

GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 17, 2025

REGULAR BUSINESS

Call To Order

Chair Willis called the GO Virginia (GOVA) Region 3 Executive Committee in-person meeting to order on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the SOVA Innovation Hub, 715 Wilbourne Ave in South Boston, VA.

Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

Chair Willis declared a quorum was present.

Region 3 Executive Committee Members

Members	In Person	Virtual	Absent
Robert Bates	X		
Amy Griffin	X		
Randy Lail		X	
Elizabeth Leggett	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
No guest		

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; Mid-Atlantic Broadband; SOVA Innovation Hub

Approval of Minutes

Chair Willis noted that the minutes of the June 18, 2025 Executive Committee meeting were received via email prior to the meeting and included in the meeting packet. **Elizabeth Leggett made a motion that the minutes from the June 18, 2025 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Robert Bates and approved unanimously.**

Financial Reports & Project Update

Bryan David and Andy Wells presented the Financial Reports and Project Updates that were included in the meeting packet for the period ending August 30, 2025. **Amy Griffin made a motion that the Financial Reports be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Elizabeth Leggett and approved unanimously.**

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: This implementation project will support a health care workforce development program based upon the findings of the recent Health Science Careers TPI Planning project. **Randy Lail made a motion that Region 3 request Letters of Intent from local organizations to serve as the project lead for an implementation grant application; the motion was seconded by Amy Griffin and approved unanimously.**

- 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.
- Blue Ridge Innovation Corridor (BRIC): This planning initiative will establish a comprehensive framework for transforming the BRIC into a globally competitive innovation ecosystem spanning GO Virginia Regions 2 and 3.
- Virginia Tech Additive Manufacturing & Advanced Materials (AM2) Tech Hub: This would be a statewide competitive grant to increase the competitive advantage for advanced manufacturing and advanced materials in Region 2 and 3.
- 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.
- Virginia's Heartland Regional Economic Development Alliance Business Site Planning Project: This project would assess the available inventory of business investment sites and buildings in the region, determine the current VEDP tier level of each, and prioritize up-tiering opportunities for the site.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Growth & Diversification Plan Update

Liz Povar presented the draft G&D Plan Update. The Committee reviewed each Goal and Strategy, and along with the staff, recommended edits and additions to be made.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bryan David presented the Program Director's Report as detailed in the meeting packet which included the GOVA State Board retreat and meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business matters to be brought before the GOVA Region 3 Council, Chair Willis adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

These minutes were approved on ____.

Bryan David, GOVA Region 3
Program Manager

Lauren Willis, GOVA Region 3
Council Chair