

**GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, June 18, 2025**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Call To Order

Chair Willis called the GO Virginia (GOVA) Region 3 Executive Committee all-virtual meeting to order on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 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       |        |
| Andy Wells - Southside PDC - Support Org. & Fiscal Agent                            |           | X       |        |

### Guests in Attendance

| Name – Organization - Role  | In Person | Virtual |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Billy Gammel - DHCD GO Virginia - Senior Program Administrator        |           | X       |
| Rob Eddy – Horticulturist - Resource Innovation Institute (RII)       |           | X       |
| Derek Smith – Executive Director- Resource Innovation Institute (RII) |           | 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 Innovation Hub     |
| Rhonda Hodges  | Patrick Henry Community College                 |
| Clark Casteel  | Danville Regional Foundation                    |
| Lauren Willis  | Charlotte County Public Schools                 |
| Charley Majors | The Institute for Advanced Knowledge & Research |

### Approval of Minutes

Chair Willis noted that the minutes of the March 19, 2025 Executive Committee 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 March 19, 2025 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 May 31, 2025. **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.**

### **SPECIAL APPEARANCES & PRESENTATIONS**

Derek Smith and Rob Eddy presented the findings of the Co-location of Data Centers and CEA Greenhouses Feasibility Report.

## 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:

- Health Science Careers Implementation Project: IALR is considering facilitating the implementation of a health care workforce development program based upon the findings of the recent Health Science Careers TPI Planning project.
- Industrial Skilled Trades Training Program: This IALR project would create an industrial skills workforce development training program in partnership with Patrick & Henry, Danville, and Southside Virginia Community Colleges.
- CEA Innovation Center Research Building Expansion: This project would involve installing a prefabricated research greenhouse, making associated building improvements, and preparing the site and utilities to accommodate the needed expansion of facilities and services the Center can provide.
- 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

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bryan David presented the Program Director's Report as detailed in the meeting packet. The topics discussed were the Pending Projects report, the GOVA Regional Council Committee report, and Region 3 staff transition planning.

The Executive Committee entered into closed session for further discussion of the staff transition planning. **Randy Lail made the motion that pursuant to Section §2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, the GO Virginia Region 3 Council convene in closed session to discuss Region 3 staffing transitions; the motion was seconded by Clark Casteel and approved by roll call vote.**

Upon return to open session, **Randy Lail made the motion that having convened and concluded a closed meeting pursuant to Section §2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and per Section §2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia to certify that the executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; and that the GO Virginia Region 3 Council hereby certified that to the best of each member's knowledge;**

**1) Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the executive meeting to which certification resolution applies, and;**

**2) Only such business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Council; the motion was seconded by Tim Clark and approved by roll call vote. No formal action was taken upon return to open session.**

## ADJOURN

There being no additional business matters to be brought before the GOVA Region 3 Council, Chair Willis adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

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

Deborah Gosney, Southside PDC  
Executive Director

Lauren Willis, GOVA Region 3  
Council Chair

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