

APPROVED

**GO Virginia Hampton Roads
Regional Council**

**MEETING NO. 5
August 25, 2017**

Meeting number three of the GO Virginia Hampton Roads Regional Council (“Regional Council”) was held Friday at 10:00am on August 25, 2017, in the conference room of the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, located at 21 Enterprise Parkway, Suite 100, Hampton, VA.

Members Present:

Kenneth Alexander	Jeffrey Holland
Shawn Avery	Michael Kuhns
Roland Bailey	Eric Miller
Timothy J. Bentley	J.D. Myers, II
R. Bruce Bradley	John Olson
Anne C. H. Conner, Vice Chair	John F. Reinhart
John T. Dever	Bryan Stephens
Jack L. Ezzell, Jr.	Thomas G. Tingle
Thomas R. Frantz, Chair	Gary Warren

Members Absent:

John R. Broderick	McKinley Price
William B. Downey	Frank W. Roach
Michael Gentry	William D. Sessoms, Jr.
Maria Herbert	Jeffrey Smith
Jerry Miller	Bruce Thompson

Others Present:

Keith Cannady	Leonard Sledge
Larry “Chip” Filer	Julie Summs
Diane Kaufman	Ron Williams
Florence Kingston	Rick Weddle
Kimberly Pierceall	Eric Wiesel (representing John Broderick)
Brian Smith	

Staff Present:

James K. Spore, President & CEO, Reinvent Hampton Roads
Donna S. Morris, Executive Vice President, Reinvent Hampton Roads
Tiffany A. Brannon, Administrative Assistant, Reinvent Hampton Roads

1. Call to Order and Opening Comments

Mr. Frantz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and declared the presence of a quorum. He welcomed members and thanked Mr. Mike Kuhns and his staff for hosting the meeting.

Mr. Frantz and Ms. Conner commended the consulting team for developing a very comprehensive Economic Growth and Diversification Plan for the Regional Council to consider for approval and submission to the state today. He also thanked members of the Regional Council for active participation in the process.

2. **Approval of August 14, 2017 Regional Council meeting minutes**

ON A MOTION AND SECONDED, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2017 MEETING AS PRESENTED IN THE AGENDA MATERIALS.

3. **Consider Adoption of Region 5 Economic Growth and Diversification Plan & Authorization to Submit to State GO Virginia Board**

Dr. Filer provided an overview of the changes made to the draft plan reviewed by the Regional Council at the August 14, 2017 meeting. Following the overview, additional adjustments were recommended, to include:

- Addition of unmanned systems, coupled with aerospace, as the region's sixth priority cluster, adding text to highlight emerging commercial opportunities within this sector.
- Addition of the Virginia Maritime Association into the marketing strategy.
- Addition of the Foreign Trade Zone, Coffee Exchange and Metal Exchange programs currently managed by the Virginia Port to support business development.
- Regarding Life Sciences or other areas of the report where applicable, change the wording from a tone that emphasizes what we do not have to one that highlights what the region should be doing in area.

ON A MOTION BY MR. HOLLAND, SECONDED BY MR. STEPHENS, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVED THE REGION 5 ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DIVERSIFICATION PLAN WITH AMENDMENTS, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT THE ADOPTED PLAN FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE STATE GO VIRGINIA BOARD.

4. **Consider Establishment of GO Virginia Project Application Review Committee & Authorization for Chair and Vice Chair to Solicit Review Committee Members**

Mr. Spore shared the schedule going forward for the review and submission of applications for GO Virginia funded projects.

Mr. Frantz asked Regional Council members for their authorization to solicit individuals to serve on the Review Committee. He also invited members to let him or Ms. Conner know if they are interested in serving on the Review Committee.

ON A MOTION BY MR. REINHART, SECONDED BY MR HOLLAND, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZED THE CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR TO SOLICIT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

5. **Consider Directing Staff to Develop Region 5 GO Virginia Grant Application Process, Application Form and the Transmit Information to Region 5 Cities and Counties**

ON A MOTION BY MR. REINHART, SECONDED BY MR. TINGLE, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL DIRECTED REINVENT HAMPTON ROADS STAFF TO DEVELOP THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS, APPLICATION FORM FOR SHARING AND TRANSMITTAL TO REGION 5 CITIES AND COUNTIES.

Mr. Tingle suggested structuring the application to allow an applicant to explain what their proposal will do and not simply restrict them to answering specific questions.

6. Public Comment

No public comment.

7. Other items

The next meeting of the Regional Council is scheduled for November 15, 2017.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, Mr. Frantz adjourned the meeting at 11:59am.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna S. Morris
Secretary to the Regional Council

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Thomas R. Frantz
Chair of the Regional Council