

**GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Call To Order

Chair Willis called the GO Virginia (GOVA) Region 3 Executive Committee all-virtual meeting to order on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

Chair Willis declared a quorum was present.

Region 3 Executive Committee Members

Members	In Person	Virtual	Absent
Clark Casteel		X	
Timothy J. Clark		X	
E. Randolph Lail		X	
Rhonda Hodges		X	
Lauren Willis		X	

Ex Officio Member

Name – Organization - Role	In Person	Virtual
Charley Majors – Region 3 Executive Committee - Advisor		X

Region 3 Staff

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

Guests in Attendance

Name – Organization - Role	In Person	Virtual
None		

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:

Name	Organization(s)
Randolph Lail	Mid-Atlantic Broadband; SOVA IH; RISE Collaborative
Rhonda Hodges	GO TEC; Patrick Henry Community College; RISE Collaborative
Clark Casteel	Danville Regional Foundation
Lauren Willis	Charlotte County Public Schools

Approval of Minutes

Chair Willis noted that the minutes of the March 20, 2024 Executive Committee meeting were received via email prior to the meeting and included in the meeting packet. **Clark Casteel made a motion that the minutes from the March 20, 2024 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Randy Lail and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

Chair Willis noted that the minutes of the June 10, 2024 Executive Committee meeting were received via email prior to the meeting and included in the meeting packet. **Clark Casteel made a motion that the minutes from the June 10, 2024 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Randy Lail and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

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 ending August 31, 2024. **Randy Lail made a motion that the Financial Reports be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Clark Casteel and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Project Pipeline

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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms filling the void. GO TEC is currently in middle schools and 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Region 3 Council adopted Policy #9 on October 20, 2021 which provided the conditions and procedures for Council members to participate virtually in public meetings. The 2024 General Assembly amended the enabling statute for this policy, making several definitional and procedural changes that need to be included in the Region 3 Council’s adopted policy. Policy #9 was amended to reflect these changes and outline the conditions and procedures for Region 3 Council members to participate virtually in public meetings that are held in person. **Tim Clark made a motion to approve the Region 3 Policy #9 Amendment; the motion was seconded by Randy Lail and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

The 2024 General Assembly amended the enabling statute for public bodies to conduct all-virtual meetings outside of a state-wide emergency effective July 1, 2024. These amendments increased the number of virtual meetings to no more than two times per calendar year or fifty percent (50%) of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. The enabling statute requires the Region 3 Council, or Executive Committee, to readopt this policy each year. Policy #10 establishes the conditions and procedures for Region 3 to conduct all-virtual public meetings. **Tim Clark made a motion to approve Region 3 Policy #10; the motion was seconded by Randy Lail and 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 proposed IALR Talent Pathway Initiative application, the Region 3 Envisioning Leadership Report, the 2025 Region 3 Growth & Diversification Plan Update, the CEA Innovation Center Assessment & Roadmap, the Region 3 FY24 Annual Report, and the GOVA State Board Retreat. There were no questions nor comments from the Council.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no additional business matters to bring before the GOVA Region 3 Council, Chair Willis adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

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

Bryan David, GOVA Region 3  
Program Director

Lauren Willis, GOVA Region 3  
Council Chair