GOVA REGION 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET

November 18, 2026

Executive Committee

Date and Time: **November 18, 2026**
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: **All-virtual**

Link: https://tinyurl.com/yx97w7d3
Dial-In: 929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 339 011 5898
Password: 202011

Purpose Statement

"Create more high-paying jobs through incentivized collaboration, primarily through out- of-state revenue, which diversifies and strengthens regional economies."

AGENDA

I. Call to Order and Chair's Opening Comments……Robert Bates
II. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum……Ann Wright
III. Public Comments……Robert Bates
IV. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest…….. Robert Bates
V. Approval of Meeting Minutes…… Robert Bates
VI. Financial Report and Approved Projects Update……Ann Wright
VII. GO Virginia Region 3 Project Funding Matrix Report……Ann Wright

New Business

VIII. Proposed Changes to Region 3 Calendar……Ann Wright

Project Coordinator's Report……Bryan David
IX. Project Pipeline Report

Adjourn

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GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 16, 2026

REGULAR BUSINESS

Call To Order

Chair Bates called the GO Virginia (GOVA) Region 3 Executive Committee all-virtual meeting to order on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 10:00 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	
Rhonda Hodges		X	
Dale Wagoner			X

Ex Officio Member

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

Region 3 Staff

Name – Organization - Role	In Person	Virtual	Absent
Bryan David – Southside PDC Contract Staff - Region 3 Project Coordinator		X	
Ann Taylor Wright – Southside PDC Contract Staff – Region 3 Program Director		X	
Liz Povar - Southside PDC Contract Staff – Region 3 Senior Regional Advisor		X	
Andy Wells - Southside PDC – Executive Director		X	

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Guests in Attendance

Name – Organization - Role	In Person	Virtual
Jack Honig – 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)
Randolph Lail	Mid-Atlantic Broadband; SOVA Innovation Hub
Rhonda Hodges	The Institute for Advanced Knowledge & Research
Clark Casteel	Danville Regional Foundation
Robert Bates	Charlotte County Public Schools
Charley Majors	The Institute for Advanced Knowledge & Research; Mid-Atlantic Broadband; SOVA Innovation Hub

Approval of Minutes

Chair Bates noted that the minutes from the June 17, 2026 Executive Committee meeting and the August 6, 2026 Special Called Executive Committee meeting were received via email prior to the meeting and included in the meeting packet. **Elizabeth Leggett made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2026 Executive Committee meeting and the August 6, 2026 Special Called Executive Committee meeting as presented; the motion was seconded by Amy Griffin and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

Financial Reports & Project Update

Bryan David and Ann Wright presented the Financial Reports and Project Updates included in the meeting packet for the period ending August 31, 2026. **Amy Griffin made a motion that the Financial Reports be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Elizabeth Leggett and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

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NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

Following discussions and guidance from Robert Bates and Elizabeth Leggett, the following Region 3 Council members have been appointed to the Executive Committee for the 2026-2027 term:

- Dr. Amy Griffin (Deputy Executive Director, Virginia Association of School Superintendents)
- Rhonda Hodges (Principal, Hodges Workwise, LLC)
- Dale Wagoner (County Administrator, Henry County)

Additionally, the following Regional 3 Council members and the external advisor are being reappointed to serve on the Project Review Committee for the 2026-2027 term:

- Ilsa Loeser (Founder, Letterpress Communications)
- Melody Foster (regional leader; retired Executive Director, Commonwealth Regional Council)
- Neil Burke (President/CEO, Benchmark Community Bank)

Region 3 staff are developing a roster of three potential candidates for the Nominating Committee to recommend to the Region 3 Council at its October meeting. These candidates will be representatives from the private sector and from a planning district commission, in accordance with GO Virginia organizational requirements.

Region 3 FY26 Annual Report

Ann Wright presented the FY26 Annual Report as included in the meeting packet. **Elizabeth Leggett made a motion to approve the FY26 Annual Report as presented and submit it to DHCD; the motion was seconded by Amy Griffin and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

PROJECT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Bryan David reviewed the current project pipeline, which was emailed to Council members prior to the meeting. The following projects were discussed:

- CEA Innovation Center Research Building Expansion: This project would involve installing a prefabricated research greenhouse, completing associated building improvements, and preparing the site and utilities to support expanded facilities and services at the Center.
- Farm Park Implementation Playbook: This planning project would build upon the recent feasibility report on the co-location of data centers and controlled environment agriculture greenhouses prepared by the Resource Innovation Institute.
- Southern Virginia Partnership for Health Science Careers (SOVA Partnership): It will establish coordinated training pathways in high-demand healthcare fields, including medical technicians, behavioral health technicians, and nursing assistants, through a partnership involving Longwood University, Danville Community College, regional healthcare systems, and other higher education institutions.

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- Southern Virginia AI Academy: This implementation grant would support the repositioning and expansion of the IT Academy at the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center.
- Fiber Outside the Plant Credentialing Project: This workforce development project will include project partners Patrick & Henry Community College and Southside Virginia Community College. It will focus skills including pole climbing, OSHA training, Commercial Driver Licensing, fiber optic cabling repairs and splicing, handhold repairs, replacement of outside equipment, and other fiber-related tasks.
- Region 3 Leadership Development Project: This project would be developed in partnership with the University of Virginia Sorensen Institute for Leadership and the Virginia Institute of Government to establish a community leadership development program serving Region 3.

