



Region 6 Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Virtual Meeting Location -

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AGENDA

10:00 AM	Call to Order	John Anzivino
10:00 AM	Roll Call	Sarah Oldaker
10:05 AM-10:10 AM	Public Involvement	John Anzivino
10:10 AM-10:15 AM	Consent Agenda (ACTION ITEM)	John Anzivino
	Approval of September 11, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)	
10:15 AM-10:45 AM	Old Business	Ian Ginger
	SCPS Letter of Support for Igniting Entrepreneurship Appeal to State Board (ACTION ITEM)	Ian Ginger
10:45 AM-11:00 AM	Information Items	Ian Ginger
	Project Pipeline Updates & Financial Report	Ian Ginger
11:00 AM	Adjournment	John Anzivino

Next Meeting: March 11th, 2024

Location: TBD



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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON AND VOTING: Jackie Davis (**servicing as chair**), Jeff Szyperski, Joel Griffin

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Chair** – Billy Beale, **Vice-Chair** – Rob Quartel.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mason Bishop, John Holden, and Nick Minor (King George County).

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Oldaker called roll and a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Davis asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items, June 12, 2023, meeting minutes. Mr. Szyperski made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Griffin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

KG County Cyber Assessments to Small Medium Enterprises – Market Assessment for New Job Opportunities to Address Critical Need – Planning Grant (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ginger introduced John Holden and Nick Minor to present on their planning grant proposal. Mr. Holden presented the KG County Cyber Assessments grant project to the Executive Committee, in partnership with Germanna Community College, Simventions, and Rappahannock Community College. The project includes market assessments for cyber security to small and medium sized businesses. Mr. Minor indicated the need for more cybersecurity professionals. Mr. Ginger gave staff perspective on the project. Mr. Holden and Mr. Minor took questions from the Committee members.

Ms. Davis asked for a Motion to approve the planning grant. Mr. Szyperski made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Griffin seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.



INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Ginger presented an update on the Project Pipeline and took questions from Committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 am.

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Chair Agee:

The Region 6 Council is writing to appeal DHCD staff's decision to deny the Stafford County and JASON Learning *Igniting Entrepreneurship* Enhanced Capacity Building project.

JASON Learning is currently a partner with several school districts in Region 6 and has worked closely with localities across the region in the development and adoption of curriculum as part of its *Pathways to Success* Enhanced Capacity Building project. Our Council views the relationship between JASON and our K-12 partners as a testament to the organization's exemplary work in curriculum development and highlights the important role the organization fills in our school systems.

The *Igniting Entrepreneurship* project builds upon this collaboration by seeking to interweave principles of entrepreneurship with CTE curriculum relevant to the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services industry. By doing this, our school systems will be preparing students that are ready for the workforce but are also capable of starting their own businesses in this industry. Our region often lags in business creation in comparison to the rest of the state - and like regions in other states - and needs younger folks to embrace the ideals of entrepreneurship. This project proposal does that in a systematic way by tying principles of entrepreneurship to a particular industry. Finally, there is strong regional collaboration from multiple planning districts in the proposal, which further speaks to the project's potential impact and need in schools.

We ask that the State Board reconsider the initial decision made on this application and approve it. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Anzivino
Mary Ball Washington Regional Council Chair

Sincerely,

Jeff Szyperski
Mary Ball Washington Regional
Council Vice-Chair

From: [Conte, Annie \(DHCD\)](#)
To: [Sarah Oldaker](#); [Ian Ginger](#)
Cc: [Dunnigan, Sara \(DHCD\)](#); [Gammel, Billy \(DHCD\)](#)
Subject: Re: Igniting Entrepreneurship application question
Date: Monday, November 13, 2023 12:35:59 PM

Hi Ian and Sarah,

DHCD does not approve the Igniting Entrepreneurship application. The project does not meet the criteria outlined in our [Planning Grant Guidance](#) for growing and expanding a targeted industry sector and does not provide a line of sight to implementation within the GO Virginia program. The regional importance and strategy of the project is unclear in the context of the recently approved REI and the recently submitted youth entrepreneurship application that the Board will review at the December meeting. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks,

Annie

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Subject: RE: Igniting Entrepreneurship application question

Annie,

Thanks for the questions. We've spoken with both Stafford County Public Schools and JASON Learning. Below is the answer regarding the contract between the school division and JASON. To add some additional context to Stafford's answer, they currently have a contract with JASON for customized Out of School Time curriculum, coaching and professional development to drive performance outcomes. Stafford also mentioned that they're more than happy to enter into a specific MOU/contract for this project if that's necessary. The Stafford County lead on the project said that she's checking on a broader MOU/contract with JASON Learning at the Division level.

In addition, I'm attaching JASON's justification for the in-kind match.

Stafford Response to RFP/Contract Question

We approached this grant in partnership functioning as co-applicants even though Stafford County Public Schools is the lead applicant. Following that logic, we did not enter into a contract for work we

are not sure will be funded. Our practice as it pertains to grants is to establish MOUs/contracts for the work upon award unless requested as part of the submission package. We are more than willing to get that generated and executed for your review if it is needed in advance of a decision. We did not release an RFP for this work because of the partnership logic used in the proposal.

I think that the JASON Learning match justification is pretty straightforward, but we're more than happy to provide additional context around the RFP question. Thanks.

Kind regards,
Ian

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Subject: Igniting Entrepreneurship application question

Hi Ian and Sarah,

Can you provide 1) the RFP and contract between Stafford County and JASON Learning re: the Igniting Entrepreneurship project and 2) the documentation for how the value was determined by the selected vendor (in this case JASON Learning) for the match contribution for the project? Thanks!

Annie

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