Mary Ball Washington Regional Council
GO Virginia Region 6
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Region 6 Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 14th, 2026
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Virtual Meeting Location -
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85144417854?pwd=GLxToTVeOPhbC87b3bvs2ZpBAxGl36.1
Meeting ID: 851 4441 7854 | **Passcode**: 213507

AGENDA

1:30 pm	**Call to Order**	John Anzivino
1:30 pm	**Roll Call**	Sarah Oldaker
1:35 pm	**Public Involvement**	John Anzivino
1:40 pm – 1:45 pm	**Consent Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**	John Anzivino
	Approval of April 13, 2026 Minutes **(ACTION ITEM)**	
1:45 pm - 1:50 pm	**Financial Report and Project Pipeline Update**	Sarah Oldaker
1:50 pm – 2:10 pm	**Presentations**	
	Project WISE	Miles Friedman
2:10 pm – 2:15 pm	**New Business**	
	Nomination of New Regional Council Member Appointments **(ACTION ITEM)**	John Anzivino
	Nomination of Chip Boyles and Dr. Tim O'Donnell to the Regional Council	
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	**Information Items**	Sarah Oldaker
	2027 Economic Development Summit Planning	
	September 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Date	
	October Regional Council Meeting Location and Possible Retreat	
2:30 pm	**Adjournment**	John Anzivino

Next Meeting: TBD

GO VIRGINIA
REGION 6

Approval of April 13, 2026 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Region 6 Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2026
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
In-person Meeting Location – RCC Warsaw Boardroom, 52 Campus Drive, Warsaw, VA 22572
Virtual Meeting Location -
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88236629927?pwd=ziZ7SWlLySKw0oda8EK8GHY6cKm5yn.1
Meeting ID: 882 3662 9927 | **Passcode**: 278055

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON AND VOTING: John Anzivino **(Chair),** Jackie Davis, Jan Erkert (arrived after roll call), Ginni Matern

STAFF: GWRC – Cheyenne Courtney, Sarah Oldaker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Virtual - Kim Allman **(Kim Allman LLC)**; Cody Anderson**,** Todd Gillingham **(Fredericksburg Regional Alliance)**; Sheila Minor
In Person – Mike Purello **(Rivers Region Entrepreneurial Ecosystem)**

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Anzivino called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

ROLL CALL
Ms. Oldaker called roll and a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Anzivino asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items, including the December 18, 2025, meeting minutes. Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Matern seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND PROJECT PIPELINE UPDATE
Ms. Oldaker presented the financial report updating the Executive Committee on Per Capita funding, Planning Grant funding, and the upcoming project pipeline. She noted that it is the first time GO Virginia Region 6 has expended all its project funds.

PRESENTATIONS
Mr. Purello provided a presentation on the Regional Entrepreneurship Initiative Action Plan. Committee members asked questions which Mr. Purello answered.

APPLICATION DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Gillingham presented a grant application from the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance on identifying site development opportunities in the Fredericksburg subregion. Ms. Erkert made a motion to approve the application, contingent on GO Virginia receiving the match form from King George County and FY27 Per Capita Funding. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a roll-call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination of New Regional Council Member Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Anzivino introduced the application from Dr. Tashika Griffith from Germanna Community College. Mr. Anzivino made a motion to nominate Dr. Tashika Griffith for the Regional Council. Ms. Matern seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2026 Budget Amendment (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Oldaker reviewed the Memorandum regarding the FY 2026 Budget Amendment as included in the packet. Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the FY2026 Budget Amendment. Ms. Erkert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll-call vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Ms. Oldaker updated the committee on the March State Board meeting and the Governance and Policy Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 PM.

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Financial Report

Financial Report - Project Funding

Mary Ball Washington Regional Council (GO Virginia Region 6)

Report Period: April 2017 - Present

Report Date:6/29/2026

GO VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR GROWTH & OPPORTUNITY IN EACH REGION