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

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ann Wright presented the Program Director's Report as detailed in the meeting packet.

The Executive Committee discussed the management of negative comments on Region 3 social media platforms. The consensus of the Committee was that Region 3 should not engage with negative comments. As additional projects come forward that generate negative public comments, particularly related to data centers, Region 3 may coordinate with other GO Virginia regions regarding a consistent approach to responding to concerns related to data center projects.

Regarding the Policy and Bylaws Review Workgroup, Chair Bates and Andy Wells volunteered to serve on the workgroup.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business matters to be brought before the GOVA Region 3 Executive Committee, Chair Bates adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

These minutes were approved on _____.

Andy Wells, Southside PDC
Executive Director

Robert Bates, GOVA Region 3
Council Chair

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GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 13, 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 Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 4:00 p.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	
Rhonda Hodges			X
Dale Wagoner		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

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Guests in Attendance

Name – Organization - Role	In Person	Virtual
Dr. Scott Lowman – Institute for Advanced Knowledge & Research - Vice President of Applied Research		X
Derek Smith - Resource Innovation Institute – Executive 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)
Robert Bates	Charlotte County Public Schools
Charley Majors	The Institute for Advanced Knowledge & Research; Mid-Atlantic Broadband; SOVA Innovation Hub
Dale Wagoner	Henry County

NEW BUSINESS

Project Review Committee- Farm Park Playbook: Sites & Governance Planning Application

Project Review Committee- Farm Park Playbook: Workforce Development & Economic/Fiscal Impact Assessment Planning Application

Bryan David, Dr. Scott Lowman of the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR), and Derek Smith of the Resource Innovation Institute (RII) presented the two Farm Park Implementation Playbook planning applications to the Council. **Amy Griffin made a motion to approve the applications as presented; the motion was seconded by Elizabeth Leggett and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

Southern Virginia Partnership for Health Sciences Careers (SVPHSC) Update

Bryan David provided an update on the Southern Virginia Partnership for Health Science Careers (SVPHSC) and plans to retain a contractor to develop a GO Virginia implementation grant application. The application will seek to expand existing programs and services and leverage Rural Health Transformation Program funding to address regional health workforce gaps. The application is targeted for submission to DHCD by April 30, 2027, for consideration by the GO Virginia State Board at its June 8, 2027, meeting.

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ADJOURN

There being no additional business matters to be brought before the GOVA Region 3 Council, Chair Bates adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

These minutes were approved on _____.

Andy Wells, Southside PDC
Executive Director

Robert Bates, GOVA Region 3
Council Chair

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FINANCIAL REPORT & PROJECT UPDATE

GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 FY26 OPERATING BUDGET

Region 3 Capacity Building (Operations) Monthly Report

Current Budget Entered Into On:	Jul-26	Projected Current Budget End Date:	Mar-27
Current Budget Funding Source:	FY26	Months Covered to Date by Current Budget:	4

Monthly Report Period Ending: October 31 , 2026

FY26 Approved Capacity Building Budget

Budget Categories	Operating Budget	Revision (DATE)	Total Paid to Date	Remittance #4	Total Paid After Remittance	Balance Remaining
Contract Services- UVA Weldon-Cooper	$ 68,470.07		$ 11,519.07	$ -	$ 11,519.07	$ -
			$ 56,951.00	$ -	$ 56,951.00	$ -
Contract Services- SPDC/Operations	$ 19,114.93		$ 14,325.72	$ 4,016.94	$ 18,342.66	$ 772.27
Contract Services- Program Director	$ 82,503.00		$ 27,498.00	$ 9,166.00	$ 36,664.00	$ 45,839.00
Contract Services- Project Coordinator	$ 38,997.00		$ 12,999.99	$ 4,333.33	$ 17,333.32	$ 21,663.68
Contract Services- Senior Advisor	$ 6,750.00				$ -	$ 6,750.00
Contract Services- Program Support	$ 2,160.00				$ -	$ 2,160.00
Contract Services- Marketing	$ 26,505.00		$ 8,190.00	$ 3,930.00	$ 12,120.00	$ 14,385.00
Contract Services- TOTAL	**$ 244,500.00**	**$ -**	**$ 131,483.78**	**$ 21,446.27**	**$ 152,930.05**	**$ 91,569.95**
Meetings & Workshops	**$ 2,000.00**		**$ 479.70**	**$ 288.36**	**$ 768.06**	**$ 1,231.94**
Audit	**$ 1,500.00**		**$ 1,500.00**		**$ 1,500.00**	**$ -**
G&D Plan Update	**$ 2,000.00**		**$ 1,250.00**	**$ -**	**$ 1,250.00**	**$ 750.00**
TOTAL BUDGET:	**$ 250,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 134,713.48**	**$ 21,734.63**	**$ 156,448.11**	**$ 93,551.89**

Region 3 Checking Account Summary		
Beginning Balance	$49,229.79	Local Funds (Martinsville-Henry Co EDC Match)
Interest Earned to Date	$547.62	
Total Deposits/Credits		*deposit detail
Total Funds	**$49,777.41**	
ENDING BALANCE	**$49,777.41**	

Debits Included in Report		**FY26 Remit # 4 on 11/3/2026**
Contract Services-Marketing	$ 3,930.00	Letterpress October 2026
Contract Services- SPDC	$ 4,016.94	October Invoice-
Contract Services- Program Director	$ 9,166.00	October Invoice
Contract Services- Program Coordinator	$ 4,333.33	October Invoice
Meetings & Workshops	$ 288.36	Full Council Luncheon 10/21/26
TOTAL DEBITS	**$ 21,734.63**	

