



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
**GROWTH &
OPPORTUNITY**
IN EACH REGION

VIRGINIA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2025

1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Members Present

The Honorable Steve Cummings
Ben J. Davenport, Jr
Senator Creigh Deeds
Cliff Fleet
W. Heywood Fralin
Joel Griffin
Kenneth Johnson
Delegate Terry Kilgore
John King
Senator Ryan McDougle
Emily O'Quinn
Jon Peterson
Fouad Qreitem
Delegate Don Scott
The Honorable Juan Pablo Segura
The Honorable Bryan Slater
Todd A. Stottlemeyer
Delegate Luke Torian

Members Absent

Nancy Howell Agee
Reggie Aggarwal
Jim Cheng
Leah Fremouw
Senator L. Louise Lucas
Delegate Michelle Maldonado

Call to Order

Mr. Todd Stottlemeyer, Vice Chair of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity (GO Virginia) Board, called the meeting to order.

Vice Chair Stottlemeyer provided welcoming comments and formally welcomed Secretary of Commerce and Trade Juan Pablo Segura to the Board.

Roll Call	Mr. Cody Anderson, GO Virginia Program Administrator for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), called the roll and stated that a quorum was present.
Public Comment	Mr. Stottlemeyer opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Anderson noted that staff received one written public comment ahead of the meeting from William E. Amos, PhD, Chair of the GO Virginia Region 2 Council. Dr. Amos wrote that the Region 2 Council urges the GO Virginia Board to adopt a policy that would allow GO Virginia funds to be utilized to support workforce projects targeting the childcare industry. No other members appeared before the Board for public comment. The public comment period was closed.
Consent Agenda	Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that the consent agenda, including the March 11, 2025, meeting minutes, the FY26 Regional Per Capita and Competitive Allocation, the FY26 Regional Capacity Building Allocation and Continuation of the Capacity Building Match Waiver, the FY26 Regional Capacity Building Budget Approvals, and the update to the Board Bylaws would be voted on as a block. A motion was made by Delegate Kilgore and seconded by Delegate Torian to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed (Y – Davenport, Fleet, Fralin, Griffin, Johnson, Kilgore, King, McDougle, O’Quinn, Peterson, Qreitem, Scott, Slater, Stottlemeyer, Torian; N – none).
Deputy Director’s Report	Ms. Sara Dunnigan, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Community Vitality at DHCD, provided a brief overview of the application review process for GO Virginia grant applications. Ms. Dunnigan presented the Board with 8 Per Capita applications regarding cluster scale-up, startup ecosystems, and workforce development: Innovation District from Region 7, SOVA Fab Lab at the SOVA Innovation Campus from Region 3, Virginia Tidewater Aquaculture & Maritime Innovation Incubator Program from Region 6, GO TEC Launch in the New River Valley and Roanoke Region from Region 2, SVCC Occupational Training Facility Expansion from

Region 3, Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing Technician Program from Region 4, GO TEC Expansion from Region 4, and Expressway to Power from Region 8.

Ms. Dunnigan noted that staff modified their recommendation for the Innovation District project, noting that the project is recommended for approval with the agreement that the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation would serve on the steering committee for the project.

Mr. Stottlemeyer noted that the Board would vote on the proposed projects as a block.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Fleet and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the projects as recommended by staff. The motion passed. The motion passed (Y – Cummings, Davenport, Fleet, Fralin, Griffin, Johnson, Kilgore, King, McDougale, O’Quinn, Peterson, Qreitem, Scott, Segura, Slater, Stottlemeyer, Torian; N – none).

Ms. Dunnigan provided the Board with an overview of Board Policy #14, the Maximum Regional Per Capita Carryover Allowance. Ms. Dunnigan noted that GO Virginia Region 5 and GO Virginia Region 7 had balances in their per capita allocation in excess of one full year's allocation, and that excess would be swept into the GO Virginia Competitive Fund for all GO Virginia Regions to access.

Governance and Policy Committee Report

Mr. Stottlemeyer recognized Ms. O’Quinn, Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee to provide a report on the Committee’s work.

Ms. O’Quinn reported that the Board would be considering elections for the Chair of the Board and the Vice Chair of Program Performance and Evaluation at the September meeting. Ms. O’Quinn noted that the Governance and Policy Committee is charged with serving as a nominating committee for those Board leadership positions and that any member who wishes to be considered or who wishes to nominate another member for a leadership position should contact either the Board Chair or the Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee. Ms. O’Quinn announced that the meeting to consider nominations for these positions will take place virtually in July.

Regional Councils
Committee Report

Mr. Stottlemeyer recognized Mr. King to provide an update on the Committee's work. Mr. King noted that the Committee met on May 29th. Mr. King reported that the Committee received a presentation of preliminary results from an analysis DHCD conducted to determine how effectively planning grants have translated to implementation projects. Mr. King also reported that the Committee discussed launching a self-assessment survey for the GO Virginia Board in addition to providing voluntary self-assessment tools to the GO Virginia Regional Councils. Mr. King noted that the Committee also received a presentation from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership about the work their doing and the opportunity for their sector leads to participate in the upcoming update to each Region's Growth and Diversification Plans.

Information Items

Mr. Stottlemeyer recognized Ms. Dunnigan to provide an overview of the information items. Ms. Dunnigan noted that in the Board Packet, members can find a list of DHCD administratively approved items.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.