



## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2021

**Zoom Meeting:** May 19, 2021 – 8:00 am – 9:00 am

**Attended:** Theodore L. Chandler, Jr., Cliff Fleet, Wilson H. Flohr, Jr., Thomas R. Frantz, Bob Holsworth, Sarah Jane Kirkland, John Martin, John F. Reinhart, and Laura Robidoux

**Absent:** Peggy Layne, Moses Foster, James Spore

### Agenda Items:

1. Approve May 12th EC Minutes
2. Organizational Build-out Schematic
3. Board Recruitment Update
4. Development Committee Update
5. Update on Priority Areas
6. June 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
7. Old Business/New Business

### Approve May 12th EC Minutes

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

### Organizational Build-out Schematic

A quick discussion was held on the final design of the organization. It was agreed to capture this graphically and use during future meetings.

### Next Step

- John will create a PPT slide to conceptualize the full built-out organization.



### **Board Recruitment Update**

The EC provided a general update on their recruitment efforts. The Orientation Meeting will be held on two occasions: June 1 at 11am and June 3 at 1pm. Current Directors can be invited to either meeting for a refresh on our priorities. Executive Committee members are welcome, but it's not mandatory.

The EC unanimously approved Brian Anderson and Bryan Stephens to be co-chairs for the MIC.

### **Next Steps:**

- Laura will send a reminder email for important dates.
- John will ask the leaders of the Richmond and Hampton Roads Chambers to co-chair the MIC.

### **Development Committee Update**

This was not discussed.

### **Update on Priority Areas**

Passenger Rail – Held meeting with James Spore and Robbyn Gayer. Mapped out a plan to include Danny Plaughter (Virginians for High-Speed Rail) and Jennifer Mitchell (DRPT) before the June 9<sup>th</sup> Board/MIC meeting.

Virginia Capital Trail – John Martin and Cliff Fleet are exploring the right role for RVA757 Connects.

Digital Backbone – RVA757 Connects is ramping up its research on data centers and related industries. Two important upcoming events related to this are:

- CIVIC's Zoom presentation on digital developments in Virginia will be hosted on October 1 at 11:30am.
- Barry Duval, President/CEO of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Zoom economic update and overview of the Blueprint Virginia 2030 process on June 24 from 12:00pm – 1:00pm. [GO Virginia Region 4 | Register Here](#)

I-64 Talent Pipeline Study – The I-64 Talent Pipeline Study Research Council is working on the last two components of the report. The first one is about the four industry clusters that show promise for future growth. The second one centers around the future of work. Highlights from each topic area will be shared with the EC in future meetings.

I-64 Talent Pipeline Study reports are on schedule to be completed in September.

### **Next Steps:**

- John Martin will continue to keep the EC informed on priorities.



- John Martin will reach out to Barry Duval and invite him to an EC meeting.

### **June 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**

The EC reviewed the first draft of the June 9<sup>th</sup> Board/MIC meeting agenda.

Suggestions include:

- Showcase member initiatives – Wind Power.
- Make group sizes for breakout sessions slightly larger (8-10 people).
- Make the breakout sessions center around the learnings of the I-64 Talent Pipeline Study, involving the Board and MIC in providing feedback on this study's major insights to date.
- Suggested Speaker: If an outside speaker is included, one suggested name is Keith Boswell, President/CEO of Virginia's Gateway Region. Other suggestions included: Stephen Moret, as well as GO Virginia leaders James Spore and Wilson Flohr.

Next Steps:

- Create draft 2 of the June 9<sup>th</sup> agenda.

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

Two topics were brought up as an FYI:

- Williamsburg Area Transit Authority – Colonial Williamsburg Foundation wants to convert its bus fleet to electric. This is an opportunity for endorsement and assistance with outside funding.
- The Maritime Innovation Stakeholder Review is underway.