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GO Virginia Region 8 Executive Committee Agenda

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 8:30 AM

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94907186990?pwd=LEp9Z7Y5s3VVFOQtYuLwcKh8yZcilo.1>

- Welcome/Call to Order *Dr. Yolanda Shields, Chair*
- Roll Call and Quorum Confirmation *Alison Varner-Denbigh, ED*
- **Review 5/5/26 Meeting Minutes** *Dr. Yolanda Shields, Chair*
- **Grant Project Summary Review** *Alison Varner-Denbigh, ED*
 - **Industrial Sites Analysis (SVP)**
- Project Pipeline Update *Alison Varner-Denbigh, ED*
- **AI/Technology Ad-Hoc Committee** *Dr. Yolanda Shields, Chair*
- **Regional & EC Member Candidates*** *Dr. Yolanda Shields, Chair*
 - **Jeff Coker (SU, College of Business Dean) – Replace Mitch Moore**
 - **Tim Taylor (NSVRC Board Member) – Replace Conrad Helsley**
 - **Sven Hlywiak (Continental Strategic Executive) – Replace Cary Nelson**
- June Dates & Deadlines *Alison Varner-Denbigh, ED*
- Other Business *Dr. Yolanda Shields, Chair*
- Adjournment: Next Executive Meeting — *Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 8:30am (virtual)*

Legend: FYI Only, **For Review & Feedback**, **For Review & Vote***



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Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Date: June 9, 2026

Consent Item: No

Action Needed: No

Item Title: May Meeting Minutes

Regular Item: Yes

Informational Purposes: Yes

Recommendation:

No Action needed.

Background:

Prior months' meeting minutes to create an official, historical record of discussions, decisions, and action items, ensuring accountability, transparency, and continuity, while also serving as a legal document and reference tool for attendees and absent stakeholders, preventing misunderstandings and guiding future decisions. The focus is on what was decided, not verbatim conversations, documenting key outcomes like motions, votes, and assigned tasks.

Budget Impact:

None.

Attachments:

May 2026 Meeting Minutes



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GO Virginia Region 8 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 8:30 AM

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96593533837?pwd=Dw72qIxbwGyz69gDRtKNRbtllXufz.1>

Committee Member	Representing	Attendance
Yolanda Shields, Chair	YesBuilds!	✓
Janet Clarke, Vice Chair	Clarke Consulting, LLC	✓
Kim Blosser	Laurel Ridge Community College	✓ (left @ 9a)
Mike Stolarz	UTS Systems	✓
Lai Lee	High Meadows Strategies, LLC	✓
Conrad Helsley	NSVRC Commissioner	✓
Tracey Luellen	Toray Plastics	✓
Brandon Davis	NSVRC Fiscal Agent	✓

Guests in attendance: Alison Varner-Denbigh (Region 8 Executive Director)

At 8:30am, Chair Yolanda Shields welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Executive Director Alison Varner-Denbigh called roll, and a quorum determination was made. Approval of April meeting minutes was not needed (no votes at prior meeting).

The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) submitted a Per-Capita Planning Grant Project summary that proposed the development of a strategic regional plan to establish the Shenandoah Valley as an aviation innovation corridor. This planning effort will map the regional aviation ecosystem, identify growth opportunities, coordinate stakeholder efforts, and produce an actionable investment roadmap that positions Region 8 to cultivate and attract aviation-related businesses/jobs. No questions were presented by the executive board, CSPDC will submit formal grant application for the July 2026 round.

The proposed project pipeline for FY27 was reviewed and discussed. Alison gave a brief overview of each proposed project, \$ requested, and estimated grant submission. She asked the executive committee for feedback and guidance on FY27 projects to ensure the per-capita budget is allocated well. It was reiterated that per-capita funding must be used prior to applying for competitive funding.

DHCD hired a consultant to survey all GO Virginia regional council members to seek feedback on mission alignment, roles and governance, engagement, operations, resources, and cross-regional collaboration. 50% of Region 8’s council members completed the survey, which was the average overall statewide rate. There was much discussion on the areas of improvement and identified solutions listed in the meeting packet. Additional solutions for Communication & Marketing to potential grantees included: 1) Host a virtual information session, 2) Target marketing to underserved areas, 3) Target marketing to focus industries, and 4) Ask R8 council to identify stakeholders for the GoVaR8 executive director/chair to contact. Yolanda will make this request of the council at the July 2026 meeting.

The last two regional quarterly meetings were completed early (11/11:30am vs historical 12:00). It was recommended to schedule lunch at 11am and to consider 1) Speakers, 2) Consultant Presentations, 3)



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Completed Grant Funded Project presentations, and 4) Strategic Initiatives discussions to extend short agendas.

The May dates and deadlines were quickly reviewed with no questions presented.

Other Business – Yolanda announced Cary Nelson’s Resignation effective immediately due to availability.

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:39 am

*Next Executive Committee meeting – Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 8:30 AM (Virtual) **Second Tuesday of the June***



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Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Date: June 9, 2026

Consent Item: No

Action Needed: No

Item Title: Grant Proposal

Regular Item: Yes

Informational Purposes: Yes

Recommendation:

No Action needed.

Background:

The Shenandoah Valley Partnership is proposing a Per-Capita Site Development Planning Grant for an Industrial Sites Analysis to identify properties near infrastructure, transportation and acreage requirements suitable for potential industrial and business park development in the Shenandoah Valley Region. The participating localities include Frederick, Page, Rockbridge, and Rockingham Counties. The \$38,800 funding request will be matched with \$2,400 cash from each locality for a 1-year term.