GO TEC 2025- CLOSED OUT

Grant Agreement Period: December 13, 2022 - June 30, 2026

Report Period: OCTOBER 2026

Sub-Grantee: Institute for Advanced Learning & Research

GO VIRGINIA GRANT FUNDS

Budget Categories (FROM CAMS)	GOVA Budget	Previously Paid	DHCD Request Drawdown #15 9/28/2026	Total Paid After Remittance	Grant Balance
SPDC Project Monitoring/Reporting	$ 25,288.00	$ 25,242.26		$ 25,242.26	$ 45.74
Contract Services	$ 320,688.33	$ 270,688.33	$ 50,000.00	$ 320,688.33	$ -
Equipment (Freight, Inflationary)	$ 292,146.96	$ 292,146.96	$ -	$ 292,146.96	$ -
Indirect Costs	$ 256,114.00	$ 233,441.32	$ 19,176.88	$ 252,618.20	$ 3,495.80
Marketing (Outreach)	$ 99,000.00	$ 79,367.97	$ 3,882.98	$ 83,250.95	$ 15,749.05
Salaries & Fringe	$ 1,932,697.48	$ 1,779,216.67	$ 149,645.34	$ 1,928,862.01	$ 3,835.47
Supplies	$ 126,025.20	$ 126,025.20	$ -	$ 126,025.20	$ -
Training	$ 389,392.26	$ 285,915.74	$ 35,328.68	$ 321,244.42	$ 68,147.84
Travel	$ 33,468.77	$ 33,468.77	$ -	$ 33,468.77	$ -
Awarded Total	**$ 3,474,821.00**	**$ 3,125,513.22**	**$ 258,033.88**	**$ 3,383,547.10**	**$ 91,273.90**

MATCHING FUNDS

Budget Categories (FROM CAMS)	Committed Match	Previous Match	Current Match	Total Match to Date	Match Balance
Contract Services	$ 30,000.00	$ 637.20	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,637.20	$ 19,362.80
Equipment (Freight, Inflationary)	$ 505,191.00	$ 504,959.30	$ -	$ 504,959.30	$ 231.70
Marketing (Outreach)	$ 127,848.00	$ 162,325.61	$ -	$ 162,325.61	$ (34,477.61)
Rent/Lease	$ 400,500.00	$ 434,094.51	$ -	$ 434,094.51	$ (33,594.51)
Salaries & Fringe	$ 1,232,540.00	$ 1,916,724.53	$ -	$ 1,916,724.53	$ (684,184.53)
Supplies	$ 120,000.00	$ 87.47	$ -	$ 87.47	$ 119,912.53
Travel	$ 10,000.00	$ 9,306.66	$ -	$ 9,306.66	$ 693.34
Match Total	**$ 2,426,079.00**	**$ 3,028,135.28**	**$ 10,000.00**	**$ 3,038,135.28**	**$ (612,056.28)**

Status: GOVA funds were 99% expended. Close Out has been submitted. GO TEC 2025 met or exceeded all project performance metrics, impacting more than 20,000 students. The Sustainability Plan has been completed. Portions of the plan will be made public, while proprietary sections will remain confidential. GO TEC has transitioned from development to strategic execution. As outlined in the Sustainability Plan, a staff reorganization is scheduled for completion by September to align with the plan's strategic priorities and establish sustainable revenue streams that support long-term operations.

RISE Build-to-Scale

Grant Agreement Term: January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026

Report Date: OCTOBER 2026

Sub-Grantee: SoVa Innovation Hub

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GO VIRGINIA GRANT FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	GOVA Budget	Previously Paid	DHCD Request Drawdown #9 9/9/2026	Total Paid After Remittance	Grant Balance
SPDC Project Administration	**$ 30,000.00**	$ 14,217.01	$ 3,475.15	$ 17,692.16	$ 12,307.84
Fiscal Management: MBC	**$ 20,000.00**	$ 20,000.00	$ -	$ 20,000.00	$ -
Marketing: MBC	**$ 60,000.00**	$ 53,564.18	$ 5,231.39	$ 58,795.57	$ 1,204.43
Contract Services	**$ 490,000.00**	$ 348,693.98	$ 52,297.07	$ 400,991.05	$ 89,008.95
Awarded Total	**$ 600,000.00**	**$ 436,475.17**	**$ 61,003.61**	**$ 497,478.78**	**$ 102,521.22**

REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	Committed Match	Previous Match	Current Match	Total Match To Date	Match Balance
Marketing: MBC	$ 50,000.00	$ 49,897.15	$ -	$ 49,897.15	$ 102.85
Administration: MBC	$ 60,000.00	$ 52,899.90	$ 7,315.62	$ 60,215.52	$ (215.52)
Training	$ 190,000.00	$ 165,000.00	$ -	$ 165,000.00	$ 25,000.00
Match Total	**$ 300,000.00**	**$ 267,797.05**	**$ 7,315.62**	**$ 275,112.67**	**$ 24,887.33**

Status: GOVA funds are 83% expended. Programs continue to move forward as planned. The third annual RISE Summit was held on August 27, with 99 attendees participating in 15 sessions featuring 18 speakers and 12 exhibitors. Nine of Region 3's 15 localities were represented. Monthly RISE Meetups continue, and fall workshops are currently being planned. Project will close out on time.

