

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

Call To Order

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

Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

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

Region 3 Council Members

Members	In Person	Virtual	Absent	Members	In Person	Virtual	Absent
Sheldon Barr		X		Elizabeth Leggett		X	
Robert Bates			X	Ilsa Loeser		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	
Randolph Lail		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
Dr. Scott Tate- Associate Director for Community Innovation	Virginia Tech Center for Economic & Community Engagement		X
Alex Veatch- Creative Director	LetterPress Communications		X
Cynthia Lawrence- President	Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers		X
Tad Deriso- President/CEO	Mid-Atlantic Broadband		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
Ilsa Loeser	LetterPress Communications

Committee Reports

Chair Willis suggested an amendment to the agenda to move the Committee Reports to the first order of business. **Ilsa Loeser made a motion to amend the agenda; the motion was seconded by Amy Griffin and was approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

The Nominating Committee has received interest from Elizabeth Leggett to be appointed to the Region 3 Council. Ms. Leggett is the Vice President of Leggett Town and Country, a local retail store that her husband opened in 2002. A native of Danville, she returned home after completing her MT in Latin at the University of Virginia. After teaching for 20 years in the Danville Public Schools,

she served on the Danville School Board. This appointment would serve an unexpired private-sector term through June 30, 2027. **Melody Foster made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Leggett to serve the unexpired private sector term through June 30, 2027; the motion was seconded by Clark Casteel and was approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

Approval of Minutes

Chair Willis noted that the minutes of the April 17, 2023 Full Council 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 April 17, 2023 Full Council meeting be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Melody Foster and was 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 ending June 30, 2023. **Randy Lail made a motion that the Financial Reports be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Tim Clark and was approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

SPECIAL APPEARANCES & PRESENTATIONS

- Cynthia Lawrence, President of Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers, presented the GOVA Region 3 TPI Health Science Careers project.
- Tad Deriso, President/CEO of Mid-Atlantic Broadband, provided an update on the Middle Mile Expansion Project.
- Alex Veatch, Creative Director with LetterPress Communications, presented the Communications Annual Report for Region 3.
- Dr. Scott Tate, Associate Director for Community Innovation with Virginia Tech's Center for Economic & Community Engagement, discussed the findings from the recent Region 3 Leadership event.

OLD BUSINESS

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.
- GO TEC Talent Pathway Initiative Planning Project: This project would expand GO TEC into 9th and 10th grade classrooms void. GO TEC is currently in middle schools and 11th and 12th grade classrooms.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Southside Planning District Commission (PDC) drafted a new MOU following Department of Housing and Community Development guidance. It was recommended to include an outline of the roles and responsibilities for each party and to extend the term of the MOU to follow the GO Virginia biennium cycle. **Randy Lail made a motion to approve the Southside PDC MOU as presented; the motion was seconded by Melody Foster and was approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bryan David presented the Program Director's Report as detailed in the meeting packet. Topics discussed were the FY25-FY26 UVA Weldon Cooper Center Agreement, the GO TEC Expansion Project, GOVA State Board Policy #17, and the GOVA State Board Leadership Retreat. 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 Willis adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

These minutes were approved on ____.

Deborah Gosney, Southside PDC
Executive Director

Lauren Willis, GOVA Region 3
Council Chair