



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
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GO Virginia Region 2

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January 29, 2025, 1:00p.m.- 3:00p.m.

**Fralin Biomedical Research Institute, Room G-101A/B, 4 Riverside Circle,
Roanoke, Virginia, 24016.**

Council members in attendance: Doug Agner, Eddie Amos (Chair), John Capps, Janice Crawford, Whitney Czelusniak, Paul Denham (Vice-chair), Greg Feldmann, Dr. Michael Friedlander, Don Halliwill, Vince Hatcher, Bif Johnson, Kim Payne, Luke Towles, Cathy Underwood, Richmond Vincent, Amy White, Justin Yalung.

Council members attending remotely: Nanci Hardwick, Debbie Petrine, John Putney.

Council members not in attendance: Foudr Kemper, Marty Muscatello, Amy Sebring, Jacob Wright.

Staff in attendance: John Provo, Scott Tate, Jemma Sabokrouh, Sarah Lyon-Hill, Rachel Jones, Alyssa McKenney, Emmalee Wagner, Julia Kell.

Public in attendance: Cody Anderson, Andrew McFarland, Erin Burcham, Katie Conner, Nichole Hair, Rebecca Rowe, Shara Gibson.

The meeting convened at 1:00p.m. and adjourned at 2:35p.m.

Financials Review

Alyssa McKenney reviewed the financial reports included in the board packet. Council has a remaining balance of \$1,539,702 in per-capita funds. Alyssa then reviewed active project drawdown status.

Project Pipeline

Jemma Sabokrouh reviewed the project pipeline. There are 7 possible proposals that may come before council, including a site development planning project, CS/root AI focused initiative, a nursing program expansion, Project Skill Shift, AI professional development pilot program, SMR location analysis, and GOTEC in the New River Valley.

Administrative Updates

Quarterly Project Reporting

Rachel Jones reviewed active project status, noting there are 2 current projects listed in yellow, meaning they did not meet one or more quarter 3 milestones and staff is monitoring. Industry 4.0 for the Automated- Connected-Electrified (ACE) Workforce is listed in yellow as the project has fallen behind in metrics reporting for students trained. Project team in process of submitting a no-cost extension request in order to complete the delivery of their modules. Lynchburg Career Accelerator is also listed in



yellow due to a delay in the completion of their career acceleration tool. Project is in process of submitting a no-cost extension request in order to complete the tool, as well as two additional playbooks focused on program pausers and 2nd generation participants.

Tableau Dashboard Review

Rachel Jones shared state staff's newly created tableau dashboard, highlighting program impact from across the state. This is a work in progress as only data from closed implementation grants have been uploaded at this time.

Special Update

G&D Plan Discussion

Sarah Lyon-Hill reviewed the process of updating the Region 2 Growth & Diversification Plan noting there will be employer workgroup roundtables held in the Spring. Sarah requested council members to indicate whether or not they are willing and available to participate.

Council Business

Speakers Bureau

Chairman Amos requested council members to volunteer for the upcoming speaker's bureau 2025 session. Members who wish to participate should reach out to staff or chairman Amos.

Council Membership

Chairman Amos offered the names of Rich Diddams, Liberty University, and Caley Edgerly, Sonny Merryman, to fill the vacancies existing in the Lynchburg sub-region. There were no questions or comments.

Greg Feldmann motioned to nominate Rich Diddams and Caley Edgerly. Vince Hatcher seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

Vice-chair Paul Denham recommended the reappointment of Eddie Amos as chair for an additional 1-year term.

John Capps motioned to reappointment Eddie Amos as chair. Richmond Vincent seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

Chairman Amos then informed the council that the executive committee has filled an existing vacancy with Whitney Czelusniak joining the committee.

Minutes



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Council reviewed minutes from the Region 2 Council Meeting held on October 30, 2024. Chairman Amos asked if there were any corrections, additions, or questions regarding the minutes; there were none.

Greg Feldmann motioned to approve the minutes. John Capps seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35p.m.