SVCC Occupational Training Facility

Grant Agreement Term: October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027

Report Date: OCTOBER 2026

Sub-Grantee: SOVA Innovation Hub

GO VIRGINIA GRANT FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	GOVA Budget	Previously Paid	DHCD Request Drawdown #2 4/2/2026	Total Paid After Remittance	Grant Balance
Project Monitoring & Reporting	$ 4,000.00	$ -	$ 1,014.41	$ 1,014.41	$ 2,985.59
Equipment	$ 492,106.00	$ 91,134.00	$ 261,147.88	$ 352,281.88	$ 139,824.12
Contingencies	$ 73,894.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 73,894.00
Awarded Total	**$ 570,000.00**	**$ 91,134.00**	**$ 262,162.29**	**$ 353,296.29**	**$ 216,703.71**

REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	Committed Match	Previous Match	Current Match	Total Match To Date	Match Balance
A&E	$ 133,200.00	$ -	$ 123,284.37	$ 123,284.37	$ 9,915.63
Land Acquisition	$ 151,800.00	$ 151,800.00	$ -	$ 151,800.00	$ -
Match Total	**$ 285,000.00**	**$ 151,800.00**	**$ 123,284.37**	**$ 275,084.37**	**$ 9,915.63**

Status: GOVA funds are 62% expended. Both tractors and trailers are in use and have been outfitted with Region 3 logo decals. The additional equipment will increase enrollment capacity for future Powerline and Tractor Trailer Driving cohorts. Construction of the driving track is complete, and the training facility's metal building has been erected. Interior improvements are underway, with the Certificate of Occupancy expected by the end of November 2026.

SoVa Fab Lab

Grant Agreement Term: April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2028

Report Date: OCTOBER 2026

Sub-Grantee: SOVA Innovation Hub

GO VIRGINIA GRANT FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	GOVA Budget	Previously Paid	DHCD Request Drawdown #1	Total Paid After Remittance	Grant Balance
SPDC Project Monitoring/Reporting	$ 20,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 20,000.00
Equipment	$ 350,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 350,000.00
Contract Services	$ 85,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 85,000.00
Outreach	$ 35,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 35,000.00
Fiscal Management/Accounting	$ 20,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 20,000.00
Awarded Total	**$ 510,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 510,000.00**

REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	Committed Match	Previous Match	Current Match	Total Match To Date	Match Balance
Contract Services	$ 150,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 150,000.00
Rent/Lease	$ 110,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 110,000.00
Match Total	**$ 260,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 260,000.00**

Status: No remittance activity has occurred to date. Renovations are ongoing and expected to be completed by the end of November, with furniture and equipment installation scheduled for December. A series of soft opening events is planned for winter 2026–2027, followed by a grand opening anticipated in March 2027. Development of a five-year Fab Lab business plan is also underway.

BRIC (Blue Ridge Innovation Cooridor)

Grant Agreement Term: January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

Report Date: OCTOBER 2026

Sub-Grantee: BRIC

GO VIRGINIA GRANT FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	GOVA Budget	Previously Paid	DHCD Request Drawdown #1 10/8/2026	Total Paid After Remittance	Grant Balance
SPDC Project Monitoring/Reporting	$ 3,000.00	$ -	$ 590.17	$ 590.17	$ 2,409.83
Contract Services	$ 247,000.00	$ -	$ 145,000.00	$ 145,000.00	$ 102,000.00
Awarded Total	**$ 250,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 145,590.17**	**$ 145,590.17**	**$ 104,409.83**

REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	Committed Match	Previous Match	Current Match	Total Match To Date	Match Balance
Contract Services- Harvest Foundation	$ 100,000.00		$ 100,000.00	$ 100,000.00	$ 100,000.00
Contract Services- Montgomery	$ 10,000.00		$ -	$ -	$ 10,000.00
Contract Services- Danville	$ 5,000.00		$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00
Contract Services- Pittsylvania	$ 5,000.00		$ -	$ -	$ 5,000.00
Contract Serives Match Total	**$ 120,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 105,000.00**	**$ 105,000.00**	**$ 120,000.00**
Salaries- Boterourt	$ 1,250.00		$ -	$ -	$ 1,250.00
Salaries- Franklin	$ 1,250.00		$ -	$ -	$ 1,250.00
Salaries- Henry	$ 1,250.00		$ -	$ -	$ 1,250.00
Salaries- Martinsville	$ 1,250.00		$ -	$ -	$ 1,250.00
Salaries Match Total	**$ 5,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 5,000.00**
Match Total	**$ 125,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 105,000.00**	**$ 105,000.00**	**$ 125,000.00**

Status: GOVA funds are 58% expended. Draft strategies for the three industry clusters have been received, with the remaining strategies and a full playbook draft anticipated by the end of November. The project remains on schedule for completion by December 31, 2026. The BRIC team will present the final playbook at the January Council meeting. Another drawdown is expected at the end of November.