Per Capita Funding	
	Total
Region 6 Allocation	
Total	$ 10,456,094.26
Total after DHCD recapture ($2,469,292.77 FY22 + $533,164.78 FY24))	$ 7,453,636.71
FY 27 Starting Balance	$1,064,737.00
Projects Funded	
Closed Projects	$ 3,411,715.90
RCC New Career Center	$ 290,000.00
BCWDB CARES Project	$ 307,857.00
EBE Accelerator Implementation	$ 300,000.00
Festival Halle Aqauculture Pre-Incubator	$ 280,800.00
UMW Health Care Management Program Planning Grant	$ 78,014.00
River to Table - Blue Catfish Study	$ 99,840.00
NN Sites Inventory Study	$ 100,000.00
Advancing Virginia Shellfish Aquaculture	$ 81,002.00
RCC CNC Machining Program	$ 431,575.00
Stafford and Caroline Career Technical Education Program Expansion	$ 965,601.00
Total Spent	$ 6,346,404.90
Under/Over	
	$ 1,107,231.81
Projects in Pipeline (FY27)	
GWRC Site Inventory Planning Grant	$ 100,000.00
Region 6 Growth Alliance	$536,000
Middlesex Industrial Marine Park Planning	$100,000
Lancaster County Schools CTE Feasibility Study	$50,000
VTCECE Blue Catfish	$350,000
PD16 Regional Workforce Center Feasibility Study	$100,000
Total In Pipeline	$ 1,236,000.00
Under/Over if Pipeline Approved	
Total	$ (128,768.19)

Planning Grant Funding	
	Total
Region 6 Allocation	
Total for FY27	$ 250,000.00
Projects Funded	
Total Spent	$ -
Under/Over	
Total	$ 250,000.00
Projects in Pipeline	
Middlesex Industrial Marine Park Planning	$100,000
Lancaster County Schools CTE Feasibility Study	$50,000
PD16 Regional Workforce Center Feasibility Study	$100,000
Total Spent:	$250,000
Under/Over if Pipeline Approved	$ -

For vote at today's Meeting

Waiting on DHCD Approval

Presentations

Project WISE

GW Biomedical Informatics Center

WISE

Working in Sync with Employers

Wise Team

Qing Zeng, PhD

Linda Zanin, EdD

Miles Friedman

BIC@gwu.edu

https://biomedinfo.smhs.gwu.edu/

MILES FRIEDMAN & PARTNERS

Project Overview

The Opportunity

- Rapid growth of AI in life & health sciences
- 89% of companies investing in generative AI
- 62% report AI/ML talent shortages
- Urgent need for coordinated, regional training solutions

Our Approach (GW – Biomedical Informatics Center)

- Lead development of an AI-focused training curriculum
- Align education with evolving industry and employer needs
- Strengthen career pathways from entry to advancement

