

## Document #2: Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2021

**Zoom Meeting:** August 11, 2021 – 8:00 am – 9:00 am

**Attended:** Theodore L. Chandler, Jr., Wilson Flohr, Thomas R. Frantz, Bob Holsworth, Sarah Jane Kirkland, Peggy Layne, John W. Martin, John F. Reinhart, James Spore, and Laura Robidoux

**Absent:** Cliff Fleet, Moses Foster

### Agenda Items:

1. Approve July 28th EC Minutes
2. Development / Fundraising Update
3. Nominations Update
4. Update on 2022 GOVA Grant Request
5. Further Discussion on Committees for 2022
6. Agenda for Remainder of Year
7. Old Business / New Business

### Approve July 28th EC Minutes

The Executive Committee (EC) unanimously approved the July 28th EC meeting minutes.

### Development / Fundraising Update

John Martin shared funding updates, including recent contributions from Community Foundation for a greater Richmond and Virginia Natural Gas.

### Nominations Update

The EC provided general updates on recruitment progress. Those who are recruited next will represent the next class of Directors to be announced at the September 15 Board/MIC meeting.



Next Step:

- The EC will continue to provide updates to Laura Robidoux.

**Update on 2022 GOVA Grant Request**

John Martin shared highlights of a discussion RVA757 Connects had with Wilson Flohr (GO Virginia Region 4) and Jim Spore (GO Virginia Region 5) about potential future grant topics identified by the GO Virginia I-64 Innovation Corridor Industry and Talent Pipeline Study.

The following topics have the greatest potential to qualify for GO Virginia grant funding:

- 1) Opportunity Industry Clusters – Creating a megaregion-wide strategic plan for the four shared clusters.
- 2) Global Internet Hub – Creating a megaregion-wide strategic plan to advance the I-64 Innovation Corridor's evolution into a global internet hub.
- 3) Apprenticeships – Creating a new type of paid, extended apprenticeships for college level students where GO Virginia and companies would share the cost.

RVA757 Connects would not necessarily lead all of these initiatives, but rather pull the optimal parties together to go after the grants. The lead partners could include the following:

- 1) Opportunity Industry Clusters – GRP and the Alliance.
- 2) Global Internet Hub – GRP, the Alliance, the City of Virginia Beach, and Henrico County's economic development agencies.
- 3) Apprenticeships – William & Mary, ODU, VCU, and HBCUs.

Next Step:

- John Martin and Laura Robidoux will reach out to potential partners for all three topics to discuss next steps.

**Further Discussion on Committees for 2022**

The EC held a discussion about 2022 committees to be announced in the December 8<sup>th</sup> Board/MIC meeting, as well as potential leaders who may be a good fit for these committees.

Next Step:

- Laura Robidoux will contact potential 2022 MIC committee leaders and invite to them to future EC meetings.



- John Martin will reach out to Michael Rao to discuss the Education Council.

### **Agenda for Remainder of Year**

John Martin reviewed the remaining 2021 EC meeting agenda, which provides a general heads-up about the direction for future meetings for the rest of this year.

#### Next Step:

- EC members will inform Laura Robidoux and John Martin of missing topics.

### **Old Business/New Business**

John Martin shared a letter of support from Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) to members of the Virginia Federal Delegation on behalf the Jefferson Lab facility in Newport News.

The EC approved providing a similar letter.

#### Next Step:

- John Martin will reach out to offer a letter of support for Jefferson Labs.