Industrial Skilled Trades Regional Expansion

Grant Agreement Term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2028

Report Date: OCTOBER 2026

Sub-Grantee: Patrick & Henry Community College Foundation

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GO VIRGINIA GRANT FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	GOVA Budget	Previously Paid	DHCD Request Drawdown #1 8/3/2026	Total Paid After Remittance	Grant Balance
Project Monitoring & Reporting	$ 25,000.00	$ -	$ 1,576.15	$ 1,576.15	$ 23,423.85
DCC Salaries	$ 150,450.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 150,450.00
P&HCC Salaries	$ 316,968.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 316,968.00
SVCC Salaries	$ 330,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 330,000.00
Salaries TOTAL	$ 797,418.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 797,418.00
DCC Equipment	$ 250,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 250,000.00
P&HCC Equipment	$ 42,568.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 42,568.00
SVCC Equipment	$ 50,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 50,000.00
Equipment TOTAL	$ 342,568.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 342,568.00
Fees & Licenses (DCC Student Certs)	$ 25,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 25,000.00
Other (PHCC Paid Workplace)	$ 156,800.00	$ -		$ -	$ 156,800.00
Awarded Total	$ 1,346,786.00	$ -	$ 1,576.15	$ 1,576.15	$ 1,345,209.85

REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	Committed Match	Previous Match	Current Match	Total Match To Date	Match Balance
DCC Other (Programming)	$ 150,000.00		$ -	$ -	$ 150,000.00
P&HCC Other (WIOA + SFME)	$ 72,627.00		$ -	$ -	$ 72,627.00
Other TOTAL	$ 222,627.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 222,627.00
P&HCC Equipment	$ 125,561.00		$ 176,269.00	$ 176,269.00	$ (50,708.00)
SVCC Equipment	$ 145,000.00		$ 144,149.00	$ 144,149.00	$ 851.00
Equipment TOAL	$ 270,561.00	$ -	$ 320,418.00	$ 320,418.00	$ (49,857.00)
Construction (SVCC Training Facility)	$ 180,205.00		$ 180,205.00	$ 180,205.00	$ -
Match Total	$ 673,393.00	$ -	$ 500,623.00	$ 500,623.00	$ 172,770.00

Status: GOVA funds are 1% expended; DD#1 included a significant portion of the required project match. PHCC expects classroom renovations to be completed by December, with equipment purchases to follow. DCC has ordered all equipment and conducted faculty interviews, while SVCC continues equipment procurement and staffing efforts. VCCS has approved Level 3 programs in Carpentry, HVAC, and Electrical, with enrollment anticipated to begin in Spring 2027.

Danville Aviation Training Facility

Grant Agreement Term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2028

Report Date: OCTOBER 2026

Sub-Grantee: City of Danville

GO VIRGINIA GRANT FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	GOVA Budget	Previously Paid	DHCD Request Drawdown #1	Total Paid After Remittance	Grant Balance
SPDC Project Monitoring/Reporting	$ 3,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,000.00
Equipment	$ 69,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 69,000.00
Contingencies	$ 20,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 20,000.00
Awarded Total	**$ 92,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 92,000.00**

REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	Committed Match	Previous Match	Current Match	Total Match To Date	Match Balance
Construction- EDA	$ 27,600.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 27,600.00
Construction- Danville	$ 18,400.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 18,400.00
Match Total	**$ 46,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 46,000.00**

Status: No remittance activity to date. The project is approximately one quarter behind schedule due to rebidding IT installation after initial bids exceeded the budget. Several second-round bids were within budget and a contractor was recommended. Contracting is anticipated by early December, with installation expected to begin by mid-December. Furnishings will be ordered after installation begins, and equipment purchases will follow completion of renovations.

Am2: Region 2 Administered Project

Grant Agreement Term: May 1, 2026 - November 1, 2028

Report Date: OCTOBER 2026

Sub-Grantee: Virginia Tech

GO VIRGINIA GRANT FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	GOVA Budget	Previously Paid	DHCD Request Drawdown #1	Total Paid After Remittance	Grant Balance
Project Monitoring & Reporting	**$ 233,434.44**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 233,434.44
Administration	**$ 40,000.00**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 40,000.00
Salaries	**$ 2,282,771.00**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,282,771.00
Contract Services	**$ 535,000.00**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 535,000.00
Equipment	**$ 2,600,000.00**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,600,000.00
Supplies	**$ 85,000.00**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 85,000.00
Travel	**$ 61,000.00**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 61,000.00
Other	**$ 1,400,000.00**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,400,000.00
Outreach	**$ 70,000.00**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 70,000.00
	$ 7,307,205.44	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 7,307,205.44**

REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS

Budget Categories from CAMS	Committed Match	Previous Match	Current Match	Total Match To Date	Match Balance
Salaries	**$ 3,508,000.00**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,508,000.00
Contract Services	**$ 64,000.00**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 64,000.00
Other	**$ 120,000.00**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 120,000.00
Match Total	**$ 3,692,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 3,692,000.00**

Status: GOVA funds are 0% expended; contract executed in late August. Following contract execution in late August, partners focused on finalizing scopes, budgets, match commitments, and reporting requirements. AM2 continued to advance partner coordination, manufacturer outreach, Innovation Fund planning, and federal engagement, including EDA application coordination. A quarterly All-Hands Meeting brought together more than 60 participants to discuss industry needs and potential projects. Planning also progressed for the November Emerging Tech Conference, Industry Advisory Board, Studios, and Career Network activities.

