

**GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 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, December 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	Absent
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
Emily Webb - Virginia Chamber of Commerce – Vice President of Education & Workforce Development		X
Billy Gammel - DHCD GO Virginia - Senior Program Administrator		X
John Provo – Virginia Tech Center for Economic & Community Engagement - GO Virginia Region 2 Program Director		X
Sara Dunnigan – DHCD GO Virginia & Economic Development – Deputy Director		X

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 September 18, 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 September 18, 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 Deborah Gosney presented the Financial Reports and Project Updates that were included in the meeting packet for the period ending November 30, 2024. **Randy Lail made a motion that the Financial Reports be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Tim Clark 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- Digital Fabrication Lab: 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.
- Southside Virginia Community College Foundation: This project will fund the training equipment (tractor trailers), technology equipment, and classroom furniture for the spaces serving the Powerline and Truck Driver Training Programs.
- 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 Willis asked members for questions or comments; there being none, there was no discussion regarding the updates.

NEW BUSINESS

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Statewide Assessment is a collaborative, multi-region planning project in partnership with the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and GOVA Region 2. GOVA funding will support a consultant to produce a comprehensive AI report to include a sector-specific analysis, current program catalog, along with strategic recommendations. This report will identify how AI will impact the workplace from a business perspective, which will be included in the Virginia Chamber of Commerce's Blueprint 2035 update. **Randy Lail made a motion to approve the AI Statewide Assessment application as presented; the motion was seconded by Tim Clark 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. The topics discussed were a proposed amendment to the G&D Plan to add Logistics as a target sector, the IALR Talent Pathway Initiative, the status of the G&D Plan update, GOVA Regional Council Committee report, JLARC's report on data centers in Virginia, and the Tobacco Commission's Strategic Plan. There were no questions nor comments from the Council.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business matters to be brought before the GOVA Region 3 Council, Chair Willis adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

These minutes were approved on ____.

Deborah Gosney, Southside PDC
Executive Director

Lauren Willis, GOVA Region 3
Council Chair