



Region 6 Regional Council Meeting

Monday, April 26th, 2021

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Virtual Meeting

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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Chair - William Beale, John Anzivino, Bruce Davis, Jackie Davis, Jan Erkurt, Val Foulds, Steve Goodall, Lisa Hull, Shannon Kennedy, Ann Lewis, Kim McClellan, Morgan Quicke, Evan Van Leeuwen, John Wells, and Linda Worrell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wally Beauchamp, Lou Belcher, Stephanie Heintz, Bryan Taliaferro, Rob Quartel, and Kimberly Young

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: (All attending virtually): Curry Roberts, FRA; Deborah Flippo, Draper Aden; Billy Gammel, DHCD; John Holden, Stafford Economic Development; Jody Keenan, Virginia SBDC; Josh Green, Virginia SBDC; Liz Povar, Riverlink; Todd Gillingham, FRA; Tom Snyder, RIoT; Troy Hartley, VASG; Victor Berlin, SCIPP

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. It was 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.

ROLL CALL

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment was received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Beale introduced the consent agenda items, including the January 25th Meeting Minutes and a summary of Executive Committee actions taken. The Council elected to vote on all of the items in the consent agenda as a block. Mr. Quicke motioned to accept all of the items on the consent agenda and Ms. Foulds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BYLAWS UPDATE APPROVAL (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Beale summarized the changes in the updated Bylaws for the Region 6 Council. Mr. Anzivino motioned to approve the updated Bylaws. Ms. Hull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



COUNCIL MEMBERS TERMS (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Morgan summarized for the Council term limits, Executive Committee and Council members up for reappointment, and actions taken at the Nominating Committee meetings on April 13th and April 26th. Mr. Beale moved that the Mary Ball Washington Regional Council convene in Closed Meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), for purposes of discussion or consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to the Mary Ball Washington Regional Council.

Mary Ball Washington Regional Council staff were invited to attend the closed meeting because they were deemed necessary and their presence would aid the body in its consideration of the topics to be discussed, pursuant to Virginia FOIA Section 2.2-3711(A)(1). Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Regional Council enter closed session.

Upon returning from closed session, Mr. Quicke moved that the Mary Ball Washington Regional Council return to Open Meeting and certify, by roll call vote, that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters identified in the motion convening the Closed Meeting and lawfully exempted from FOIA's open meeting requirements were heard, discussed, or considered during the Closed Meeting, and that the roll call vote be recorded in the meeting minutes. Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CHANGES APPROVAL (ACTION ITEM)

The Nominating at their April 13th meeting determined the following recommendation:

- To recommend to the Region 6 Council the reappointment for another four-year term the following members:
 - William Beale
 - Bruce Davis
 - Lisa Hull
 - Kim McClellan
 - John Wells

The recommendation was accepted as a motion. Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Beale, Mr. Davis, Ms. Hull, Ms. McClellan, and Mr. Wells abstaining from the vote.

The Nominating Committee at their April 26th meeting determined the following recommendation:

- To recommend to the Region 6 Executive Committee the reappointment for another two-year term the following members:
 - William Beale
 - Lisa Hull
 - Kim McClellan
- And to serve his first term on the Executive Committee Morgan Quicke.

The recommendation was accepted as a motion. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Beale, Ms. Hull, Ms. McClellan, and Mr. Quicke abstaining from the vote.

The Nominating at their April 13th meeting determined the following recommendation:

- To recommend to the Region 6 Council the appointment the following candidates:
 - Joel Griffin
 - Liz Povar
 - Sarah Calveric

- Rene Daniels
- Jeff Szyperski
- Merthia Haynie

The motion was not seconded. Mr. Wells issued an alternative motion. Mr. Wells motioned to recommend to the Region 6 Council the appointment of the following candidates:

- Joel Griffin
- Sarah Calveric
- Rene Daniels
- Jeff Szyperski
- Merthia Haynie

Mr. Van Leeuwen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Beale stated that as the Region 6 Council looks to the future, the Council should try and do a better job in diversifying the Council by the priority industry clusters and race.