PROJECT FUNDING MATRIX

Project Name	G & D Plan Investment Strategy	Project Status	Award Date	Project Close Out Date	Grant Amount Awarded	Per Capita Grant Amount Expended	State Competitive Amount Expended	Per Capita Project Match	State Competitive Match	Funding Pool
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS THROUGH: FY27						**9,284,913.75**				
GO TEC Phase 1	Talent Evolution	Closed	02/13/18	3/12/2021	648,000	**617,172.79**		1,966,230.33		Per Capita
SOVA Innovation Hub	Startup Ecosystem	Closed	07/25/18	6/30/2020	80,000	**79,919.80**		79,919.81		Per Capita-Planning
GO TEC Phase 2A	**Talent Evolution**	**Closed**	**03/12/19**	**6/30/2021**	1,320,787		**1,320,787.00**		$2,157,605.00	**State Competitive**
E&I Strategic Initiative	Startup Ecosystem	Closed	10/09/19	1/13/2021	100,000	**77,662.12**		90,641.32		Per Capita
Operation Last Mile Drone	**Cluster Scale Up**	**Closed**	04/15/20	**10/15/2020**	75,000		**75,000.00**		$84,198.00	**COVID ERR Fund**
IALR Common Platform	Talent Evolution	Closed	04/15/20	12/15/2021	90,140	**88,914.96**		119,369.53		Per Capita-Planning
GO TEC Phase 2B	**Talent Evolution**	**Closed**	**06/23/20**	**9/30/2022**	3,575,741		**3,360,247.21**		$2,672,970.00	**State Competitive**
MBC Middle Mile Planning	Site Development	Closed	08/04/20	12/31/2022	100,000	**99,017.68**		891,159.12		Per Capita-Planning
Bridge to Recovery	**Cluster Scale Up**	**Closed**	**06/23/20**	**9/27/2023**	925,000		**767,818.64**		$722,303.00	**COVID ERR Fund**
E&I Implementation	Startup Ecosystem	Closed	03/16/21	9/29/2023	449,000	**448,120.25**		418,229.59		Per Capita
SVRA Site Development	Talent Evolution	Closed	09/23/21	12/31/2025	1,534,900	**1,494,464.19**		767,450.00		Per Capita
ExperienceWorks	Talent Evolution	Closed	09/23/21	3/31/2024	515,628	**321,436.64**		257,814.00		Per Capita
Controlled Environment Ag (CEA) Planning	Cluster Scale Up	Closed	11/29/21	6/30/2023	77,803	**77,315.50**		40,230.90		Per Capita-Planning
SEED Innovation Hub	Startup Ecosystem	Closed	12/15/21	5/1/2026	674,304	**651,139.21**		2,368,222.00		Per Capita
VGA Refresh Planning	Site Development	Closed	01/19/22	12/31/2023	100,000	**100,000.00**		51,000.00		Per Capita-Planning
MBC Middle Mile Construction	**Site Development**	**Closed**	**03/10/22**	**8/31/2026**	**5,000,000**		**5,000,000.00**		**$5,000,000.00**	**State Competitive**
Gupton Initiative ($64,200 from Regions 1,2,4,8)	Talent Evolution	Closed	06/23/22	12/31/2023	99,200	**99,177.65**		55,000.00		Per Capita-Planning
CRC REDO Planning	Site Development	Closed	08/18/22	1/31/2024	65,000	**64,279.45**		44,500.00		Per Capita-Planning
GO TEC Virginia 2025	**Talent Evolution**	**Closed**	**12/13/22**	**6/30/2026**	**3,474,821**		**3,383,547.10**		**$2,426,079.00**	**State Competitive**
PHCC GO TEC Welding Instructor	Talent Evolution	Closed	03/14/23	5/31/2025	118,545	**118,545.00**		129,261.00		Per Capita
SVCC GO TEC Mechatronics Instructor	Talent Evolution	Closed	03/14/23	5/31/2025	139,732	**139,732.00**		223,208.00		Per Capita
VGA Site Development	Site Development	Closed	06/13/23	8/31/2025	335,050	**323,695.00**		164,670.00		Per Capita
SOVA RISE Build to Scale	Startup Ecosystem	Active	09/12/23	12/31/2026	600,000	**600,000.00**		300,000.00		Per Capita
SoVA Health Sciences Careers Planning	**Talent Evolution**	**Closed**	**09/12/23**	**3/31/2025**	**133,000**		**108,251.12**		**$67,500.00**	**Talent Pathways**
Amelia Co Reg. Commerce Center: Due Diligence	Site Development	Closed	10/08/24	10/22/2025	100,000	**83,620.66**		50,000.00		Per Capita-Planning
Amelia Co Reg. Commerce Center: Site Study	Site Development	Closed	05/06/24	10/16/2024	21,000	**20,996.74**		10,500.00		Per Capita-Planning
GO TEC Region 3 Expansion	Talent Evolution	Closed	06/04/24	6/3/2026	302,690	**302,690.00**		303,500.00		Per Capita
Advanced Manufacturing/CEA Initiative	**Talent Evolution**	**Closed**	**12/10/24**	**6/9/2026**	**116,745**		**105,719.14**		**$59,842.00**	**Talent Pathways**
Co-Location of Data Centers & CEA	Site Development	Closed	12/10/24	3/23/2026	52,000	**51,907.53**		26,020.00		Per Capita-Planning
Chamber-AI Project ($50,000 from Region 2)	Talent Evolution	Closed	3/5/2025	4/22/2026	100,000	**91,469.79**		50,000.00		Per Capita-Planning
SOVA Fab Lab (The Hub at 801)	Startup Ecosystem	Active	6/10/2025	3/31/2028	510,000	**510,000.00**		260,000.00		Per Capita
SVCC Occupational Training Facility	Talent Evolution	Active	6/10/2025	9/30/2027	570,000	**570,000.00**		285,000.00		Per Capita
VA's Gateway Region Site Dev (w/Region 4)	Site Development	Closed	10/7/2025	8/21/2026	11,111	**11,111.00**				Per Capita
Danville Aviation Training Facility	Talent Evolution	Active	12/10/2025	6/30/2028	92,000	**92,000.00**		46,000.00		Per Capita
Blue Ridge Innovation Corridor (w/Region 2)	**Cluster Scale Up**	**Active**	**12/10/2025**	**12/31/2026**	**250,000**		**250,000.00**		$125,000.00	**State Competitive**
Industrial Skills Trades Regional Expansion	Talent Evolution	Active	12/10/2025	6/30/2028	1,346,786	**857,383.32**	**489,402.68**	673,393.00		**State Competitive**
RISE Phase III: AI-Ready Entrepreneurial Ecosystem	Startup Ecosystem	Approved	9/15/2026		400,000	**400,000.00**		400,000.00		Per Capita
Farm Park Playbook: Sites & Governance	Site Development	Pending			100,000	**100,000.00**		50,000.00		
Farm Park Playbook: Workforce Dev & Economic/Fiscal Impact Assessment	Site Development	Pending			53,000	**53,000.00**		26,500.00		
SVHEC AI Academy	Talent Evolution	Pending			313,000	**313,000.00**		156,500.00		
				TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING	**24,569,983**	**8,857,771.28**	**14,860,772.89**	**10,302,818.60**	$13,315,497.00	
				PER CAPITA PROJECT AVAILABLE BALANCE		**427,142.47**			Grants + Match =	48,188,298.60

