Region 6 Regional Council Meeting
Monday, January 22nd, 2024
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
In Person Location: University of Mary Washington Dahlgren Campus, 4224 University Drive, King George, VA 22485
Virtual Meeting Location -
https://zoom.us/j/98992579452?pwd=cnY2em1JRE1XYVFsMDJRTDQ4Mkszdz09
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MINUTES

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

MEMBERS PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: Joel Griffin (virtually)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Derek Aday, William Beale, Taryn Bryce-Rowland, Lindsey Watson.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Lightfoot, Gary Butler – **Northumberland County Schools**, Mason Bishop – **WorkED Consulting**, Abby Wicker (virtually) – **Stafford County Public Schools;** Billy Gammel - **DHCD**; Jenna Davis (virtually), Eleanor Smalley (virtually) – **Jason Learning;** John Bateman (virtually) – **Lancaster County**; Tom Blackwell – **Essex County**;

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Anzivino called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Mr. Anzivino asked Ms. Oldaker to call the roll. Ms. Oldaker indicated there was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY- APPROVAL OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Anzivino stated pursuant to Code 2.2.-3708.2 during meetings held through electronic communication means, the Regional Council must approve members participating remotely. Their names, locations, and reasons for participating remotely must be included in the minutes.

Mr. Anzivino called the names of the members of participating remotely:

Name	Reason for Remote Participation	Location of Participation	Location Open to Public (Yes/No)
Taryn Bryce-Rowland	Due to temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents physical attendance.	Lancaster, VA	No

Val Foulds	Meeting location is more than 60 miles from principal residence	Irvington, VA	No

Mr. Anzivino asked for a motion to approve the Council members participating remotely. Mr. Quartel motioned for approval and Dr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment was received.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Anzivino presented approval of Minutes from October 23, 2023 MBWRC meeting. Mr. Szyperski made a motion to approve the Consent Agneda, and Mr. Quartel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS
Mason Bishop presented the final Talent Pathways Initiative (TPI) Report and Asset Map, contracted by the TPI subgrantee, Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board. The Council asked questions about the data collected, the process in which it was collected, and the NAICS codes.

NEW BUSINESS

Region 6 Letter to State Board Regarding JLARC Study (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Ginger presented to the board a draft letter to be submitted to the GO Virginia State Board in response to recommendations made in the recent JLARC study. Mr. Anzivino asked Mr. Ginger to skip to the Agenda item going over the JLARC report and recommendations before the Council made a decision on the letter. The Council discussed the issue of 2:1 match recommendation and the local match and what Region 6 Council would recommend to the State Board, or recommend as a Council. The Council agreed to revisit their recommendation on how to handle local match. Council members made recommended language changes to the letter. Mr. Anzivino asked for a motion to approve the presented letter for signature and send to the Sate Board. Dr. Kennedy motioned to approve the letter and send to the State Board. Mr. Quartel recommended specific language changes to the letter. Mr. Anzivino asked for a Motion to approve the recommended language changes suggested by Mr. Quartel. Mr. Quartel made a motion to approve language changes, Mr. Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Anzivino went back to the original Motion to send the letter and asked for an amended motion to send the updated letter with changes to the State Board. Mr. Quartel Made a Motion to approve the amended letter, Mr. Szyperski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Administrative Fee Policy (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Ginger presented an Administrative Fee Policy allowing Region 6 staff to charge up to an 8% fee for grant administration work for projects. The Council discussed the reason why Region 6 had not done this in the past, match, and who pays the 8% fee. Mr. Anzivino asked for a motion to approve the 8% Administrative Fee Policy. Mr. Quartel made a motion to approve the 8% Administrative Fee Policy, Ms. Worrell seconded. Ms. Young asked when an applicant would be told about the fee. Mr. Ginger informed the Council that they would know up front, when developing a grant. Mr. Quartel asked when the fee

would go into effect. Mr. Ginger said as soon as the Council votes, including on the application voted on at the meeting today. Motion carried unanimously.

SCPS & JASON Learning Igniting Entrepreneurship Appeal Letter (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ginger presented a letter to submit to the State Board supporting an appeal by Stafford County Public Schools for the DHCD Administrative denial of the Igniting Entrepreneurship Project. The Council had concerns and questions about why the project was denied administratively. Billy Gammel at DHCD stated that the denial was due to a Regional Entrepreneurship Initiative (REI) project is in the works and not yet finished, and any entrepreneurship project will need to be run through the REI. He also stated that entrepreneurship projects with students will be hard to connect to jobs. The council discussed the denial and appeal process. Abby Wicker and Jenna Davis discussed that they felt their project had merit and they felt that a second look by the State Board who had not yet seen the project was needed. Mr. Gammel stated that he would need to go back and discuss with the GO Virginia team at DHCD about the appeals process since no one had ever appealed an administrative denial before. The Council agreed to have DHCD advise on how the appeal process would work officially and leave the decision to approve the letter to support the applicant's appeal for the Executive Committee at the February 12, 2024 meeting. The applicant is welcome to submit public comment with or without the letter. Ms. Worrell made a motion to allow the Executive Committee to make a decision on the letter to the State Board after clarification from DHCD. Ms. McClellan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION DISUCSSION AND DETERMINATIONS – ACTION ITEMS

Northumberland County Schools Technical Applications Project

Jay Lightfoot and a student, Gary Butler, presented the Northumberland County Schools Technical Applications Project. They went through the metrics, budget, and activities. The Council asked questions, which Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Butler answered. Mr. Anzivino asked for a Motion to approve the application to submit to the School Board. Mr. Szyperski made a Motion to approve the application, Mr. Quartel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET

Mr. Ginger gave the Council an update from the December 2023 GO Virginia State Board Meeting. The Financial Report and Project Pipeline Update is included in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Mr. Anzivino asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Quartel Motioned for adjournment and Ms. McClellan Seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm.