Region 6 Regional Council Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2025
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
In-Person Location: Rappahannock Community College Warsaw Campus
Virtual Meeting Location -
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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Chair – John Anzivino, Kyle Allwine (virtual, arrived after roll call), John Bateman, Taryn Brice-Rowland, Jackie Davis, Jan Erkert (virtual, Ernisha Hall (virtual), Donna Hart, Stephanie Heinatz, Pete Humes, Dr. Shannon Kennedy, Cyndi Mack, Monty Mason, Ginni Matern, Melissa Sheffield, Joe Syslo, Dr. Kimberly Young (virtual),

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rene Daniels, Vernon Green Jr., Jeff Szyperski, Lindsey Watson

STAFF: GWRC – Chip Boyles, Cheyenne Courtney, Sarah Oldaker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Billy Gammel, Jack Honig – **DHCD**; Victor Burrell (virtual) – **Essex County EDA**; Ashley Sharpley, Teresa Sewell Nortillo (virtual) – **TPMA**; Ryan Deweese (virtual) - **Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center**; Tina Lance (virtual) – **Germanna Community College**; Ian Ginger (virtual) – **Orange County Economic Development**; Kim Allman (virtual) – **Kim Allman LLC**; Rebecca Towery (virtual) – **University of Mary Washington**; Nancy Patillo – **Cyber Bytes Foundation**; Dale Hendon – **Westmoreland County;** Kimberly Coles – **RCC Career Services;** Jessica Davis – **Lancaster County Public Schools**;

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Anzivino called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Mr. Anzivino asked Ms. Oldaker to take roll. Ms. Oldaker took roll and indicated that an in-person quorum was present.

ROLL CALL – 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.

Name	Reason for Remote Participation	Location of Participation	Location Open to Public (Yes/No)
Jan Erkert	Meeting location is over 60 miles from principal residence	St. Louis, MO	No
Ernisha Hall	Unable to attend due to a temporary or permanent disability	Fredericksburg, VA	No

	or medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance		
Dr. Kimbery Young	Unable to attend due to a temporary or permanent disability or medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance	Fredericksburg, VA	No

Dr. Shannon Kennedy made a motion to approve the Council members participating remotely. Dr. Young made a motion to approve the Members Participating Remotely. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS
Mr. Anzivino welcomed Mr. Gammel, Mr. Honig, Ms. Patillo, Ms. Coles, and Ms. Davis.

PUBLIC INVOLVMENT
There was no public involvement

CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Anzivino presented the consent agenda which included the approval of Minutes from July 21, 2025, MBWRC meeting. Mr. Bateman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Syslo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Ms. Oldaker presented the financial report and briefly covered Projects in Pipeline and Planning Grant Funding. She took note that a recently passed policy states that site development planning grants will no longer be counted toward the planning grant cap.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Anzivino presented the Executive Committee Report and provided an update on the current council membership.

Mr. Anzivino asked for a motion to approve the membership of Tina Lance and Ryan DeWeese for the Go Virginia Region 6 Regional Council. Ms. Oldaker noted that Ms. Lance is taking Ms. Gullickson's position as a representative for Germanna Community College and that Mr. DeWeese is with the Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center who came as a recommendation from Ms. Matern. Ms. Matern made a motion. Ms. Bryice-Rowland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS
Go Virginia Region 6 2025 Growth and Diversification Plan
Ms. Nortillo and Ms. Sharpley from TPMA presented the GO Virginia Region 6 Growth and Diversification Plan. They covered key findings, approaches, clusters, new and emerging industries, and strategic recommendations. The council members had questions about strategic recommendations and key findings. Ms. Nortillo and Ms. Sharpley answered the council members' questions. The council members further discussed the plan's strategic recommendations and data presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Region 6 2025 Targeted Industry Clusters (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Anzivino presented the 2025 Targeted Industry Clusters to council members. Council members had discussion about telehealth and telemedicine as targeted industry clusters.

Mr. Bateman made a motion to approve the Region 6 2025 Targeted Industry Clusters. Mr. Mason seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Region 6 2025 Growth and Diversification Plan (ACTION ITEM)

Council members asked questions and had discussions about the data presented in the appendix, industry clusters, and approval of the Growth and Diversification Plan.

Dr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the Region 6 2025 Growth and Diversification Plan. Ms. Bryice-Rowland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATION DISUCSSION AND DETERMINATIONS (ACTION ITEM)

Northern Neck Sites Inventory Planning Grant

Mr. Anzivino presented the agenda item. Mr. Herndon presented the application.

Dale Herndon provided an overview of the application. This project aims to develop a site inventory and prioritization plan, which will create a bankable pipeline of approximately 20 developable industrial and commercial sites across Lancaster and Westmoreland.

The Council had questions regarding property ownership of the sites, the initiation of the VEDP request for the grant, and the procurement process for the requested consulting jobs. Mr. Herndon and Mr. Bateman answered the Council's questions. The council members had discussions on working waterfront inventory, DEQ's involvement in developmental issues along water fronts, and Mega sites.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the application. Ms. Heinatz seconded. The motion carried by roll call vote with 14 ayes and 1 abstention.

CyberBytes Mobile AI Unit Statewide Competitive Grant

Mr. Anzivino presented the agenda item. Ms. Oldaker provided background information on the application. Ms. Patillo presented the application.

Nancy Patillo from CyberBytes provided an overview of the application. The project aims to create an AI Mobile Unit for Workforce and Education that serves GO Virginia Region 6 and 9. It will deliver AI literacy, ethics, prompting, and certification training directly to schools, workforce centers, and businesses. The council members had questions about the curriculum, course availability, funding, the type of coding that will be taught, and the expansion and use of the mobile AI unit. Ms. Oldaker, Ms. Towery, and Ms. Patillo answered questions.

Ms. Oldaker gave staff recommendations to approve the project contingent that the applicant secure a second letter of support and match from another school division located in the Region 9 footprint. Mr. Anzivino agreed and added an additional letter and match from another school division in Region 6 as

well. Mr. Anzivino asked for a motion for approval contingent that the applicant secure one more letter of support and match commitment from a school division in Region 9 and one in Region 6.

Ms. Bryice-Rowland made a motion to approve the project contingent on the applicant securing a second letter of support and match from another school division located in GO Virginia Region 9 & 6. Dr. Kennedy seconded. The motion passed with 12 ayes and 3 abstentions.

Ms. Oldaker informed the Council that the application would be presented for approval to the Region 9 Council on October 28th.

INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET

Ms. Oldaker provided updates on the September 2025 State Board, project pipeline, and 2026 GO Virginia Region 6 Economic Development Summit.

ADJOURNMENT

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