Active Projects

Active Project Name	G & D Plan Investment Strategy	Project Status	Award Date	Grant Amount Awarded	Project Match	State Competitive Amount Expended	State Competitive Match	Funding Pool
SOVA RISE Build to Scale	Startup Ecosystem	Active	09/12/23	600,000	300,000.00			Per Capita
SOVA Fab Lab	Startup Ecosystem	Active	6/10/2025	510,000	260,000.00			Per Capita
SVCC Occupational Training Facility	Talent Evolution	Active	6/10/2025	570,000	285,000.00			Per Capita
Danville Aviation Training Facility	Talent Evolution	Active	12/10/2025	92,000	46,000.00			Per Capita
Blue Ridge Innovation Corridor (w/Region 2)	**Cluster Scale Up**	**Active**	**12/10/2025**	**250,000**		**250,000.00**	**$125,000.00**	**State Competitive**
Industrial Skills Trades Regional Expansion	Talent Evolution	Active	12/10/2025	1,346,786	673,393.00	**489,402.68**		**State Competitive**
RISE Phase III: AI-Ready Entrepreneurial Ecosystem	Startup Ecosystem	Approved	9/15/2026	400,000	200,000.00			Per Capita
Farm Park Playbook: Sites & Governance	Site Development	Pending		100,000	50,000.00			
Farm Park Playbook: Workforce Dev & Economic/Fiscal Impact Assessment	Site Development	Pending		53,000	26,500.00			
SVHEC AI Academy	Talent Evolution	Pending		313,000	156,500.00			

NEW BUSINESS

DATE: November 10, 2026

TO: Region 3 Executive Committee

FROM: Ann Taylor Wright, Region 3 Program Director

RE: Proposed Changes to Council and Executive Committee Meeting Schedules

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DHCD has recently revised its application submission deadlines. Under the current Region 3 meeting schedule of the third Wednesday of each month, the full Council will not have an opportunity to vote on project approvals before the new submission dates. Adjusting the meeting schedule would align the Council's review and approval process with DHCD's deadlines and provide additional time to finalize applications.

The following changes are recommended:

- **Full Council meetings:** Move to the **second Wednesday** of the month in months when the Council meets. This schedule would allow the full Council to review and consider all implementation and statewide competitive applications, as well as some planning applications, before submission. The January meeting could remain on Wednesday, January 20, 2027, because January's application deadline falls on the fourth Friday rather than the third Friday.
- **Executive Committee meetings:** Move to the **second Wednesday** of the month in months when the Executive Committee meets. This change would provide an additional eight days to finalize planning applications and address requested edits before the new submission deadline.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and endorse the proposed meeting schedule changes for recommendation to the full Council, retaining January 20, 2027, as the January Council meeting date.

2027

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GO Virginia State Board Meeting

Full Council Meeting: VIRTUAL

Executive Committee Meeting*

Full Council Meeting: IN-PERSON

Per Capita and Planning Application Due to DHCD

Planning Applications Due to DHCD

Per Capita, Planning, and Statewide Competitive Due to DHCD

*The manner in which Executive Committee meetings will be held, virtual versus in-person, will be detailed in the meeting notice: https://govirginia3.org/council/meeting-packets-minutes/

PROJECT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

DATE: November 12, 2026

TO: Region 3 Executive Committee

FROM: R. Bryan David, Project Coordinator

RE: Project Pipeline Report

Below is information about projects at varying stages of development:

I. **CEA Innovation Center Research Building Expansion**

Update

-status unchanged since the Region 3 Council meeting (7.15.26)

-project rescheduled for consideration by the Region 3 Council at its January 20, 2026, meeting and by the GO Virginia State Board on March 9, 2026.

