 *Cities of: Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington,*

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*Rockingham, Shenandoah, & Warren*

**GO Virginia Region 8 Executive Committee Minutes**

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 10:00am to 11:00am

Virtual Meeting via Zoom/No Committee Action Taken

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| **FIRST**  | **LAST**  | **AFFILIATION** | **ATTENDED** |
| Joanie | Eiland | Elk Trucking, Inc., Region 8 Vice Chair | X |
| Chris | Kyle | Shentel, Region 8 Chair | X |
| Connie | Loughhead | Des Champs Technologies |  |
| Keith | May | Cottonwood Commercial |  |

Deborah Flippo (Region 8 Executive Director) also participated in the meeting.

**Call to Order**

The March 1, 2023 virtual Executive Committee meeting for GO Virginia Region 8 was called to order by Chair Chris Kyle at 10:00a.m.

**Quorum Confirmation/Virtual Meeting Guidelines**

 Deborah Flippo confirmed quorum was *not* met per FOIA requirements. It was noted participants were joining virtually since the meeting was informational and no action would be taken.

**Plans for April Pipeline Development Meetings w/Stakeholders**

 Deborah detailed the following plans for the April meetings:

* Save the Date emails
* Invitations w/registration links
* General Agenda
* Desired outcomes and implementation: Pipeline Development is the goal!

Vice Chair Eiland suggested that LetterPress needs to focus on generating excitement, particularly from economic developers. Perhaps we can provide data points to that audience in advance. “Persuasion” to attend is critical!

**Board Development Discussion**

 Chris is working on future potential executive committee members for leadership succession planning. We will focus discussions in closed session at the April Executive Committee meeting.

**Upcoming Meetings**

* April Executive Committee meeting will be moved to the second week in April, and we will meet in person to approve minutes from past meetings.
* Second quarter Council meeting will be held in Buena Vista at the VIA project location. DHCD has requested using the same space (and sharing audiences) for other departments/programs. Executive Committee would prefer to keep these two meetings separate.
* Grant Review Committee – potentially in April to consider “Tiger Teams” proposal. Deborah will advise after her preliminary meeting on the 3rd.
* Growth & Diversification Plan Committee – July/August. DHCD has eased requirements for these updates, but they are still required by October.

**Public Comment**

No one from the public participated.

**Adjournment**

 There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. by Chair Kyle.