



**Region 6 Regional Council Meeting**

**Monday, January 23, 2023**

**10:00am – 12:30pm**

**This meeting was 100% Virtual**

**Virtual Meeting Location -**

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## MINUTES

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**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING:** **Chair** - William Beale, **Vice Chair** – Rob Quartel, John Anzivino, Sarah Calveric, Bruce Davis, Jackie Davis, Jan Erkert, Val Foulds, Lisa Hull, Shannon Kennedy, Kim McClellan, Jeff Szyperski, Linda Worrell, Kimberly Young, Rene Daniels (arrived after roll call).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Derek Aday, Felicia Ainsa, Steve Goodall Merthia Haynie, Morgan Quicke.

**STAFF:** **GWRC** –Ian Ginger, Sarah Oldaker, Chip Boyles

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Neal Barber; Annie Weidhaas, Sara Dunnigan, Andrea Devening - DHCD; Vernon Green Jr., Devon Heholt- GCUBED; Jenn Morgan, Tom Snyder - RIoT; Dr. Thomas Taylor, Rebecca Towery - Stafford County Schools; Perry Hickman, Joe Boatwright – USDA; Uma Marques – Virginia Smart Community Testbed; Dale Heron – Stafford County Economic Development;

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Beale asked Mr. Ginger to call the roll.

### ROLL CALL

Mr. Ginger called roll and stated a quorum was present. Mr. Ginger reminded everyone to keep their camera on during the duration of the meeting.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment was received.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Beale presented approval of Minutes from October 24, 2022. Jeff Szyperski Motions made a motion to approve minutes, and Shannon Kennedy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Beale directed Mr. Ginger to introduce the presenters from USDA, Perry Hickman and Joe Boatwright, on the Rural Business Development Grant. Mr. Boatwright introduced the program and he and Mr. Hickman presented slides on the Rural Business Development Grant and how there could be common interest with GO Virginia projects. Lisa Hull commented after the presentation how these funds were used on the GO Virginia projects such as the commercial kitchen feasibility study and welding program in Westmoreland County.

Mr. Beale then introduced Jenn Morgan from RIoT on the two GO Virginia projects funded in part by GO Virginia. Ms. Morgan touched on current cohorts and metrics in the project. Dale Herndon from Stafford



County Economic Development spoke on the Rapp RIoT Accelerator Program. Uma Marques then presented current projects through the Virginia Smart Testbed Community Center where Riot works out of.

Mr. Beale then introduced Sara Dunnigan from DHCD who presented a GO Virginia Project Development Framework. Ms. Dunnigan took some questions from the Council.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND ACTIONS TAKEN**

Mr. Beale directed the Council to the Executive Committee Report and Actions Taken in the packet. He drew their attention to the updated 2023 meeting schedule and remote meeting policy, and the two remote meetings being in January and July.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Ginger gave the council an update and summary of actions taken by the GO Virginia State Board meeting on December 13, 2022. Mr. Ginger updated all council members on the two new ECB projects, Young Entrepreneurs and Pathways to Success.

Mr. Ginger then gave the Council an update on three applications that were in front of the GO Virginia State Board in December. Two were deferred and are being resubmitted in March, and the Talent Pathways Initiative was approved and currently under contract.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Stafford County Public Schools Innovation Pathways Implementation Application

Mr. Beale introduced Dr. Thomas Taylor, Superintendent of Stafford County Public Schools. Dr. Taylor introduced the project and turned the floor over to Vernon Green, Jr. with GCubed and G3CS. Mr. Green went over the updates/changes in the application since he first presented it in October. Mr. Green and Dr. Taylor took questions and comments from the Council.

Mr. Beale asked for a Motion to approve the application. Kim McClellan motioned for the application to be approved, Val Foulds Seconded the Motion The motion passed with a roll call vote with 13 voting yes and 3 recusals. Bruce Davis, Shannon Kennedy, and Kimberly Young recusing themselves.

##### Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission West Point Site Development Planning Grant

Mr. Beale introduced Neal Barber with MPPDC to present on the West Point Site Development Planning Grant. Mr. Barber informed the Council about the old airport site in King & Queen County that is owned by the town of West Point. The Council asked questions about the site and the application.

Mr. Beale asked for a Motion to approve the application. Linda Worrell Motioned for approval of the application, and John Anzivino seconded. The Motion passed unanimously with 16 voting yes.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET**

Mr. Ginger updated the Council on the project pipeline and directed the Council to the packet for project updates. Ms. Hull updated the Council on a Food and Beverage Expo in the Northern Neck.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.