



Document #2:

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Zoom Meeting: January 26, 2022 – 8:00 am – 9:00 am

Attended: Cliff Fleet, Wilson Flohr, Thomas R. Frantz, Bob Holsworth, Sarah Jane Kirkland, Peggy Layne, John W. Martin, John F. Reinhart, James Spore, and Laura Robidoux

Special Guests: Ross Grogg & Chris Lloyd, new Co-Chairs of RVA757 Connects' Government Relations Committee

Absent: Theodore L. Chandler, Jr., Moses Foster, Aubrey L. Layne, Jr.

Agenda Items:

- Approve January 12th Executive Committee Minutes (See attached – Document #2)
- Government Relations – Direction for RVA757 Connects
- Nominations Committee Update – 1st QTR 2022 Focus (Document #3)
- Development Committee Update – 1st QTR 2022 Focus (Document #4)
- Communications – Position Recruitment Update
- Misc. Updates:
 - Global Internet Hub Planning Committee Update
 - Governor Youngkin Meeting Request
 - Chambers' Convergence 2022 Plan
 - InterGlobix Feature (Document #5)
 - MIC 2022 Charge (Document #6)
 - GO Virginia Update

Approve January 12th Executive Committee Minutes

The Executive Committee (EC) unanimously approved the January 12th EC meeting minutes.

Government Relations – Direction for RVA757 Connects

Ross Grogg and Christopher Lloyd provided updates from the General Assembly, which is in its third week of the 2022 session.

The updates focused on topics that require support and ongoing attention from RVA757 Connects:

- 1) A total of \$180M has been slotted for megasite development by Northam and Youngkin. Historically, Virginia has been overlooked by businesses attracted to megasites in other regions, such as North Carolina, Ohio, and Georgia. VEDP will lead site developments and draft guidelines for funding allocations.

- 2) Additional funding is going toward GO Virginia for talent retention efforts, aligning the business community with education.
- 3) Investments are being made in Hampton Roads for coastal resiliency, including a coastal mapping plan and climate resiliency funding. The Coastal Virginia Resiliency Authority has been established for larger projects. A revolving loan fund will be available for smaller resiliency projects. Resiliency is being proposed to become a component of SMARTSCALE project measurements.
- 4) The increase in fuel and gas taxes is delayed for one year. Projections show approximately \$1.5B in transportation revenues, along with \$1.1B expected from the federal infrastructure bill.
- 5) With the FY21 surplus, Northam proposed \$20M for the I-64 Gap Widening and \$40M for I-464.
- 6) GO Virginia is supporting workforce development studies, such as a proposed JLARC study. Hampton Roads' offshore wind industry is a strong example of workforce development efforts. It addresses wraparound services (childcare, transportation, etc.) and navigates the region to seek out underemployed communities.
- 7) Misc. Items:
 - Jefferson Lab – Planning funds for a high-performance supercomputing data facility.
 - Hampton Roads Alliance – Proposal for supply chain grant funding.
 - Port of Virginia – Language to authorize the port to issue debt and project funding.
 - Virginia Community College System – New chancellor will be selected.

How RVA757 Connects Can Help Moving Forward

The caucus from HR and RVA should work together. Individual contacts will be best way to start for 2022.

In 2023, a policy agenda should be identified and published with 5-6 items that support the growth of the I-64 Innovation Corridor. This agenda will be used as talking points in being proactive versus reactive.

Letters of support at the federal level will be helpful for initiatives, such as the VNG pipeline.

Legislative champions to consider include: Mamie Locke; L. Louise Lucas; Ryan T. McDougle; Jennifer L. McClellan; Delores McQuinn; and Glenn Davis.

Next Steps:

- John Martin and Laura Robidoux will put together a Government Relations PowerPoint deck for Chris Llyod and Ross Grogg to present at the March 22 Board/MIC meeting.

Nominations Committee Update – 1st QTR 2022 Focus

Board recruitment updates were shared with the EC.

The immediate focus is on filling RVA director seats.

Next Step:

- A follow up meeting will be scheduled with the committee.



Development Committee Update – 1st QTR 2022 Focus

There was a general discussion on Development Committee updates.

The Development Committee offered to assist in advancing the Global Internet Hub Business Plan grant request beyond GO Virginia.

Jim Kibler announced he was stepping down from the Development Committee co-chair position.

Next Step:

- A follow up meeting will be scheduled with the Development Committee.

Communications – Position Recruitment Update

It was requested to forward any potential candidates for this position to John Martin and Laura Robidoux. The EC will be updated in two weeks. It is a top priority to fill this new position.

Next Step:

- Interviews will continue as new candidates are identified.

Misc. Updates:

- Global Internet Hub Planning Committee Update – John Martin and Laura Robidoux are working on a grant proposal. This will be shared at a future EC meeting.
- Governor Youngkin Meeting Request – A response is expected any day to schedule a briefing with the entire Board/MIC. The March 22 Board/MIC meeting date was offered as an option.
- Chambers' Convergence 2022 Plan – N/A
- InterGlobix Feature – This publication will be factored into the GO Virginia grant.
- MIC 2022 Charge – Brian Anderson and Bryan Stephens of the Chambers will present to the EC in March.
- GO Virginia Update – The Executive Summary report is being produced for March 22. This will be sent to elected officials.
- Gas Pipeline – Robert Duvall of VNG has requested RVA757 Connects attend a briefing on March 1st on the intentions, timing, and rollout of a natural gas pipeline.