PRESENTATION ON STATE WORKING GROUPS

Mr. Curry Roberts, Executive Director, Fredericksburg Regional Alliance, presented to the Council his summary of actions taken as the Region 6 representative on the Center for Innovation and Technology, Entrepreneurial Ecosystems Division, Advisory Committee on Entrepreneurial Ecosystems, and the DHCD/GO Virginia State Workgroup for Site Development. Mr. Roberts stated that CIT has funding available for each of the GO Virginia regions, but projects must come through the regional councils and the entrepreneurial ecosystem quarterback agencies of each region. Mr. Roberts stated funding was available for FY22. Mr. Roberts stated that the DHCD/GO Virginia State Workgroup for Site Development guidance had been issued.

Mr. Steve Goodall, West Rock, has been assigned by the Region 6 Council to represent Region 6 on the GENEDGE/GO Virginia Statewide Project. Mr. Goodall summarized the committee's meetings.

PRESENTATION ON CLOSED PROJECTS

Mr. Todd Gillingham, Vice President, Fredericksburg Regional Alliance summarized for the Regional Council the major outcomes of the FRA's Fredericksburg Regional Cluster Analysis. Ms. Morgan summarized for the Council the major outcomes of King and Queen County's Telehealth Study. Mr. Troy Hartley, Director, Virginia Sea Grant Program summarized for the Council the major outcomes of Virginia Sea Grant's Planning Grant with Region 6.

APPLICATION DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATIONS (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Morgan summarized for the Council the proposals and presented the staff concerns for the following projects.

Westmoreland County Site Development

Mr. Anzivino summarized the Council workgroup review with the applicant and Mr. Beale. Mr. Anzivino stated the project has broad economic strategy and was well thought out. Mr. Beale added that the construction on the building, although not a match with this project, shows incentive for Westmoreland County. Ms. Kennedy motioned to approve the project. Mr. Anzivino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Ms. Hull abstaining from the vote.



Establishing a RIoT Accelerator Program in the Virginia Smart Community Testbed to serve the Rappahannock Regional Entrepreneur Ecosystem

Ms. Worrell summarized the Council workgroup review with the applicant and Mr. Quartel. Ms. Worrell questioned what the salaries would be used for and what the sustainability is for the funding. Mr. Beale questioned the ROI of the project. Ms. McClellan motioned to approve the project subject to staff's revision and approval of the project after changes have been made. Mr. Goodall seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Cybersecurity Job Creation System (CJCS)

Ms. Davis summarized the Council workgroup review with the applicant. Mr. Beale noted that this project was once reviewed previously by the Region 6 Council in July 2020 and had changed significantly. Mr. Beale question what is the demand for this training. Ms. Lewis motioned to support the project. Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Expansion of ICAP Mentor Network

Ms. Worrell summarized the Council workgroup review with the applicant and Mr. Quartel. Mr. Beale questioned how this project ties into the Stafford EDA project. Ms. Worrell motioned to support the project. Mr. Goodall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Morgan informed the Council that the first Growth and Diversification Plan Stakeholder meeting will be held as a joint session on May 25th.

Ms. Morgan informed the Council that the Virginia Chamber Blueprint Virginia 2030 Regional Tour has invited the chairs of each regional council to present an update on the region at their events. Region 6's event is June 30th.

Ms. Morgan informed the Council that the Executive Committee has drafted the FY22 Budget and FY22-23 Support Organization Agreement. Ms. Morgan stated that the Executive Committee will approve these at their May meeting. Ms. Morgan asked the Council to send any questions or comments to the Executive Committee prior to their meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET

Ms. Morgan summarized the items listed as information items including an update on currently funded projects, the financial report, and GO Virginia State Board updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.