

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MARY BALL WASHINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL**

September 11, 2017
Rappahannock Community College
Glenns, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Vice-Chair – Carlton Revere, Wally Beauchamp, Lou Belcher, Elizabeth Crowther, Bruce Davis, Lisa Hull, Mike Jenkins, Kim McClellan, John Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair – William Beale, Mike Broz, Kent Farmer, Darryl Fisher, Leslye McDade Morrison, Troy Paino, Deirdre Powell-White, Anne Richardson, Bryan Taliaferro

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Neal Barber, Steve Goodall, Lewie Lawrence, Fletcher Mangum, Bill Newborg, Jason Perry, Ann Shows

STAFF: GWRC – Kate Gibson

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Revere called the meeting to order at 11:00 am with a quorum present.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

No members of the public wished to speak.

AUGUST 22, 2017 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Davis moved to approve the August 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes, and Dr. Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Gibson reviewed the financial report for April-August 2017. Council members raised no objection to the financial report.

PLAN ADDENDUM APPROVAL

Mr. Neal Barber presented the addendum to the Economic Growth & Diversification Plan that the consultants drafted in response to DHCD's feedback on the plan. The addendum addresses the feedback by 1) narrowing the list of 12 clusters down to 6 priority clusters; 2) including a comparison to the workforce gaps analysis in the Bay Consortium 2017-2021 Combined Local Plan; 3) including a discussion on out-of-state exports for each priority cluster; 4) including a discussion of how GO Virginia activities can align with other state and regional initiatives; 5) including a listing of potential funding sources for recommended project activities; and 6) including recommendations for how to sustain the Regional Council effort beyond GO Virginia funding.

Dr. Crowther moved to approve the Economic Growth & Diversification Plan Addendum and Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT SOLICITATION & REVIEW PROCESS APPROVAL

Mr. Barber presented the final application packet to the Regional Council, and discussed the timeline, available funding, and review criteria. Council members discussed the need to determine the timeline for the next funding round if not all project funds are awarded during this first round.

Ms. McClellan moved to approve the application packet, including timeline and review criteria, and Dr. Crowther seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting of the Regional Council will take place on October 16. Mr. Revere asked that staff schedule meetings for the first quarter of 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Gibson, Senior Planner
George Washington Regional Commission