Budget Impact:

No: Building Capacity Budget

Yes: FY27 Per-Capita Grant Funding

Attachment(s):

1) FY27 Site Development Planning Grant Application – Draft Summary



FY27 Site Development Planning Application Questions

Please note: Each response in this application is limited to 6,000 characters.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

1. Provide an overview of the proposed project and project activities, included in project budget.

This project will identify properties near infrastructure, transportation and acreage requirements suitable for potential industrial and business park development in the Shenandoah Valley region. This will include:

- a. Research jurisdictional zoning information and Comprehensive Plans to identify sites/cluster of sites that are a minimum of 150 acres
- b. Meet with jurisdictional leadership to collaboratively identify potential sites based on access, utility availability, conformance with Comprehensive Plans, and/or willingness to rezone. This scope and fee estimate are based on three meetings per jurisdiction
- c. Research and identify positive and negative assets of a given site or cluster of sites regarding access, utility availability, environmental considerations, and other key factors relative to develop potential

The Shenandoah Valley Partnership (SVP) will manage the project and is asking for \$38, 880 to hire a consultant to perform these tasks with anticipation that the work will require 12 months to complete. Included in this figure is \$2,880 for administrative fees for the NSVRC for contract services and SVP and the participating localities of Rockbridge, Rockingham, Page and Frederick counties will provide the match of \$12,000 for the grant.

2. Which industry clusters identified in the region's Economic Growth and Diversification Plan will this project focus on? Describe how the project supports the Plan's strategies and goals..

As identified in the SVP Strategic Plan 2026 Update, SVP's target sectors are aligned with those of the Region 8; advanced manufacturing, food & beverage, logistics, aviation-related and knowledge-sector based companies. The ultimate goal of the project is to develop future sites that will attract and be conducive for all sectors identified in the Region 8 Economic Growth and Diversification Plan.

3. Describe how the project will address gaps in the region's site inventory and support the advancement of priority sites.

Currently in the SVP footprint, there is only property exceeding 200 acres of contiguous



developable land. The purpose of the grant is to identify properties in the region that have the size, the comprehensive planning identified, and the proximity to water, sewer and transportation infrastructure to become business park site. Region 8 has very few contiguous, developable sites of 100 acres or more currently, and this project will identify property with the best perceived ROI to develop.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

4. Identify the units of local government that are actively participating in the project and describe each of their roles. Participation may include financial support, staff involvement, resource sharing, or other meaningful contributions. At least two localities are required to participate. Refer to the [Regional Collaboration and Local Participation guidelines](#) for examples of eligible participation.

This project incorporating Rockbridge, Rockingham, Page and Frederick Counties, with SVP as the project manager and as a contributing sponsor. Each entity will contribute an equal amount of cash toward the necessary grant match.

PROJECT READINESS

5. List any site advancement activities that have occurred on the property(ies) within the past five years. Include both public and private investments and specify the amount of funding spent on each activity.

Not applicable for this grant

6. Has a site characterization report or similar site evaluation been completed for the property(ies)? If yes, indicate the year it was completed. **ATTACHMENT:** Upload the Property Information Form (Attachment C) with the application.

Not applicable for this grant.

7. Has the applicant or any participating locality consulted with VEDP regarding this project? If yes, please identify the VEDP staff member(s) involved in the discussion.

Yes, SVP spoke with Abigail Patterson, Manager, Sites & Buildings, Real Estate Solutions. Abigail is supportive of this project application.

8. For privately owned sites, describe any existing contractual agreements between the locality (or its EDA/IDA) and the property owner that authorizes site advancement activities. **ATTACHMENT:** Upload a draft or executed agreement with the private property owner(s), if available.



Not applicable for this grant.

9. Provide an overview of the total project budget, including the sources and uses of all funds. Identify the amount and sources of required matching funds and describe how those contributions will be applied to project activities. If the project includes previously incurred public or private investments, specify the dates, purposes, and dollar amounts of those expenditures.

The total sum for the grant is \$38,880, and will cover the 3 bulleted items in the answer for Question 1. The project will include:

- i. Research jurisdictional zoning information and Comprehensive Plans to identify sites/cluster of sites that are a minimum of 150 acres
- ii. Meet with jurisdictional leadership to collaboratively identify potential sites based on access, utility availability, conformance with Comprehensive Plans, and/or willingness to rezone. This scope and fee estimate are based on three meetings per jurisdiction
- iii. Research and identify positive and negative assets of a given site or cluster of sites regarding access, utility availability, environmental considerations, and other key factors relative to develop potential

The match is \$12,000, which will be divided between Rockbridge, Rockingham, Page, Frederick and SVP, each party paying \$2,400.

- a. Are any additional funds (public or private) or in-kind contributions serving as leverage or the project? If so, what are the sources/uses for these funds?

Not applicable

LINE OF SIGHT

10. Explain how this planning effort will support future site development activities, including potential implementation of future grant requests. Describe the expected path for further up-tiering of the site as a result of this project.

The emphasis of this project is to discover properties that have the potential to become industrial parks or sites, depending up the parameters noted in 9. iii. above. The aim is to identify properties that would be eligible for the Virginia Business Ready Site Program's Site Characterization analysis, including due diligence work.

PHYSICAL PROPERTY ATTRIBUTES



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
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OPPORTUNITY**
IN EACH REGION

Please complete a [Property Information Form \(Attachment C\)](#) for each site included in this application.

Not applicable

Required Attachments:

- [Match Verification Form\(s\)](#)
- [Budget Overview \(DHCD Sources and Uses Template\)](#)
- [Milestones Overview and Drawdown Schedule \(DHCD Template\)](#)
- [Property Information Form \(Attachment C\)](#)
- Maps of Site to include property boundaries, transportation assets
- Draft of agreements with private property owners (if applicable)
- [GO Virginia Core Outcomes](#) (if applicable)



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Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Date: June 9, 2026

Consent Item: No

Action Needed: No

Item Title: Project Pipeline

Regular Item: No

Informational Purposes: Yes

No Action Required. Information Only.
Review & Discuss the Project Pipeline Forecast

Background:

The Project Pipeline – No action needed at this time. The Project Pipeline illustrates a proposed pathway for Region 8 to review & approve Per-Capita grant funding applications with the goal of allocating the funding pool by the end of the fiscal year. The forecast includes the project name, applicant, type of grant application, the requested funding amount, and the anticipated quarter of the application submission for review by the regional council. The project pipeline FY27, FY28, and other projects in ideation with unknown application submission dates currently.

