and Ann Wright presented the Financial Reports and Project Updates that were included in the meeting packet for the period March 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023. **Melody Foster made a motion that the Financial Reports be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Lauren Willis; the motion was approved unanimously.**

SPECIAL APPEARANCES & PRESENTATIONS

- Liz Povar with The Riverlink Group presented the Region 3 Growth & Diversification Plan current project dashboard.
- Dr. Scott Lowman from IALR from Virginia Tech presented the completed Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) Hub Implementation Project to the Council.

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:

- Institute for Advance Learning & Research (IALR) – Virginia Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) Hub: This is an implementation project for the CEA Strategy & Roadmap.
- 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

A Resolution of Recognition has been prepared to recognize Charley Major's leadership since the Council was established in 2017. He has spent significant time and effort building GOVA Region 3 as a strategic economic development partner in Southern Virginia and the GOVA program statewide. **Tim Clark made a motion to adopt the Resolution; the motion was seconded by Melody Foster; the motion was approved unanimously.**

A Resolution of Recognition has been prepared to recognize Jordan Miles' dedication to the Region 3 Council and leadership of the Project Review Committee. **Laurne Willis made a motion to adopt the Resolution; the motion was seconded by Jeremy Satterfield; the motion was approved unanimously.**

The April meeting represents the annual meeting of the GOVA Region 3 Council, and it is the meeting where the Council members elect the Chair and Vice-Chair for the coming year. Tim Clark currently serves as Chair, and Lauren Willis serves as Vice-Chair. Each has expressed interest in continuing in these leadership positions, with Lauren Willis as Chair and Tim Clark as Vice Chair for 2024-2025. **Tim Clark made a motion to elect Lauren Willis as Chair for the 2024-2025 term to begin on July 1, 2024; the motion was seconded by Sherry Swinson; the motion was approved unanimously. Charley Majors made a motion to elect Tim Clark as Vice Chair for the 2024-2025 term to begin on July 1, 2024; the motion was seconded by Lauren Willis; the motion was approved unanimously.**

The Nominating Committee has received interest from Ilsa Loeser to be appointed to the Region 3 Council. She lives in Farmville and is the Principal of Letterpress Communications. This appointment would serve an unexpired private-sector term through June 30, 2027. According to the Region 3 Council's bylaws, she is eligible to serve two consecutive four-year terms after that. This council member position was formerly held by Roger Scott from Amelia County. **Lauren Willis made a motion to appoint Ilsa Loeser to serve the unexpired private sector term through June 30, 2027; the motion was seconded by Jeremy Satterfield; the motion was approved unanimously.**

To provide institutional memory and experience during the upcoming period of transition, the Nominating Committee recommends that the Region 3 Council establish a non-voting advisor position for the Executive Committee, with Charley Majors being appointed effective July 1, 2024. **Keith Harkins made a motion to create a non-voting advisory position to the Executive Committee; the motion was seconded by Melody Foster; the motion was approved unanimously. Lauren Willis made a motion to appoint Charley Majors to serve as the non-voting advisor to the Executive Committee; the motion was seconded by Melody Foster; the motion was approved unanimously.**

The Region 3 Council will undergo a transition in membership during the next two reappointment/appointment cycles. The bylaws limit members to two consecutive four-year terms. There are five members whose term will end on 6.30.25 and who are not eligible for reappointment. The Council reviewed the current Region 3 roster. Chair Clark asked members to suggest possible new council members to the Nominating Committee.

Other New Business

Bryan David presented the FY24-25 Region 3 Operating Budget. **Melody Foster made a motion to approve the FY24-25 Region 3 Operating Budget; the motion was seconded by Robert Bates; Ilsa Loeser abstained; the motion was approved unanimously.**

Bryan David provided an update on the Amelia County Regional Commerce Center project. DHCD has requested that a preliminary architectural review (PER) be obtained prior to any due diligence work. **Keith Harkins made a motion to proceed with an application to fund the PER for the Amelia County Regional Commerce Center as a companion application to the previously submitted due diligence application; the motion was seconded by Sherry Swinson; the motion was approved unanimously.**

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bryan David presented the Program Director's Report as detailed in the meeting packet. Topics
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discussed were the 2024 leadership meeting, the reprogramming of the All Hands meeting to a subregional event, the GOVA State Board feedback on the GO TEC Expansion application and the SVRA Sustainability Study application. 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 2:59 p.m.

These minutes were approved on ____.

Bryan David, GOVA Region 3
Executive Director

Tim Clark, GOVA Region 3
Council Chair