



**Region 6 Executive Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, February 18th, 2021**

**9:00am – 10:00am**

**Virtual Meeting**

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## MINUTES

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**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING:** Chair - William Beale, Rob Quartel, Lisa Hull, Kim McClellan,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Wally Beauchamp

**STAFF:** GWRC – Jennifer Morgan | **Community Features** – Neal Barber

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. with a quorum present.

### ROLL CALL

Ms. Morgan noted that due to the nature of the Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pursuant to Code § 2.2-3708.2 this meeting was held by electronic communications, via the web platform GoToMeeting. The catastrophic nature of this declared emergency made it impractical and unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location and the purpose of this meeting was to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the public body. Mr. Beale gave the floor to Ms. Morgan to inform the Council of how the electronic meeting was to proceed. Ms. Morgan called roll and stated a quorum was present. Staff requested that all votes be taken with all yes's said together and then no's and abstentions said with the member's name.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment issued.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Beale asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items, December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes.

Mr. Quartel motioned for approval and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### PRESENTATION ON CIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND GO VIRGINIA SITE WORKGROUPS

Mr. Curry Roberts, Fredericksburg Regional Alliance, summarized for the Executive Committee his meetings as the Region 6 appointed member to the CIT Advisory Committee and GO Virginia Site Development Workgroup. Mr. Roberts stated GO Virginia will present new site development guidance at the March State Board meeting and CIT will have final guidance on their funding soon. Mr. Roberts discussed that in order to access the CIT funding, Region 6 will need to appoint an entrepreneurial quarterback agency to draw down the funding.

### DISCUSSION OF GROWTH AND DIVERSIFICATION PLAN AMENDMENTS

Ms. Morgan presented to the Executive Committee a timeline of events for DHCD on updating the Region 6 Growth and Diversification Plan.

### DISCUSSION OF GO VIRGINIA REGION 6 CAPACITY BUILDING BUDGET AMENDMENT



Ms. Morgan requested the Executive Committee allocated \$80,000 in Capacity Building funding to solicit proposals for a consultant to conduct a regional entrepreneurial ecosystem analysis (\$50,000), prioritize sites throughout Region 6 (\$15,000), and facilitate stakeholder engagement sessions (\$15,000). Mr. Quartel motioned to approve the budget amendment of \$80,000 to solicit proposals for a consultant to conduct a regional entrepreneurial ecosystem analysis (\$50,000), prioritize sites throughout Region 6 (\$15,000), and facilitate stakeholder engagement sessions (\$15,000). Ms. McClellan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Morgan discussed the possibility of hiring an Administrative Assistant to assist with general office tasks at an annual rate of \$25,000 per year. Mr. Beale requested staff present a breakout of personal costs to the Executive Committee before their next meeting.

#### **DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL COUNCIL WORKGROUPS**

Ms. Morgan informed the Executive Committee that the majority of the Council responded to the Council workgroup sign ups. Mr. Beale requested the Executive Committee be sent a list.

#### **DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND REAPPOINTMENTS**

Ms. Morgan informed the Executive Committee that many members of the Council are up for reappointment this year and stated she would be calling a Nominating Committee meeting. Mr. Beale requested a list of Council members up for reappointment and attendance records to be sent to the Executive Committee.

#### **DISCUSSION OF GENERAL 2021 PLANNING**

Ms. Morgan asked the Executive Committee to begin discussion of areas of opportunity for the Council over the next month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Mr. Quartel moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.