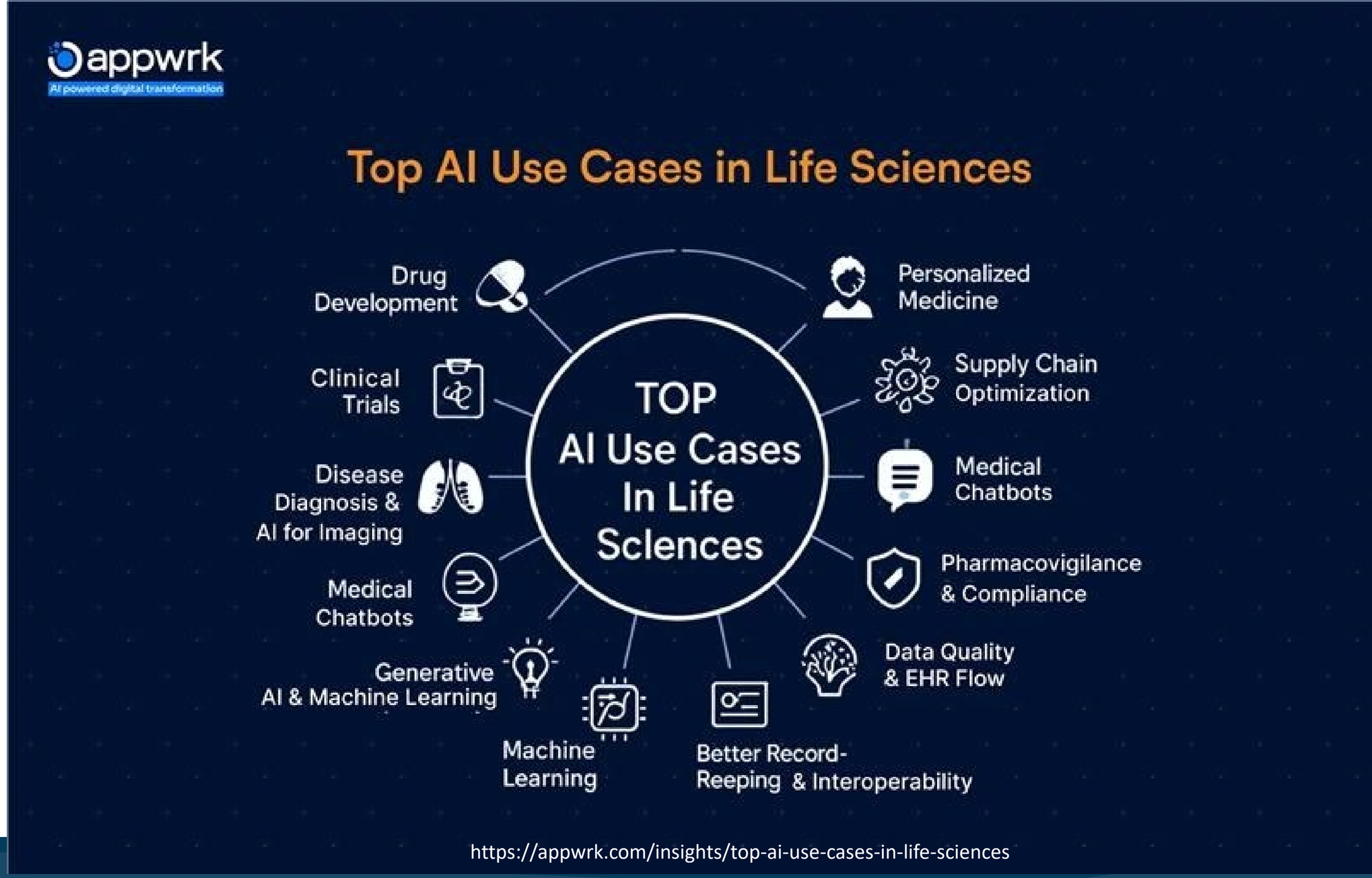
The WISE Initiative Goal

- Connect employers, higher education, and public sector
- Support a skilled, future-ready workforce
- Enhance regional competitiveness and economic growth

Advisory Board

- Provide strategic guidance and industry insight
- Align training with real workforce needs
- Support scalable, long-term implementation

Biotechnology and Healthcare sectors increasingly require: AI-assisted diagnostics, clinical data analysis, and predictive analytics.



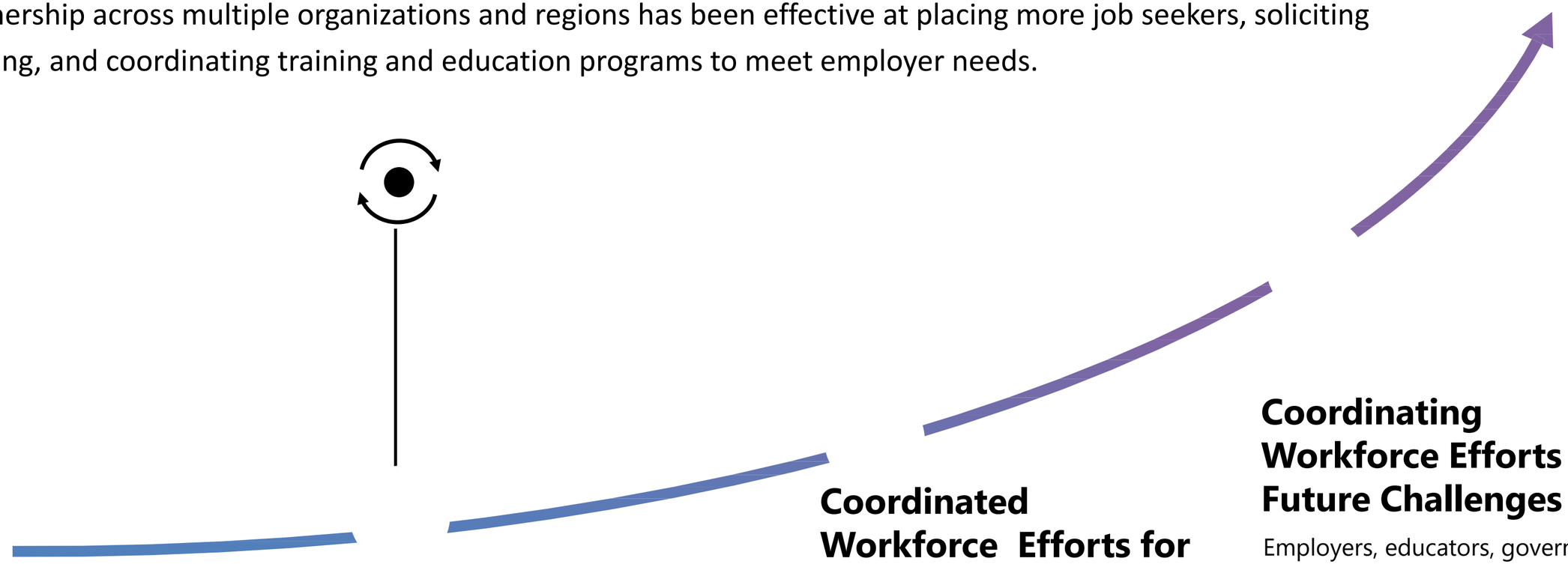
https://appwrk.com/insights/top-ai-use-cases-in-life-sciences

Employees capable of working in an AI environment

"The winners in this next era of business won't be companies that choose between humans and AI. They will be the ones who use AI to help humans deliver better experiences."