Budget Impact:

Project Pipeline forecasts the impact on the Per-Capita Grant Funding and Competitive Grant Funding to provide situational awareness for consideration of current and future projects.

Attachment(s):

Project Pipeline

FY27 Remaining Project Pipeline

Project Name	Applicant	Industry Sector	Application Type	Funding	Estimated \$ Request	Application Estimate	Per-Capita Funds	Notes
Shenandoah Valley Aviation Innovation Corridor Study	CSPDC (SHD)	T&L (Aviation)	Planning	Per-Capita	\$ 150,000.00	July '26	\$ 1,050,000.00	Ad-hoc Committee has been implemented to create the project scope & consultant deliverables
Site Discovery Study	SVP	All	Site Planning	Per-Capita	\$ 38,880.00	July '26	\$ 1,011,120.00	Augusta, Rockbridge, & Rockingham Counties (Page & Frederick Co potentially)
Crowd Sourcing Capital Initiative	SCCF	All Industries	Implementation	Per-Capita	\$ 75,000.00	Oct '26	\$ 936,120.00	Ryan Hall (POC) Similar to 757 SEED Fund
GO2Work Scale-up	VCTC	Manufacturing	Implementation	Per-Capita	\$ 250,000.00	July/Oct '26	\$ 686,120.00	Expand Industrial Maintenance (Electronics, PLC components, automation) and CNC machining
GoTec Implementation	Shenandoah (2) & Augusta (2)	All Industries	Implementation	Per-Capita	\$ 600,000.00	Oct '26	\$ 86,120.00	POC=Jenna French (\$150K/middle school) = 4 funded Schools in Phase 1, hope additional will be implemented with match/other funding
Regional Workforce Resource Guide & Provider Network	SVWDB	All Industries	Planning	Per-Capita	\$ 50,000.00	Jan '26	\$ 36,120.00	Ecosystem Infrastructure/Outreach Project. Asset Mapping Exercise. "Education & Awareness"
Ag Innovation BioHub	JMU	Agriculture & Life Sciences	Implementation	One Region Competitive	\$ 1,500,000.00	Jan/April '27		Patrice Ludwig (JMU POC)
Wine Industry Supply Chain	Region 9 (Nelson 151)	Agriculture Value-Add	Planning	Multi Region Competitive	\$ 250,000.00	Jan/April '27		Growing the traded sector by supporting supply infrastructure (Processing, exporting, & so on) for Vineyards, Wineries, stakeholders (https://virginiawinecoalition.org/)
BRCC AMT Expansion Project	BRCC	T&L (Aviation)	Implementation	Per-Capita	\$ -	April '27		Potentially part of the 3 Community College Competitive Grant.
Regional Workforce (3 Community Colleges)	LRCC/BRCC/MGCC	Manufacturing	Implementation	One Region Competitive	\$ 2,000,000.00	April '27		Potentially includes the BRCC AMT Scale-up Project above
Supply Chain & Logistics Workforce Development	Southern Virginia University (SVU)	T&L and Manufacturing	Implementation	Per-Capita	\$ -	Plan B	Tyler Orr	Partner: MGCC and Private Business for internships
Engineering Implementation & Scale-up Program	Blue Ridge Technical Center (BRTC)	Manufacturing	Implementation	Per-Capita	\$ 324,237.50	Plan B	Vince Gregg	On Hold: Superintendent "not now" Stabilize School Budget First. Application is completed.

FY28 Projected Project Pipeline								
Project Name	Applicant	Industry Sector	Application Type	Funding	Estimated \$ Request	Application Estimate	Point of Contact	Notes
Regional Commercial Kitchen & Programming	SU	Agriculture Value-Add	Implementation	Per-Capita		July '27	Marguerite Landenburger	Planning Grant Ends April 2027
Shenandoah Valley Food & Beverage Corridor	CSPDC/SVP?	Agriculture Value-Add	Planning	Per-Capita	\$ 125,000.00	July '27		Asset Mapping, Supply Chain, Workforce, Gap Identification, Growth Opportunities....
GoTec Program Expansion	Augusta (3), Staunton (1), Waynesboro (1)	All Industries	Implementation	Per-Capita	\$ 750,000.00	Oct '27	Rebekah Castle	Phase II - 5 Schools @ \$150k each
Transitional Training Program	SVWDB	All Industries	Implementation	Per-Capita		Oct '27	Sharon Johnson	Employer Support for hiring displaced workers, incarcerated, impoverished, and at-risk employees. Best Practices, Resources....
Scale-up Electrician Program & Diesel Mechanic/Ag Equipment Mechanic Program (both DE)	Bath County	Manufacturing	Implementation	Per-Capita	\$ 200,000.00	Jan '28		March '28: Funding Approved, April - May: Student Scheduling, Equipment Purchasing, Instructor Training/Curriculum, August: Program Starts
Scale-up Welding Program & Implement New Large Animal Vet Tech Program (both DE)	Highland County Public Schools	Agriculture	Implementation	Per-Capita	\$ 200,000.00	Jan '28	Nick Nycum	
Regional Co-Manufacturing & Co-Packing Initiative	SVP	Agriculture Value-Add	Implementation	Competitive	\$ 2,000,000.00	April '28	Olivia Wright	SVP is working with VEDP regarding state initiatives. VEDP is conducting a study.
Regional Innovation Commercialization Scale-up/Expansion	JMU/JMI	All Industries	Implementation	Competitive	\$ 500,000.00	April '28	Keith Holland	After 1st Grant Completed
Mechtronics: Foundational to Applied	LRCC	Manufacturing	Implementation	Per-Capita		April '28	Jeanine Clark	Scale-up the program: Potential Competitive Grant (BRCC doing it in CSC for Hershey & Merck--Issue sustaining enrollment switched to certificate hybrid)
Regional Workforce (3 Community Colleges)	LRCC/BRCC/MGCC	Manufacturing	Implementation	Competitive	\$ 2,000,000.00	April '28		Industrial Manufacturing Focused w/ Mechtronics Scale-up
Project Concepts in Development								
Project Name	Applicant	Industry Sector	Application Type	Funding	Estimated \$ Request	Application Estimate	Point of Contact	Notes
GoTec Program Expansion	Rockbridge Co (4) & Clarke Co (1)	All Industries	Implementation	Per-Capita	\$ 750,000.00	Oct '28	Brandy Flint	Phase III - 5 Schools @ \$150k each
Regional Commercial Kitchen	Waynesboro	Agriculture Value-Add	Implementation	Per-Capita			Greg Hitchin/Chrissy (Vector Industries)	Researching: Greg Hitchin, POC. Used by SAW area
Ag Ecosystem Initiative	Clarke Co/Front Royal	Agriculture	TBD	Per-Capita			Cheryl Cullers & Cammie Fausey	Clarke Co has a building -->Convert to Agriculture Center and Front Royal has land -->Land Lab
Forklift & Scissor Lift	VA Innovation Accelerator	Agriculture Value-Add	Implementation	Per-Capita			Annette Patterson	8/7/25 Email Request

