

GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday August 6, 2026

REGULAR BUSINESS

Call To Order

Chair Bates called the GO Virginia (GOVA) Region 3 Special Called Executive Committee all-virtual meeting to order on Thursday, August, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

Chair Bates declared a quorum was present.

Region 3 Executive Committee Members

Members	In Person	Virtual	Absent
Robert Bates		X	
Amy Griffin		X	
Elizabeth Leggett		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 – Region 3 Contract Staff - Project Coordinator		X	
Ann Wright – Southside PDC Contract Staff - Program Director		X	
Liz Povar – Southside PDC Contract Staff - Senior Advisor		X	
Andy Wells - Southside PDC (Support Org. & Fiscal Agent) – Executive Director		X	

Guests in Attendance

Name – Organization - Role	In Person	Virtual
Cody Anderson – DHCD - GO Virginia Program Administrator		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)
Robert Bates	Charlotte County Public Schools
Charley Majors	The Institute for Advanced Knowledge & Research; Mid-Atlantic Broadband; SOVA Innovation Hub

NEW BUSINESS

Project Review Committee- Rise Phase III: AI-Ready Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Application (revised)

Bryan David and Lauren Mathena presented the revised RISE Phase III: AI-Ready Entrepreneur Ecosystem application to the Council. The Project Review Committee reviewed the revised application and recommended approval. **Amy Griffin made a motion to approve the application as presented and authorized the Chair to execute the Project Match Waiver document; the motion was seconded by Elizabeth Leggett and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

ADJOURN

There being no additional business matters to be brought before the GOVA Region 3 Council, Chair Bates adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

These minutes were approved on 9/16/2026.



Andy Wells, Southside PDC
Executive Director



Robert E. Bates (Sep 18, 2026 15:56:10 EDT)

Robert Bates, GOVA Region 3
Council Chair

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