

GO Virginia - Region 4 Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 19 2023 – 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
NewMarket Pavilion Conference Room
300 S. 4th Street, Richmond, Virginia

Members Participating:

Brian Anderson, Chandra Briggman, Dr. Joseph Casey, Katie Fessler, Todd Haymore, Mark Hourigan, Dr. Mark Moore, Martha Shickle, Natalie Slate, Monica Smith-Callahan, Lorin Sodell and Paul Tuck

Members Unable to Participate:

Will Clements, Moses Foster, Bill Goodwin, John Luke, Dr. Paula Pando, Dr. Michael Rao and Carter Reid

Guest Speakers:

Jeff Gallagher, Chair, GROW Capital Jobs Foundation; Jim Powers, Chair, Virginia Bioscience Foundation

Others in Attendance:

Wilson Flohr, Serena Barry, Ann Isbell and Kim Allman, GROW Capital Jobs Staff; Andrea Devening and Annie Conte, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD); John Milton-Benoit and Betsey Odell, Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM)

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Region 4 Council convened with a majority of members participating. Mr. Mark Hourigan, Chairman of the Council, chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order. Ms. Ann Isbell served as secretary and recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Citizen Comment:

No comments were made by the public; the public comment period was closed.

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Council meetings of March 21, 2023 were approved as presented and provided to Council members for review prior to the meeting.

Foundation Report:

Mr. Flohr reported that a reception and retreat for the GO Virginia regions had taken place on April 17 and 18, which allowed all nine regions to exchange ideas and experiences. Mr. Flohr reported that topics included regional collaboration among localities as well as Council engagement and recruiting new members. He was asked to give an overview of Region 4's pharmaceutical cluster scale-up.

Mr. Flohr confirmed that a request for Letters of Interest for the Talent Pathways Initiative (TPI) would be placed on the GROW Capital Jobs Foundation website and distributed to a list of organizations that had been identified

Mr. Flohr then introduced Jim Powers from the Virginia Biosciences Foundation to present a proposal for an Enhanced Capacity Building (ECB) grant that is being led by Region 5 with participation from regions 2 and 4.

Project Presentations

Mr. Powers presented a request for approval of a multi-region ECB planning grant involving three components: 1) expansion of an already-approved Region 7 GO Virginia ECB planning grant to assess the long-term jobs and skill needs of the life sciences industry statewide; 2) design of a one-semester pilot program that will be conducted in all three participating regions; and 3) conduct of the pilot program. The investment from each participating region would be \$20,000 and the pilot program would be complete by the end of 2023.

Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that the Region 4 Council approves the Life Science Virginia ECB proposal for review and recommendations by the Foundation Board and subject matter experts at their next meeting.

Nominating Committee Report:

Mr. Todd Haymore informed the Council that the committee continues to review the required categories of council membership to ensure that it meets the GO Virginia council membership requirements. The current membership meets the GO Virginia mandate for 50% or greater to be private sector business leaders. The committee will continue efforts to identify a representative for K12. A candidate for workforce development board representation has been identified and a resume will be sent for the Council's consideration prior to their next meeting on May 31, 2023.

Mr. Haymore further reported on the Committee's recommendation that Mr. Charles Wilson and Mr. Chuck Pollard be elected to the Region 4 Council. Resumes for Mr. Wilson and Mr.

Pollard had been previously provided for the Council's consideration. The Committee also recommended that Mr. Ted Raspiller be re-elected to the Council.

Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that the Region 4 Council approves the election of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Pollard and Mr. Raspiller to the Region 4 Council.

Foundation Board Project Recommendations:

Mr. Jeff Gallagher, Chair of the GROW Capital Jobs Foundation Board reviewed the summaries of project recommendations that had been previously distributed to Council members.

Following discussion and upon motions duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were approved:

RESOLVED, that the Region 4 Council approves the Reynolds Community College application "Advancing a Regional Industry Skilled Ecosystem for Life Sciences (ARISE)" for per capita funding.

RESOLVED, that the Region 4 Council approves CCAM application "Great Opportunities in Technology and Engineering Careers (GO TEC)" for per capita funding contingent on satisfying the remaining GO Virginia requirements regarding high paying jobs and return on investment. *[Mr. Sodell abstained from the vote].*

RESOLVED, that the Region 4 Council approves the Virginia's Growth Alliance site development project to include the FASTA site in Greensville County, contingent on satisfying the remaining requirements of GO Virginia. *[Ms. Slate abstained from the vote].*

Adjournment:

There being no other business, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Mark J. Hourigan, Chairman

Ann M. Isbell, Acting Secretary