Cell: C3

Note: Innovation Corridor is when a large group of assets (Development, Private Businesses, Academic Institutions, End Users, Resources, etc) create a supply chain across the region. This creates Collaboration, Innovation, & Growth.

Cell: Q3

Note: If it is <\$100K, it does NOT go to State for approval.

Cell: T4

Note: May: Submit Executive Summary to EC. Develop application in June. Reviews/approvals in July

Cell: T6

Note: LeeAnn Whitesell

Cell: T7

Note: # of Middle Schools

Augusta Co = 5

Clarke Co = 1

Rockbridge = 4

Shenandoah = 3

Staunton City = 1

Waynesboro City = 1

Cell: T8

Note: Use the "Valley Compass" tool for entrepreneurship efforts

Cell: C9

Note: R1 ASD Agriculture Campus by Appalachian Sustainable Development

R4: Virginia Bio-Connect by Virginia Biotech Association

R9: CvilleBioHub Planning Grant by CvilleBioHub Non-Profit (analyze & create strategic plan)

Cell: T9

Note: Include components of IALR's Ag Research Component

Cell: C11

Note: Facility Hanger needs to be expanded first. Downey is working on funding to accomplish first.

Cell: T12

Note: Potential for 1 Competitive Grant in FY27 and FY28.

1) Aviation Related but AFTER the planning grant is complete.

2) Industrial Workforce Emphasis

Cell: T13

Note: Emailed 4/24/26 (Tylor Orr w/ SVU & John Rainone w/ MGCC) on next steps

Cell: C21

Note: Refer to Neighborhood Grant.

Note: Joe Sprangel recommended a non-traditional workforce support initiative (MBU)

Cell: C29

Note: R1 Example: Mobilizing the Supply Chain w/ Critical Infrastructure by Appalachian Sustainable Development.

Cell: C30

Note: R3 Strategy and Roadmap for Growing the Controlled Environmental Agriculture Sector by Institute of Advanced Learning & Research (good to know the CEO foundational findings)

Cell: T59

Note: Potential for 1 Competitive Grant in FY27 and FY28.

1) Aviation Related but AFTER the planning grant is complete.

2) Industrial Workforce Emphasis



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Agenda Date: June 9, 2026

Consent Item: No

Regular Item: No

Action Needed: No

Informational Purposes: Yes

Item Title: AI/Technology Ad-Hoc Committee

No Action Required. Information Only for discussion.

Background:

Current GoVaR8 Committees: Executive Committee, Grants Review Committee, G&D Committee, and Regional Aviation Ad-hoc Committee.

Historically, all ad-hoc committees were created based on a grant or defined project, such as the TPI and the Marketing/Outreach ad-hoc committee.

There are a lot of conversations happening across the Valley about how to prepare both small and large businesses for the implementation of AI and where it strategically makes sense.

Could this ad-hoc committee serve as an important platform to bring together regional stakeholders, explore workforce and industry implications, and potentially develop a collaborative grant project around AI adoption, innovation, and business readiness for the region for next year?

Budget Impact:

None.

Attachment(s):

None.



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Agenda Date: June 9, 2026

Consent Item: No

Action Needed: No

Item Title: Council Member Nominations

Regular Item: Yes

Informational Purposes: Yes

Recommendation:

No action needed.

Background:

Per the GO Virginia Region 8 Bylaws as amended on April 26, 2022, the council will consist of up to 28 members. The GO Virginia Council will approve the member selection process, structure, composition, and leadership to meet the requirements of COV section 2.2-2485 of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Act and the guidelines set forth by the GO VA board.

A majority of the members of the Council shall be from the private sector with demonstrated significant private-sector business experience. Council members may serve two or four-year terms as determined by consensus of the appointee and the chair, and confirmed by action of the Council. Council members shall not serve more than eight consecutive years.

The Council should include representatives from (i) the education sector, including school divisions, community colleges, public institutions of higher education, and private institutions of higher education as appropriate; (ii) the public economic and workforce development sector; (iii) local government; (iv) planning district commissions; (v) nonprofit organizations; and (vi) other entities that significantly affect regional economic or workforce development. Membership may include one or more nonlegislative citizen members of the GO VA Board from the region.

Budget Impact:

None.

Attachments:

- Nomination Document – Draft
- Three Candidate Bios
- Council Member Directory



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Recommendation

Date: July 28, 2026

To: Region 8 Council Members

From: Dr. Yolanda Shields, Council Chair

RE: Election of New Council Members

The Region 8 Executive Committee has evaluated both industry sector and geographical representation in regard to the three open seats on council to ensure balance remains. By way of this recommendation, the Executive Committee nominates the following business and community leaders to the Council, with terms outlined below, becoming effective at the July 28, 2026, Council meeting.

Jeff Coker (Replace Mitch Moore's Seat) - Higher education leader with more than 20 years of experience driving innovation, strategic growth, and student success across complex academic organizations. Currently serving as Dean of the College of Business, Engineering, and Technology at Shenandoah University. Author of three books in American political and intellectual history. Consultant to the U.S. Department of Education, National Endowment for the Humanities, and U.S. Department of State.

