Region 6 Regional Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Chair – John Anzivino, Kyle Allwine, John Bateman, Rene Daniels (arrived after roll-call), Jackie Davis, Ryan DeWeese, Jan Erkert (arrived after roll call), Ernisha Hall, Stephanie Heinatz, Pete Humes, Dr. Shannon Kennedy, Tina Lance, Cyndi Mack, Ginni Matern, Melissa Sheffield, Joe Syslo, Jeff Szyperski, Dr. Kimberly Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Taryn Bryice-Rowland, Vernon Green Jr., Donna Hart, Monty Mason

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kim Allman – **Kim Allman LLC**; Lauren Bush; Stephanie Carter, Amy Newman – **Stafford County Public Schools**; Sarah Chiles – **Rappahannock Electric Cooperative**; William Croxton – **Rappahannock Oyster Co.**; Billy Gammel, Jack Honig – **DHCD**; Melissa Frye, Autumn Nabors – **Caroline County Public Schools**; Mallory Tuttle – **Virginia Tech Center for Economic and Community Engagement**; Woodie Walker – **Essex EDA**; Kerry Wiersma – **Rappahannock Community College**

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Anzivino called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Mr. Anzivino asked Ms. Oldaker to take roll. Ms. Oldaker took roll and indicated that a quorum was present.

ROLL CALL
Mr. Anzivino asked Ms. Oldaker to take roll. Ms. Oldaker took roll and indicated that an in-person quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS
Mr. Anzivino welcomed all online attendees to the Region 6 Regional Council Meeting.

PUBLIC INVOLVMENT
There was no public involvement

CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Anzivino presented the consent agenda which included the approval of Minutes from October 20, 2025, MBWRC meeting. Mr. Bateman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Young seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Oldaker presented the financial report and briefly covered Projects in Pipeline and Planning Grant Funding. She noted that if the current projects in the pipeline are approved, it will exhaust the per capita allocations for Fiscal Year 2026, which is the first to occur in the history of Region 6.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Anzivino presented the Executive Committee Report and presented the project, From Leader to Innovator: Advancing Virginia Shellfish Aquaculture. Ms. Oldaker provided an overview of the project. Council members asked questions and Ms. Oldaker answered.

Mr. Anzivino asked for a motion to approve the membership of Monty Mason and Sarah Chiles for the Go Virginia Region 6 Regional Council. Dr. Kennedy made a motion. Mr. Bateman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Promoting Careers in Aquaculture2.0 Grant Report

Ms. Tuttle, from Virginia Tech Center for Economic and Community Engagement (VTCECE), presented on promoting careers in aquaculture 2.0 grant. She provided a program overview, including grant outcomes, student feedback and spotlight, school spotlight, teacher feedback, and next steps.

University of Mary Washington Strategic Plan

Dr. Kimberly Young, from Mary Washington University, presented UMW's Draft Strategic Plan to seek feedback from council members. She covered the strategic plan's priorities and planned outcomes. Council members provided feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

Region 6 Letter in Support of HB772 (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Anzivino presented Region 6's Letter in Support of HB772. Ms. Davis provided an overview on HB772, and how it may impact the Bay Consortium Workforce Board. Mr. Szyperski made a motion. Mr. Bateman seconded. Ms. Davis abstained. The motion passed.

APPLICATION DISUCSSION AND DETERMINATIONS (ACTION ITEM)

Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machining Program at RCC Implementation Application

Mr. Anzivino presented the agenda item. Ms. Wiersma presented the application.

Ms. Wiersma provided an overview of the application. This project aims to establish a comprehensive Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machining training program. It has a goal of equipping students with technical skills and industry recognized credentials that prepare them for high-demand machining careers across the region.

Council members asked questions and made comments. Ms. Oldaker provided answers. Mr. Syslo made a motion to approve the local match waiver and the application. Ms. Sheffield seconded. The Motion passed with a roll call vote with Mr. Anzivino, Mr. Bateman, Ms. Davis, Dr. Kennedy, and Ms. Mack abstaining.

Extended and New CTE Pathways with Stafford and Caroline County Schools Implementation Application

Mr. Anzivino presented the agenda item. Ms. Carter, Ms. Nabors, and Ms. Frye presented the application including an overview of the project, outcomes, milestones, and sustainability. Council members asked

questions, and Ms. Carter provided answers. Ms. Oldaker and Ms. Carter provided clarification on the match funding. Ms. Daniels made an approval contingent on comments made by Ms. Oldaker in conjunction with the match. Ms. Erkert seconded the motion. The motion carried with a roll call vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET

Mr. Anzivino provided updates on the application process at the State Board. Ms. Oldaker provided an overview on the December 2025 State Board Update & Governor's Budget Proposal, and 2026 GO Virginia Region 6 Economic Development Summit.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Mr. Anzivino adjourned the meeting at 12:07 pm