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## **GO Virginia Region 2 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**October 10, 2024, 1:00p.m.- 3:00p.m.**

**Roanoke Higher Education Center, Room 701A, 108 N Jefferson Street, Roanoke, VA, 24016.**

Executive Committee members in attendance: Eddie Amos (Chair), Beverley Dalton (Vice-chair), Paul Denham, Ray Smoot, Richmond Vincent, Justin Yalung.

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

The meeting convened at 1:00p.m. and adjourned at 2:59p.m.

### ***Financials Review***

Alyssa McKenney reviewed the financial reports included in the board packet. Council has a remaining balance of \$1,415,210 in per-capita funds. Alyssa then reviewed active project drawdown status.

### ***Project Updates***

#### ***Proposal Updates***

John Provo reviewed proposal updates, noting Project VITAL has entered contracting phase, which should be finalized by the end of the calendar year. GMP Clean has also entered contracting phase.

#### ***Project Pipeline***

Jemma Sabokrouh reviewed projects currently in the pipeline. There are 12 possible proposals that may come before council.

#### ***TPI Update***

Emmalee Wagner provided an update for the Region 2 Talent Pathways Initiative, noting all employer feedback has been incorporated and high impact project proposal recommendations have been shared with implementation partners. Project has received a no-cost extension through January 2025 in order to complete the final deliverable of talent pathway plans for the Life Sciences and Biotechnology and Transportation, Manufacturing, and Autonomy sectors.

### ***Administrative Updates***

#### ***Quarterly Project Reporting***



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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. Center for Entrepreneurship was listed in yellow due to continued delays in the opening of their physical space within the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance. Project team expects to submit a no-cost extension following recommendations from a contractor. Industry 4.0 for the Automated- Connected-Electrified (ACE) Workforce as the project has fallen behind in metrics reporting for students trained. Region 2 staff have met with the project team to discuss a remediation plan. All other active projects are listed in green, meaning they have met quarterly milestones and are on track with their current deliverables.

### ***Tableau Review***

Rachel Jones reviewed the Region 2 online tableau dashboard, an interactive web- based portal representing real time project data regarding outcomes/impact of active and closed projects existing in the region.

### ***Celebrate Success 2024***

Jemma Sabokrouh highlighted Region 2's upcoming celebrate success events to be held Friday, November 1, from 4:30-6:00p.m. at the Virginia Tech Data and Decision Sciences building to celebrate success in the NRV sub-region, the Roanoke Celebrate Success event on Thursday, November 7, from 4:30-6:00p.m., in the STEM building at Virginia Western Community College, and the Lynchburg Celebrate Success event on Wednesday, November 13, from 4:30-6:00p.m., at Randolph College.

### ***G&D Plan 2025 Process***

Sarah Lyon-Hill reviewed the formal Region 2 Growth & Diversification Plan 2025 update, noting she will be hosting employer workgroup roundtables in the upcoming calendar year. The final updated plan is due to state staff by October 31, 2025.

### ***Minutes***

The committee reviewed minutes from the Region 2 Executive Committee Meeting held on July 11, 2024. Chairman Amos asked if there were any corrections, additions, or questions regarding the minutes; there were none.

Ray Smoot motioned to approve the minutes, with Richmond Vincent seconding. All were in favor and none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:59p.m.