Tim Taylor (Replace Conrad Helsley/NSVRC's seat) – Serves on the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission, Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors (District 6), Shenandoah County Department of Social Services Board, and VACO chair of Education Committee. Tim has a master's degree from George Washington University in Instructional Technology and Elementary Education Degree from James Madison University.

Sven Hlywiak (Replace Cary Nelson's seat) – Serves as Executive Vice President at Continental (ContiTech Corp) in Winchester with focus on leading commercial excellence, strategy, and AI Innovation. Sven is also the co-founder and AI Strategy Advisor for NoExcuse.AI, LLC that provides consultancy for practical AI solutions for small and medium-size businesses. He is an expert in German-American business culture and governance.

All three candidates are selected for a four-year term (7/28/2026 – 7/27/2030).

Two seats will remain open at this time.

Jeff W. Coker, Ph.D.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Higher education leader with more than 20 years of experience driving innovation, strategic growth, and student success across complex academic organizations. Currently serving as Dean of the College of Business, Engineering, and Technology at Shenandoah University, leading programs that integrate business, emerging technologies, and engineering to prepare students for a rapidly evolving global economy. Proven record of launching new academic programs, advancing institutional strategy, and strengthening retention and student outcomes. Extensive experience with accreditation and continuous improvement, including AACSB and SACSCOC processes, with a focus on aligning quality standards with meaningful institutional change.

Author of three books in American political and intellectual history, with ongoing engagement in global higher education initiatives. Consultant to the U.S. Department of Education, National Endowment for the Humanities, and U.S. Department of State. First-generation college graduate committed to expanding access and opportunity through higher education.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA

2014-Present

Dean, College of Business, Engineering, and Technology (2026-Present)

Interim Dean, School of Business (2024-Present)

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (2014-Present)

Division of Education and Leadership

Division of Advanced Technology and Engineering

- **Strategic Visioning and Leadership:** Spearheaded a comprehensive strategic planning process for the College of Arts and Sciences, resulting in the launch of new academic programs that support career readiness while enhancing our liberal arts foundation.
- **Program Innovation:** Established the Division of Advanced Technology, introducing one of the nation's first degree programs in E-Sports as well as programs in Applied and Virtual Reality, Cybersecurity, and Information Technology. Also launched the university's first programs in Engineering, the College's first fully-online graduate programs, and first Ph.D. programs.
- **Financial Management and Stewardship:** Oversaw multimillion-dollar budgets across multiple academic divisions, ensuring fiscal responsibility through strategic resource allocation, cost-saving initiatives, and alignment with institutional priorities; successfully managed budgeting processes in roles as Dean, Associate Provost, and Director, including for newly developed programs and cross-departmental initiatives.
- **Philanthropic Engagement/Advancement:** Played a key role in securing substantial donations, grants, and gifts to the College of Arts and Sciences and affiliated divisions, Animal Health and

Science programs, gifts to support the visual arts, and grants to support the development of technology-related and engineering programs.

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** Led the development of a college-wide Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiative focusing on faculty recruitment, retention, and curriculum enrichment to create a more inclusive campus culture.
- **Student Success and Retention:** Established the CAS Office of Student Advising, a resource that has significantly improved student retention and academic support across disciplines.
- **Range of Leadership:** Oversight and leadership of all academic programs (graduate and undergraduate) and staff of the University's AACSB-accredited School of Business. Created new divisional structure and currently leading strategic visioning process.

University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL

2011-2014

Dean of Undergraduate Studies

Professor of History (with tenure)

- **Integrated Student Success Programs:** Unified efforts across Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Enrollment Services to create the university's first comprehensive First-Year Experience program, which includes Living-Learning Communities and enhanced academic support services.
- **Community and Academic Partnerships:** Secured a \$7 million naming gift to establish the Hicks Honors College, enhancing academic offerings and supporting recruitment. Secured grant funding to support reverse transfer programs with Florida State College institutions.
- **Retention and Engagement Strategy:** Chaired the University Retention Team, successfully developing a strategic plan that increased retention rates by improving the overall student experience.
- **Experiential Learning:** Launched initiatives to expand undergraduate research, study abroad, and other experiential learning opportunities, aligning with institutional goals of career preparation and global engagement.

Belmont University, Nashville, TN

1999-2011

Assistant Provost (2007-2011)

Director of General Education (2005-2007)

Chair, Department of History (2003-2005)

Faculty Member, Department of History (1999-2011)

(Awarded tenure in 2005. Promoted to full professor in 2011)

- **Curriculum and Assessment Leadership:** Oversaw the university's general education curriculum, including course design, scheduling, and budget management, ensuring a high standard of academic quality and relevance.
- **Assessment and Continuous Improvement:** Developed and implemented an annual review process for academic assessment, which has led to consistent improvements in program quality and student outcomes.
- **Funded Program Development:** Secured a \$300,000 Teagle Foundation grant to evaluate experiential education's impact on liberal arts outcomes, positioning Belmont University as a leader in innovative pedagogy.
- **Institutional Growth:** Collaborated with campus stakeholders to increase retention rates and expand general education programs, recognized nationally for their impact on undergraduate learning and engagement.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Board Service:

- Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester, VA – Board of Directors, 2017–Present
- 1445: Literary Arts, Reston, VA (Advisory Board) 2019-Present
- National Alliance on Mental Illness, Northern Virginia – Board of Directors, 2016–2020

Professional Affiliations:

- American Conference of Academic Deans
- Council for Administration of General and Liberal Studies

ACADEMIC/CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

- Reviewer, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, 2009–Present (Multiple Institutions)
- Grant Reviewer for National Endowment for the Humanities and NEH Summer Teaching Grant Program
- Lecturer, US State Department Public Affairs International Speakers Program
- Grant Review Team, US Department of Education Teaching American History Program
- Contributing Author, College Board's Teachers Resource Site (Lead Reviewer in 2004)
- Lecturer, Belmont University Elder Hostel Program
- Seminar Assistant, Contemporary History Institute, Ohio University
- Coordinator, American History Contest, Ohio University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (1999) Ohio University and Contemporary History Institute

Major Fields: United States Intellectual, Cultural, and Political History

Dissertation: “Labor’s Lost Lost: Left Intellectuals and the Labor Movement from the Great Depression to the Cold War Era”

MA (1994) Texas State University-San Marcos

Major Field: History

Thesis: “A Leftward Glance: Depression-Era Literary Figures and Political Activism”

BA (1991) The University of Texas at Austin

Major: History

Liberal Arts Honors Program

SCHOLARLY/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Books

Franklin D. Roosevelt: A Biography. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, May 2005.

