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**GO Virginia Hampton Roads
Regional Council**

**MEETING NO. 8
May 10, 2018**

Meeting number eight of the GO Virginia Hampton Roads Regional Council (“Regional Council”) was held Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 10:00am in the Hampton Roads Community Foundation Board Room located in the World Trade Center, 101 W. Main Street, Suite 4500, Norfolk VA.

<u>Members Present:</u>	Shawn Avery	Michael Kuhns
	Kenneth Alexander	Eric Miller
	Timothy J. Bentley	Jerry Miller
	Anne C. H. Conner, Vice Chair	J.D. Myers, II (via phone)
	John T. Dever	Frank W. Roach
	Jack L. Ezzell, Jr.	Jeffrey Smith
	Thomas R. Frantz, Chair	Bryan Stephens
	Michael Gentry	Bruce Thompson
	Louis R. Jones	Thomas G. Tingle
<u>Members Absent:</u>	Roland Bailey	Jeffrey Holland
	R. Bruce Bradley	John Olson
	John R. Broderick	McKinley Price
	William B. Downey	John F. Reinhart
	Maria Herbert	Gary Warren
<u>Others Present:</u>	Drew Lumpkin	Diane Kaufman
	Larry “Chip” Filer	Jennifer Michaeli
	Mike Robinson	Evans McMillion
	John Costulis	Scott Hall
	Jim Noel	
<u>Staff Present:</u>	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 upon confirming those council members joining the meeting by phone, declared the presence of a quorum. He welcomed members and guests in attendance.

2. Approval of February 20, 2018 Regional Council meeting minutes

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY MR. EZZELL, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20TH MEETING AS PRESENTED IN THE AGENDA MATERIALS.

3. Composition of Regional Council

Mr. Frantz recognized Acting Mayor of Virginia Beach Louis Jones and thanked him for attending the meeting. Mr. Jones was appointed Mayor following the resignation of Mr. William Sessoms. After leaving his position, Mr. Sessoms submitted a letter of resignation to the Regional Council. A

recommendation was made to elect Mr. Jones as a member of the Regional Council until his successor is elected in November.

ON A MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVED LOUIS JONES AS A MEMBER UNTIL THE NEW MAYOR IS ELECTED AND ASSUMES OFFICE IN JANUARY, 2019.

Regarding the composition of the Regional Council and adhering to the state requirements Mr. Frantz asked the group to consider approving the proposed Regional Council Policy #1 as included in the agenda packet. The policy will be posted under Go Virginia on the Reinvent Hampton Roads website, if approved.

ON A MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVED REGIONAL COUNCIL POLICY #1 AS PRESENTED IN THE AGENDA PACKET.

4. Reappointment of Council Members & Election of Officers

Mr. Frantz referred to the list of members and their respective terms contained in the agenda packet. Members whose terms expire June 30, 2018, were contacted and all agreed to serve another three year term with the exception of Mr. Roland Bailey, a small business representative from the Eastern Shore. Policy #1 will offer guidance to the Nominating Committee as they provide recommendations to fill vacancies and adhere to the state requirements for sectors that must be represented on the Regional Council.

The Nominating Committee will also recommend a slate of officers for consideration at the next Regional Council meeting set for July 12, 2018.

5. Status of GO Virginia Grants

Mr. Frantz commended all grant awardees for their work and invited Mr. Spore to introduce those who will highlight progress made on the initiatives awarded GO Virginia grants in Region 5.