– Shep Hyken, Forbes.

Regions have existing workforce efforts to address life and health sciences workforce challenges, but developing a partnership across multiple organizations and regions has been effective at placing more job seekers, soliciting funding, and coordinating training and education programs to meet employer needs.



Regional Awareness

Employers, educators, and community organizations are aware of workforce challenges.

Siloed Workforce Efforts

Organizations are working to address workforce challenges, but these efforts are siloed and not meeting the broader health sector needs.

Coordinated Workforce Efforts for Existing Challenges

Employers, educators, government, and community organizations are working together to understand and address regional life and health sciences workforce needs.

Coordinating Workforce Efforts for Future Challenges

Employers, educators, government, and community organizations are actively addressing regional life and health sciences workforce needs and committing resources to prepare for future workforce needs.

QUESTIONS?

We invite you to take a 3-minute anonymous survey designed to help individuals and employers across the life and health sciences better prepare for the responsible, real-world use of AI.

Your input will directly inform the creation of AI training modules that address real needs, build skills, increase risk awareness, and support thoughtful, responsible adoption.

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WISE SURVEY

Nomination of New Regional Council Member Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

Mary Ball Washington Regional Council
New Member Application

Name: Charles P. (Chip) Boyles, II

Company/Agency: George Washington Regional Commission

Position: Executive Director

Company/Agency Address: 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Va 22401

If Private Business Sector, what industry sector do you represent? Local Government

Preferred Telephone: [redacted] ☐ Work ☐ Home X Cell

Preferred E-mail Address: chip.boyles@gwregion.org

Description of Qualifications/Skills
(Please provide a brief description of why you are interested in serving on the Regional Council; you may include a statement as to what skills, education, knowledge, etc. you feel may contribute to the Council's work.)

I have worked in local, state and regional government for over 35 years as SC State Senate Staff, Community and Economic Development Director, Assistant City Manager, City Manager & Regional Planning District Commission Executive Director. Prior to government service I worked and managed family owned retail businesses. My experiences include economic development and grant award and management in localities of 2,500 population up to the City-Parish of Baton Rouge, La with an annual departmental budget of $20,000,000. I currently oversee the management of the George Washington Regional Commission with an annual budget of $6,000,000 and a population over 400,000. The GWRC manages grants and programs for five local governments of City of Fredericksburg and Counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford. I have been working with the GO Virginia program since prior to its 2016 General Assembly passage at both the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission in Charlottesville and now GWRC. I chaired the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions committee that developed and recommended the current statewide GO Virginia council boundaries. I currently am on the Board of Directors of the Fredericksburg Area Chamber of Commerce and am a member of the Fredericksburg Military Affairs Council and the Region 6 Healthcare Workforce Collaborative.

Mary Ball Washington Regional Council
New Member Application

Name: _____Tim O'Donnell_____

Company/Agency: ____University of Mary Washington_____

Position: _____Provost/Chief Academic Officer_____

Company/Agency Address: _____1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401_____

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If Private Business Sector, what industry sector do you represent? _____

Preferred Telephone: [redacted] ☐ Work ☐ Home ☐ Cell

Preferred E-mail Address: _____[redacted]_____

Description of Qualifications/Skills
(Please provide a brief description of why you are interested in serving on the Regional Council; you may include a statement as to what skills, education, knowledge, etc. you feel may contribute to the Council's work.)

I have nearly 30 years of experience in higher education and administration and am responsible for all of the University's academic programs across three colleges. I have a wide variety of experiences serving on boards, building programs, developing budgets, and assessing outcomes. UMW was founded as a Normal School more than 100 years ago to meet regional workforce needs in the preparation teachers. We continue with that mission today and have expanded our scope as the only four-year institution of higher education serving the region and take seriously our obligation to provide high quality educational opportunities to serve the region's growing workforce needs. As the Provost, I am keenly focused on these efforts and am committed to supporting a wide-variety of regional activities and initiatives.