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## **GO Virginia Region 8 Grant Review Committee Agenda**

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 11:00AM

James Madison University/Lakeview Hall

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| 1. Welcome/Call to Order                                       | Ashley Driver, GRC Chair   |
| 2. Roll Call & Introductions / Quorum Confirmation             | Alison Varner- Denbigh, ED |
| 3. Approval of January 13, 2026 GRC Minutes <i>(Attached)*</i> | Alison Varner- Denbigh, ED |
| 4. Per-Capita Implementation Application <i>(Attached)*</i>    | Ashley Driver, GRC Chair   |
| • Shen Valley Aerospace Workforce Pipeline Development         | Nick Sabo, Applicant       |
| 5. Competitive Implementation Application <i>(Attached)*</i>   | Ashley Driver, GRC Chair   |
| • Shen Valley Innovation Commercialization Impact Network      | Keith Holland, Applicant   |
| 6. Public Comment  |                            |
| 7. Adjournment   | Ashley Driver, GRC Chair   |

\*Vote

Next GRC Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 11:00 am at the JMU Lakeview Hall.



## Region 8

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### GO Virginia Region 8 Grant Review Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 13 2026, 11:00am-11:54am

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92625326635?pwd=MOjN1wginRTOvQ4NAv8gHxkRyXjYPh.1>

FIRST	LAST	AFFILIATION	ATTENDED
Ashley	Driver	AD Engineering (GRC Chair)	✓
Mary	McDermott	Retired Legal Counsel (GRC Vice Chair)	✓ (11:06am)
Emily	Marlow-Beck	Marlow Auto Group	Virtual
Hobey	Bauhan	VA Poultry Federation	Absent
Lisa	Botkin	Shenandoah Regional Airport	✓
Bobby	Hobbs	CornerStone Bank	Virtual
Mitch	Moore	Shenandoah University	Absent
Doug	Moyer	Sentera RMH	Absent
Cary	Nelson	H.N. Funkhouser	Virtual
Anthony	Tongen	James Madison University	Absent

Attendance: Alison Varner-Denbigh (Region 8 Executive Director)

Virtual Attendance: Michelle Ridings and Chris Boies (Applicants from Clarke County Economic Development)

#### Call to Order

The January 13, 2026 Grant Review Committee meeting for GO Virginia Region 8 was called to order by Chair Ashley Driver at 11:00am.

#### Roll Call/Quorum Confirmation

After brief introductions, Alison Varner-Denbigh took roll call, and a quorum was confirmed.

#### Approval of October 20, 2025 Grant Review Committee Minutes

On the motion by Mary McDermott and second by Lisa Botkin, the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

#### Grant Review Committee Action

##### 1.) Camp 7 Extended Due Diligence – Site Planning Grant

Clarke County is requesting \$250,000 for preliminary infrastructure and engineering design and a site characterization report. Deliverables include: 1) A Topographical Survey (\$19,900), 2) Sanitary Sewer Line Design for the Pump Station to the existing on-site sewer and plans for the future line extension at the southern end of the property (\$82,100), 3) a preliminary infrastructure and engineering site plan to include three site plan options, road layouts, future utility locations, and preliminary design, stormwater planning, subdivision lot lines, existing utility easements, and potential building locations and 4) a site characterization assessment and report. The #3 and #4

combined total \$150,000. VDOT will be installing/improving the road to the prison building and will take over the maintenance of the road. The applicant is applying for Brownfield Grant and Industrial Revitalization Fund Grant as well. The applicant is waiting for the final Letter of Support from Frederick County which should be received by end of the week prior to going to the Regional Council for approval.

Ashely Driver motioned to enter closed session, second by Cary Nelson, and passed by unanimous vote. The grant application was discussed in more detail. Cary Nelson motioned to exit the closed session, second made by Bobby Hobbs, and passed by unanimously.

Cary Nelson motioned to recommend approval of the Camp 7 Extended Due Diligence Site Planning Grant with the additional Letter of Support from Frederick County to the full Region 8 Council, seconded by Emily Marlow-Beck. The Committee approved the recommendation.

### **Project Pipeline**

Alison presented the GoVaR8 project pipeline spreadsheet and explained the next quarter's projects in progress. She expressed the importance of full attendance at the April 2026 GRC meeting to review 2 Per-Capita Applications and the first Region 8 Competitive Grant Application.

### **Public Comment**

No one from the public participated.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Region 8 Grant Review Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54a.m. by Chair Driver.