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GO Virginia Region 2

GO Virginia Region 2 Executive Committee Working Session DRAFT Minutes (For Council Approval)

August 14, 2018 9:00am University City Blvd, Blacksburg VA RM 218

Executive Committee Members Participating Remotely: Sandy Davis, Ray Smoot

Council Members in Attendance: Watt Foster

Staff in Attendance: John Provo, Shelly Jobst, Meghan Gaskill, Scott Tate, Jennifer Morgan

Public in Attendance: Stephanie Seagle

Chairman Smoot convened the meeting at 9:00am.

Bylaw Revisions

The Executive Committee discussed a change to the Bylaws that govern the Region 2 Council to place term limits on Council members. Their recommendations included term limits for council and the Vice Chair and Chair, specifically two consecutive three-year terms for Council and a two-year term for Vice Chair and Chair. The Executive Committee recommended an attendance policy to mandate members must come to 50% or more of the meetings in a year, eliminating the nominating committee and assigning its responsibilities to the Executive committee, and giving the Executive Committee the power to make time sensitive decisions between meetings of the Council to be promptly reported to members of the Council.

Budget Discussion

Staff presented the Executive Committee with their recommend Budget and Workplan for FY 2019. Chairman Smoot highlighted the region's overall administrative costs are among the lowest for any region.

State Competitive Projects

Staff continues to work with potential applicants for state competitive, focused on multi-regional collaboration, in this year's funding cycle for the GO Virginia State Board.



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Application Package

Staff noted that review of the draft RFP with Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), clarified the need for a local match and the documentation needed. Staff proposed that Council receive and approve applications on a rolling basis with attention given to review deadlines with the state. Staff also noted steps they were taking to promote the program among potential research and technology applicants, per the gap analysis presented to the Council previously.

Current Projects

Staff noted that almost all projects have begun their activities. Exceptions are Holly Leaf Grading, which has withdrawn its application and may seek future funding; the Region 2 Talent Collaborative, which is awaiting final contract signatures; and the Small Business Development Center New River Valley Expansion, which will be returned to Council for consideration as a capacity-building project.

The meeting ended at 10:25a.m.



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