Information submitted with prior Pipeline Reports

-Dr. Scott Lowman has shown that the greenhouses currently used by CEA firms and other academic institutions for contract research are at full capacity, creating a backlog. Contract research generates operating revenue for the CEA Innovation Center.

-the project would include installing a prefabricated research greenhouse, performing related building upgrades, and preparing the site and utilities.

-a grant application to the Southern Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) for the project was submitted earlier this year. On December 2nd, Dr. Lowman received word from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development that the grant had been approved for $500,000.

-an application was submitted to the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission for the Fall 2025 grant cycle to cover other related site improvement costs, but action was postponed until the SCRC grant decision was made.

-subsequently, the Tobacco Commission approved a $350,00 grant at its January 12, 2026, meeting, and the grant award is in process.

-a GO Virginia Region 3 implementation grant can now be developed to fund equipment to ready-fit the greenhouse for research, with a funding request of approximately $150,000.

-based on updated information from Dr. Lowman, the GO Virginia Region 3 application will be considered by the Region 3 Council at its meeting on October 21st and then by the GO Virginia State Board at its meeting on December 8th.

-the equipment should be ordered in spring 2027.

II. **Farm Park Implementation Playbook (data center/CEA greenhouse colocation)**

Update

-following Executive Committee approval at its October 13th meeting, the application was submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development for administrative approval on October 16th.

-the planning applications received conditional administrative approval from DHCD GO Virginia staff, which requires the applicant to provide information on Microsoft's role in the project; to confirm that the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research is subject to the Virginia Public Procurement Act; and to rework the Resource Innovation Institute's cash match for the project.

III. **Southern Virginia Partnership for Health Science Careers (SOVA Partnership)**

Update

-since the last update to the Region 3 Council at the October 22nd meeting, Dr. Julie Brown has accepted a new position as Executive Director of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Roanoke. Consequently, she will be leaving her position as Provost at Averett University in early December.

- Dr. Brown, and by extension Averett University, was to serve as the lead applicant and fiscal agent for the SOVA Partnership's GO Virginia implementation application. I have consulted with Dr. Greg Hodges (President, Patrick & Henry Community College) on strategies to identify and approach potential Region 3 organizations capable (staffing and financially) of serving as the lead applicant and fiscal agent for the implementation application. That work is underway, and I will report to the Executive Committee once additional information is available.

-a GO Virginia Implementation Grant Development Plan has been prepared, under which the Patrick & Henry Community College Foundation would provide up to $130,000 to underwrite this work. These funds would be used to retain a qualified contractor to develop the GO Virginia Region 3 implementation grant application with the Partnership, to provide general staff support to the Partnership, and for other application development expenses. The implementation application would be presented to the Region 3 Council at its April 21, 2027, meeting.

-the grant application development plan and the scope of work for the qualified contractor will be updated once a lead applicant organization is secured.

IV. **Fiber Outside the Plant Credentialing Project**

Update

No additional update is available since the Region 3 Council meeting on October 22nd.

Information submitted with prior Pipeline Reports

-the significant investment in last-mile fiber broadband, along with the increase in high-strand-count “middle-mile” fiber in Southern Virginia, has created growing demand for skilled labor for routine maintenance and emergency repairs.

-the skills include pole climbing, OSHA training, a Commercial Driver's License, fiber-optic cabling repair and splicing, handhold repairs, replacement of outside equipment, and other related tasks.

-Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) and Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC) have established highly successful credentialing programs for power line work.

-the leadership and workforce development professionals at these schools see an opportunity to bundle several relevant credentials to create a pipeline of trained, in-demand workers for companies operating fiber networks in the region and across the state.

-the only other community college in Virginia is Laurel Ridge Community College in Warrenton, which offers a fiber splicing credential. These community colleges would be the first to offer a coordinated and comprehensive credentialing pathway in Virginia.

-potential partner community colleges that currently offer powerline worker training programs include Laurel Ridge Community College (Region 9), Mountain Empire Community College (Region 1), and Wytheville Community College (Region 2). These community colleges could join P&HCC and SVCC to pursue a GO Virginia multi-region competitive implementation grant.

-concurrently, during early discussions of this idea, Meta launched its America’s Workforce Academy, which focuses on skilled trades credentials applicable beyond the plant. The program is national in scope and offers enrollees a residential experience. Meta funds all costs, and its operating partner administers the program and provides candidates with tuition, airfare, lodging, and a daily stipend during training.

-Meta is seeking implementation partners, and the workgroup agreed that I should contact Meta to explain the Region 3 initiative and solicit interest and feedback.

-Mid-Atlantic Broadband and Microsoft have invested in SVCC's current fiber splicing credentialing program. Microsoft has expressed interest in tracking the initiative's development. Mid-Atlantic Broadband will not be approached until the initiative's contours are more fully defined.

-no implementation grant amount has been outlined, nor has a timeline for application submission or the budget been established.

-the idea for this project was proposed by Lane Chambers, owner of Commonwealth Fiber Services in Wakefield, VA, to address an ongoing workforce need at his company. He is also a member of the 2026 Virginia Rural Leadership Institute cohort, and this is his Community Impact Project. I am his mentor for this project.

V. **Region 3 Leadership Development Project**

-report completed for strategy (8.24)
-GO Virginia funding strategy under development

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Region 3 Executive Committee's information. No action is needed.