

**GO Virginia - Region 4 Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 p.m.**  
**GROW Capital Jobs Foundation Conference Room**  
**NewMarket Pavilion Conference Room,**  
**330 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond, Virginia**

**Members Participating:**

Chandra Briggman, Dr. Joseph Casey, Will Clements, Elizabeth Creamer, Katie Fessler, Moses Foster, Todd Haymore, Mark Hourigan, Rob Locke, Dr. Lisa Pennycuff, Chuck Pollard, Dr. Ted Raspiller, Natalie Slate, Monica Smith-Callahan and Charles Wilson

**Members Unable to Participate:**

Brian Anderson, Bill Goodwin, John Luke, Dr. Mark Moore, Dr. Paula Pando, Dr. Michael Rao, Martha Shickle, Lorin Sodell and Paul Tuck

**Others in Attendance:**

Wilson Flohr, Kim Allman, Serena Barry and Ann Isbell GROW Capital Jobs Foundation (GROW); Joseph Dennie, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD); Denny Morris, GROW Board Member; Jerry Kuthy, Cameron Foundation; Erika Temple, Department of Education; Matt Conrad and Ivelina Metchava, Virginia Commonwealth University; Sean Terrell, Reynolds Community College

**Call to Order:**

The meeting of the Region 4 Council convened with a majority of members participating. Mr. Mark Hourigan, Chair 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.

## **Approval of Minutes**

**Resolved**, upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the October, 26, 2023 and January 9, 2024 meetings which were previously distributed to the Council, were approved.

## **Project Presentation**

Chandra Briggman presented a proposal for Virginia Innovation and Technology Advancement in Life Sciences (VITAL). This project is a collaboration with bio science labs in two other GO Virginia regions: Verge in Region 2 and C'ville Bio Hub in Region 9. The goal is to build the life science cluster by increasing startups and jobs in the cluster.

**Resolved**, upon motion duly made and seconded, the project was approved for vetting by the Foundation Board and Subject Matter Experts. Mr. Haymore and Ms. Briggman abstained from the vote.

## **Financial Report**

Mr. Crowell presented a summary of the Financial Statement for the period ending January 31, 2024, which had been provided to the Council prior to the meeting. He also introduced a new financial summary that would be included in future meeting materials.

**Resolved**, upon motion duly made and seconded, the January 31, 2024 Financial Statement was approved.

## **Foundation Report:**

Mr. Flohr provided an update on the project pipeline and the availability of funds, noting that the General Assembly would be sweeping unobligated funds from the GO Virginia program and other state economic development programs. He reviewed the unused funds in the budget as of December 31, 2023. He also noted that a bill introduced by Delegate Austin was under consideration to amend the Code of Virginia which would return match requirements for GO Virginia projects to 2:1 for all types of grants.

Mr. Flohr then asked Mr. Dennie from DHCD to provide a recap of the state board meeting which was held on March 12. Mr. Dennie reviewed committee reports, the proposed policy for healthcare industry investments and the criteria for eligibility. He confirmed that action would be taken by the state board within the next few weeks.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Mark Hourigan, Vice Chair

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Ann M. Isbell, Acting Secretary