

GO Virginia Region 2 Growth & Diversification Plan Industry Work Group (Manufacturing & Advanced Materials) Minutes May 22, 2025, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance, 300 Lucado Pl, Lynchburg, VA 24504

Committee members in attendance: John Capps, Paul Denham, Caley Edgerly, Kimball Payne

Staff in attendance: Sarah Lyon-Hill, Jemma Sabokrouh, Emmalee Wagner.

Public in attendance: Pam Armstong, Mark Dreyer, Jason Feguson, Cindy Forren, Tori Gilmartin, Victoria Hanson, Larry Jackson, Megan Lucas, Jeff Spaeth, Kim Soerensen, Cherly Valentine.

The meeting convened at 1:04 p.m. and adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Introductions

Council vice-chair Paul Denham opened the meeting to review the purpose of the Growth & Diversification Plan and begin attendee introductions.

State of the Industry Presentation

Dr. Sarah Lyon-Hill with VT Center for Economic and Community Engagement gave a presentation reviewing the trends, assets, and needs of the Manufacturing for Transportation, Autonomy, and Energy, and Advanced Materials Manufacturing industries in this region.

Group Exercises

Lyon-Hill facilitated two group exercises for the attendees.

Closing Remarks

Mr. Denham gave closing remarks.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.