Confronting American Labor: The New Left Dilemma. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 2002.

The President’s Position: Debating the Issues in Primary Documents. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2002.

Articles/Reviews/Presentations/Media Appearances

“The Landscape of Higher Education in the US: The Challenges and Opportunities for Improving Access.”

Presentation to university leadership at the International Islamic University of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur,

February 2024

“Online International Education: Global Opportunities Through Global Exchange.” Presentation to university leadership at Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, February 2024

“Making COIL Matter: Developing and Sustaining a Globally Engaged Faculty,” International Virtual Exchange Annual Conference, Sao Paulo, Brazil, October 2023

“Current Trends in US Higher Education.” Presentation at the University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, June 2023

“Prospects for Humanitarian Engineering.” Podcast Interview, University of Twente, Twente, Netherlands, June 2023

Podcast Interview, “Academic Dean with Dave Gurchiek.” October 2022

“An Integrated, Intentional, and Immersive Global Education.” Association of American Colleges and Universities Global Citizenship for Campus, Community, and Careers: Crossing Borders and Boundaries conference, San Antonio, TX, October 2019

“Perspectives on the Present and Future of the Humanities in Higher Education.” Virginia Center for the Literary Arts (1455) Summer Literary Festival, Winchester, VA, April 2019

“The Humanities in Higher Education.” Presentation at the Virginia Humanities Conference, Winchester, VA, April 2017

“Liberal Arts and Professional Education: Perspectives from Shenandoah.” Rotary Club, Winchester, Virginia, 2016

“Career Pathways: From Dean to...Dean.” American Conference of Academic Deans Roundtable, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 2015

Review of Rhodri Jeffreys-Jones, *The American Left: The Impact on Politics and Society Since 1900*. Journal of American History, September 2014

“Retention as a Shared Institutional Endeavor.” Florida Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers Higher Education Summit, Orlando, Florida, June 2014
WJAX CBS-47 Interview, Jacksonville, Florida, August 2014 (Topic: student success strategies)

“An Integrated Approach to Student Success.” Plenary Address, Florida Association of Bursars and Accounting Administrators, Orlando, Florida, April 2014

WFOX FOX-30 Interview, Jacksonville, Florida, September 2013 (Topic: parents and the first year)

Review of Stanley Aronowitz, *Taking It Big: C. Wright Mills and the Making of Public Intellectuals*. Journal of American History, March 2012

WFOX Fox-30 Interview, Jacksonville, Florida, September 2011 (Topic: selecting the right college)

"Assessing the Intangibles in a General Education Curriculum." Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference, Seattle, Washington, February 2010

"History and the Future." Historical Society Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., June 2010

"The Art of Arguing with Ourselves: Reflecting on Institutions, Teaching and Leadership After Hosting a Presidential Debate." Lilly Conference on College Teaching, Miami, Ohio, November 2009

"Inclusive, Planning-Based Strategies for Reforming General Education." Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, December 2008

"What does Experiential Learning Actually 'Do'?" Association of American Colleges and Universities Regional Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, February 2008 (presentation sponsored by the Campus Action Network of AAC&U)

"Assessment Strategies in a General Education Curriculum." Association of American Colleges and Universities Regional Conference, Miami, Florida, March 2007

"Problem-Based Learning: Course Design and Assessment." Lilly Conference on Teaching, Miami, Ohio, November 2006

"The American University in the 21st Century: Challenges in Curriculum Reform, Development, and Assessment of Learning." Lecture Series for National University System in Macedonia, October 2006

"An Organic, Multi-Layered Approach to Assessment." ANAC Summer Institute, Elon University, June 2006

"United States Foreign Policy: A Historical Survey." Lecture Series at the Center for the Study of the United States, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia, May 2005

"Cinematic Soldiers: Depictions of Combat in American Film." History and Film Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas, October 2004

"American Values: A Historical Perspective." Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia, June 2004; University of Novi Pazar, Novi Pazar, Serbia, June 2004

"America as a World Power: A Historical Analysis." U.S. Consulate American Corner, Podgorica, Montenegro, June 2004

Review of Gerald Sorin, *Irving Howe: A Life of Passionate Dissent*. *Journal of American History*, March 2004

"A College Professor's Views of the AP US History Exam." College Board Teachers Resource Web Site, March 2004

"Teaching the Gilded Age." College Board Teachers Resource Web Site, January 2004

Review of Paul Lyons, *The People of This Generation: The Rise and Fall of the New Left in Philadelphia*. American Communist History, Spring 2004

Reviews for Teachers, College Board Teachers Resource Web Site, June 2003–Present. Works reviewed include: Nash, *The Nervous Generation*; Merrill, *The Indians' New World*; Hofstadter, *The Age of Reform*; Hamby, *Liberalism and Its Challengers*; Haley, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*

Review of Ellen Schrecker, *The Age of McCarthyism*. American Communist History, Fall 2003

“From Story to History: Storytelling as History.” Belmont University Symposium for the Humanities, October 2003

“Sidney Lens and the History of the American Left.” Simmons Distinguished Faculty Lecture, Belmont University, November 2002

“Globalizing the United States History Curriculum.” Ohio Valley Historical Association Annual Meeting, October 2001, Western Kentucky University

Review of Julian Zelizer, *Taxing America: Wilbur D. Mills, Congress, and the State, 1945–1975*. Humane Studies Review, Fall 2000

