

REGION 2 COUNCIL BULLETIN

PROGRAM UPDATES

September 9th

GOVA State Board Meeting and Retreat

- Region 2, 3, & 5 Chairs submitted an open letter to the state board to consider investment in child care projects to support talent retention for target industries.
- Region 8 submitted public comment to support child care.
- Chairman Amos served as a guest speaker for the Exploring Virginia's Economic Competitiveness panel. Dr. Amos shared his insights on the state's competitive advantages, such as high-performing industry clusters and ecosystem assets, and also addressed barriers that could limit long-term success.

Region 2 Projects

September 9th

- **Approved** Regional Talent Portal, Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance
- **Deferred** Project RISE, Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center
- **Denied** United Way Childcare for Workforce, United Way of Central Virginia

August 5th

Administratively Approved Sites Advancement Strategy, New River Valley Regional Commission

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 15th : 2025 G&D Draft due to DHCD
October 29th : 12:45 - 2:45 PM - Council Meeting at the Taubman Museum of Art
October 29th : 3-5 PM - State of the Region Event at the Taubman Museum of Art
October 31st : Approved 2025 G&D Plan sent to DHCD

REGION 2 PROJECTS IN THE NEWS!

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COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

New Members:

- Steve Harvey, TECHLAB
- Dr. Angela Joyner, Radford University
- Nick Kessler, Kubota Corp.
- Ken McFadyen, Alleghany Co.
- Dr. Tony Seupaul, Carilion Clinic

GOVA Refresh!

Q: What are the investment strategies an eligible project can implement?

A: GOVA prioritizes four investment strategies for projects to implement: Cluster Scale-up, Sites & Infrastructure, Start-up Ecosystem Innovation, and Workforce Development.