- A. *Virginia Digital Shipbuilding Program* – Principle Investigator, Dr. Jennifer Michaeli outlined objectives of the program. Regionally and nationally no program like this exists. In summary, this project will create a regional and statewide program to train approximately 8,500 future workers – skilled craftsmen, engineers, designers, and IT professionals - to work in the new digital manufacturing environment and will support Hampton Roads' existing advanced manufacturing and shipbuilding clusters. A copy of the presentation can be accessed from the Reinvent Hampton Roads website.
- B. *HRCyber Co-Lab* – Principle Investigator, Dr. Mike Robinson presented an overview of the program. In summary the Hampton Roads Cybersecurity Education, Workforce, and Economic Development Alliance (HRCy-ber) is a collaborative partnership among educational institutions, government agencies, nonprofits, and private employers. GO Virginia support will formalize HRCyber with an industry-led governing board and extend its scope from educational pathways to include collaboration, workforce development, jobs creation, and innovation. The HRCyber Co-Lab will be a highly advanced collaboration hub at Old Dominion University's Tri-Cities campus. HRCyber and the Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center (VMASC) will anchor a Tri-Cities innovation district in modeling and simulation, data analytics, and cybersecurity; and expand this regional center of innovation to include autonomous and virtual systems. A copy of the presentation can be accessed from the Reinvent Hampton Roads website.

- C. *757 Seed Fund* – Executive Director of 757 Accelerator, Ms. Evans McMillion provided an overview of the program and progress made to date. In summary this project will establish the administrative structure for a new fund to provide seed-stage investments to Virginia’s most compelling innovation-based, high-growth companies. The creation of a new seed fund to complement the work of 757 Angels will help to build a critical mass of quality investable companies necessary to establish an innovation economy in the Hampton Roads region. A copy of the presentation can be accessed from the Reinvent Hampton Roads website.
- D. *Unmanned Systems Park* – York County Economic Development Director Mr. James Noel is the primary contact for the project. In summary, this project facilitates the initial steps needed to establish the Hampton Roads Regional Unmanned Systems (HRUSF) facility in York County, starting with the formation of a Regional Industrial Development Authority (RIFA) for revenue and cost sharing among participating localities and the first of this size in the state. The new facility will provide an open area and infrastructure for use by public institutions, private companies and individuals, to develop, test, and demonstrate unmanned systems.

Vice Chair Anne Conner mentioned the progress being made with the 757 Accelerator. To date, thirty-five applications have been placed for the accelerator. The first cohort is anticipated in the Fall.

Ms. Conner reported that the RISE Resilience initiative received \$5 Million of the \$120 Million HUD grant award to the City of Norfolk for development of technologies to combat sea-level rise. The Commonwealth of Virginia matched the \$5 Million, that will be directed to technologies and innovation that address the impact of sea-level rise. The region was also successful in attracting MIT into a partnership through their [MIT-Solve](#) program. This partnership will open doors globally to ideas and approaches is to catalyze innovation and growth around creative solutions in the areas of sea-level rise, recurrent flooding, and economic resilience. A \$1 Million prize will go to the winning technology in the competition underway in July.

6. Competitive Grants and Pipeline

Mr. Spore reported on the new process for regions to apply for administrative grants for capacity building initiatives requiring up to \$100,000. Each region has access of up to \$250,000 for projects in that category. You must still have at least two partnering localities to be considered as well as a required 1:1 match. Mr. Spore indicated the match does not necessarily have to come from the participating localities. Matching funds could come from Reinvent Hampton Roads or private sources. Eligible projects must be consistent with priorities of the Regional Economic Growth and Diversification Plan.

Mr. Spore indicated he was not aware of any projects in the competitive grant pipeline at this point.

7. State Budget Results

While a state budget has not yet been approved by the General Assembly, Mr. Spore informed Council members of the recent request for regions to provide a FY2019 Capacity Building Fund Budget, not to exceed \$250,000. It will be necessary to convene the Executive Committee in advance of the May 30 deadline to approve a budget for submission.

8. Other Business

Update on Broadband – This initiative was not funded by the State Board. The localities decided to advance the project and have raised over \$600,000 to fund the next phase. The initial request to fund this initiative would have exceeded the amount of per capita funding available to Region 5. The Broadband Network proposed would be done in four phases.

The first in a monthly series of articles appeared in *Inside Business* designed to inform the public on key initiatives of Reinvent Hampton Roads and Go Virginia Region 5. The article can be accessed on the Reinvent Hampton Roads website.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Frantz adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna S. Morris
Secretary to the Regional Council

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Thomas R. Frantz
Chair of the Regional Council