Interviews on Local NBC Affiliate (Nashville, TN) news program on the History of Presidential Elections, November–December 2000

“The University in the Age of Science: 1875–1920.” Presentation to Rhodes College Consultation on Religious Colleges and Universities, Belmont University, October 2000

Review of Bernard Bailyn, *The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution*. H-Net 20th Century Retrospective of Ideas, Spring 2000

Contributor, multiple entries, St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture, Entries include John Dos Passos, Sherwood Anderson, George Jones, Willie Nelson; Bob Wills, Fall 1999

“The Lives of Sidney Lens: American Radicals and American Workers in the 20th Century.” Southwest Labor Studies Association meeting, St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, April 25, 1998

“An Uneasy Partnership: Intellectuals and the Labor Movement in the Early 20th Century.” University of Missouri Graduate History Conference, Columbia, Missouri, April 10, 1998

“Daniel Bell and Historical Sociology.” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 26–29, 1997. Awarded First Prize in US History Paper Competition

“Towards a More Historical Science? Chaos, Complexity, and Historical Methodology,” Contemporary History Institute Think Piece Series, 1996

“Daniel Bell and Historical Sociology,” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 26–29, 1997. Awarded First Prize in U.S. History Paper Competition

“Anderson, Dreiser, Dos Passos, and Depression-Era Politics,” Phi Alpha Theta Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, March 1995

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Distinguished Alumnus, Ohio University Department of History, 2007
- Robert H. Simmons Distinguished Faculty Award, Belmont University, November 2002
- Finalist, Virginia M. Chaney Distinguished Teaching Award, Belmont University, 2003–2004
- Meritorious Faculty Award, Belmont University, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
- Dean’s Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Ohio University, May 1997
- “Best Paper” award for “Daniel Bell and Historical Sociology,” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 1997
- Phi Alpha Phi inductee, Spring 1997
- Contemporary History Institute Research Fellowship, Ohio University, 1996
- Liberal Arts Honors Program, University of Texas at Austin, 1987–1991

PERSONAL/FAMILY

Spouse: Dr. Amy Sarch, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Shenandoah University

3 adult children: (Zoë, Leo, and Kate); 1 dog (Grover)

References Available Upon Request

Tim Taylor

Personal and Education

- Born, raised, and currently reside in Strasburg, Virginia.
- Graduated from Strasburg High School, 1976
- Elementary Education degree from James Madison University, 1980
- Master's Degree from The George Washington University in Instructional Technology, 1992

Professional Experience and Service

- Shenandoah County Public Schools Elementary School Teacher (Grade 4) August 1980 - July 1986
- Shenandoah County Public Schools Middle School Teacher (Grades 5 - 8) August 1986 - November 1997
- Shenandoah County Public Schools Instructional Technology Coordinator, November 1997 - July 2006
- Shenandoah County Public Schools Instructional Technology Supervisor, July 2006 - July 2025
- Strasburg High School - Coached Varsity and JV Girls' Basketball, JV Boys' Basketball, Varsity Girls' Softball, and JV Football, January 1980 - November 2000
- Retired on July 1, 2025
- Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA—Adjunct Professor, September 2005 - Present
- James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA —Adjunct Professor, January 2018 - May 2020
- Laurel Ridge (Lord Fairfax) Community College, Middletown, VA—Adjunct Professor, June 2010 - June 2023
- Virginia Society of Technology in Education (VSTE), Virginia—Board of Directors, July 2016 - July 2022

Civic Service

- Current President of the Strasburg Heritage Association
- Current President of the Shenandoah Education Foundation
- Current Board Member of the Strasburg Museum

Elected Service and Appointments

- Strasburg Town Council, 2003-2008
- Strasburg Mayor, 2008-2016
- Shenandoah County Planning Commission, 2018-2020

- Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors (District 6), 2020 to present
- Shenandoah County Department of Social Services Board
- Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission Board, J anuary 2026 to present
- Current VAC0 Chair of the Education Committee

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Executive Profile

Senior Executive with over 25 years of leadership in Midsize & multinational corporations, specializing in the North American industrial and customer engineered equipment sectors. Expert at bridging European corporate objectives with American operational agility to drive sustainable profitability. Currently overseeing a \$700M commercial P&L across 12 manufacturing sites in North & South America, with a proven track record of orchestrating complex turnarounds and architecting digital-first manufacturing strategies. A proactive leader committed to high-performance culture, technical excellence, and the integration of AI to future-proof industrial operations.

Core Competencies

- **Multinational Leadership:** Expert in German-American business culture and governance.
- **Strategic Growth:** M&A, business restructuring, and aggressive market expansion.
- **Operational Excellence:** Industrial excellence, process optimization, and complex supply chain management.
- **Financial Turnarounds:** Converting loss-making entities into double-digit EBIT performers.
- **Innovation Strategy:** Implementing AI and digital advisory for industrial transformation.

Professional Experience

ContiTech Americas Industry (Continental / ContiTech Corp) | Senior Executive / Vice President | 2023–Present

- Directing **\$700M in sales revenue** across 12 production and 20 service sites for focus industries: Mining, Oil & Gas, Agriculture, Commercial Vehicles & Railway, Industrial Applications & Automatization
- Orchestrating financial turnarounds and portfolio management to consistently deliver **double-digit EBITDA levels**.

- Holding full P&L responsibility for Segment Customer Engineered Solutions.

NoExcuse.AI, LLC | *Co-Founder & AI Strategy Advisor* | **2026–Present**

- Co-founded an AI advisory consultancy to provide practical AI solutions for small and medium-sized businesses.

Continental Surface Solutions | *Vice President, Industrial Segment* | **2018–2023**

- Managed a **\$500M P&L** business across **3,000 employees** across 10 global production sites in Germany, China and North America
- Led global efforts in Sales, Product development, R&D, and supply chain to optimize business performance in precision-driven industrial & automotive environments.

O’Sullivan Films, Inc. (Hornschuch Group), US | *Exec. Vice President, Marketing & Sales* | **2012–2018**

- Executed a **\$120M turnaround**, achieving sustainable profitability within three years in the automotive and industrial sectors.

Door Panels Ltd.; UK | *Managing Director* | **2010-2012**

- Executed acquisition out of chapter 11, €6.5M revenue, operative turnaround within 12 months into P&L break-even.
- Successful start-up "The Coloured Door Company" with a turnover of £1 million in trading year one, technology transfer to other location & close of the UK operation.

Konrad Hornschuch AG, Germany | *Sales Group Manager Subsidiaries* | **1999-2010**

(Additional professional experience available upon request or at

<http://www.linkedin.com/in/sven-hlywiak-a0870633>.)

Potential Region 8 Council Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title / Organization</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Referred by:</u>
Becker, Hannah	Becker Digital / VMI	Private	Rockbridge	Business	Speak to Connie Loughlead for update on Hannah
Clark, Karen	Augusta Health	Private	Augusta	Health Care	
Dahl, Allen	Triangle Realtors	Private	Augusta	Construction	
Darby, John	Hollister (retired)	Private	Augusta	Manufacturing	
Frazier, Kathy	Frazier Associates/Retired	Private	Augusta	Business	
Gundling, Ryan	Ryzing Technologies	Private	Augusta	Manufacturing	Mike Stolarz
Hill, Lena	W&L	Public	Rockbridge	Education	
Houff, Neil or Kern	Houff	Private	Augusta	Ag/T+L	Joanie Eisland
Journel, Mark	Munters Corp	Private	Rockbridge	Manufacturing	Located in Buena Vista
Mannix, Mary	President Augusta Medical	Private	Augusta	Life Sciences	Eric Bond
Moffett, Jay	Moffett Paving & Excavating	Private	Augusta	Construction	
Newber, Matt	Modine	Private	Rockbridge	Manufacturing	
Oncken, Frank	Partners Excavating CFO	Private	Rockingham	Construction	Ashley Driver
Ridenour, Greg	Valley Oil	Private	Augusta	Business	
Singleton, Knox	Retired: CEO Inova Hospital	Private	Frederick	Life Sciences	Tracy Fitzsimmons' Husband
Terry, Eric	Dynamic Aviation	Private	Rockingham	T + L	Anthony Tongen
VanHook, Andy	Appeal Production	Private	Rockingham	Business	
Wade, Gary	American Safety Razor (retired)	Private	Augusta	Manufacturing	
					Michelle Ridings (Clarke Co Economic Development) - Bill was in charge of company Global Payments & venture mergers (\$\$)
Waite, Bill	Retired: ExxonMobil (Clarke Co. EDA Chair)	Private	Clarke	Business	
Weaver, Chris	Lantz Construction	Private	Rockingham	Construction	Mark Merrill. Chris is serving on SVP board
Yates, Peter	Winchester Cold Storage	Private	Frederick	T + L	
<u>Past Council Members</u>					
Downey, John	President of BRCC	Public	Augusta	Education	Consider after Dave Urso's term is complete.
Loughhead, Connie	Des Champs Technologies	Private	Rockbridge	Manufacturing	Serving on VEDP board
Robin Sullenburger Smith Jr., Gerald "JJ"	Retired: Owner Valley Proteins	Private	Highland Frederick	Agriculture	Alison Denbigh/Tracy Fitzsimmons
<u>In Discussions</u>					
Stamp, Todd	Merck & Co., Inc.	Private	Rockingham	Life Sciences	todd.stamp@merck.com , Plant Manager at Merck Elkton Facility

<u>Name</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Helsley, Conrad	chelsley@shentel.net	504.481.6167 (Esther @ 540.975.4145)
Doyle, Randy	rrd1974@outlook.com	228.233.0654 (Denise @ 610.755.888)
Nelson, Cary	cnelson@hnfunkhouser.com	

<u>Address</u>	<u>Title / Organization</u>	<u>Term Beginning</u>	<u>Term End</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
157 Ruth Court, Strasburg, VA 22657	NSVRC Commissioner Business	4/27/2018	4/26/2026	8
	Development President, H.N.	1/23/2024	1/22/2026	2
	Funkhouser & Co.	1/28/2025	5/1/2026	<1



*Cities of: Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, Waynesboro, & Winchester
Counties of: Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, & Warren*

Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Date: June 9, 2026

Consent Item: No

Action Needed: No

Item Title: June Dates, Deadlines, & Goals

Regular Item: Yes

Informational Purposes: Yes

Recommendation: No Action needed.

Background:

June Dates & Deadlines:

- 6/03/26: Monthly Regional Staff Brainstorming Meeting (Virtual)
- 6/09/26: Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- 6/09/26: Anthony Tongen Meeting (Virtual)
- 6/09/26: State Board Meeting (Virtual)
- 6/10/26: Regional Commercialization Network Meeting (Harrisonburg)
- 6/18/26: Regional Commercialization Network Meeting (Harrisonburg)
- 6/18/26: DHCD Support Org Call
- 6/25/26: Federal Bank of VA Event (Stuarts Draft)
- 6/26/26: Regional Commercialization Network Meeting (Harrisonburg)
- 6/26/26: Aviation Ad-hoc Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- 6/30/36: Regional Support Org Leadership Retreat (Charlottesville) – Full Day
- TBD: DHCD/Approved Applicant Contract Calls (Virtual)

Projects/Goals in June:

- Assist SVP on finalizing the Industrial Sites grant application (July Submission)
- Assist CSPDC on finalizing the Aviation Grant Application (July Submission)
- Assist VCTC on finalizing the Go2Work Scale-up grant application (July/Oct Submission)
- Follow-up with FY27 pipeline projects (a top priority)
 - JMU Ag Innovation Project
 - GoTec (Involves 6 localities – 2 or 3 localities in FY27 grant proposal)
- Distribute the final Orientation Onboarding Manual, Onboarding PowerPoint, Grant Qualification Checklist, Grants Review Committee Checklist/Rubric, and Project Summary Template for Applicants.
- Promote GoVaR8 via social media & focus on increasing followers
- Complete/Distribute packets for July's EC meetings

Budget Impact: None.

Attachments: None.