

TOBACCO REGION REVITALIZATION COMMISSION

701 East Franklin Street, Suite 501
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Called Meeting of the Full Commission

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Smith Conference Room
Southern Virginia Higher Education Center
820 Bruce Street
South Boston, Virginia 24592

APPEARANCES:

Mr. Edward Owens, Chairman
Delegate Les Adams
Delegate Kathy Byron
Mr. Ed Blevins
Ms. Gretchen Clark
Ms. Becky Coleman
Secretary of Finance Stephen Cummings (remotely)
Mr. Joel Cunningham
Dr. Alexis Ehrhardt
Mr. Frank Harris
Delegate Terry Kilgore
Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Matthew Lohr (remotely)
Senator L. Louise Lucas
Delegate Daniel W. Marshall, III
Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Caren Merrick (remotely)
Mr. T. Jordan Miles
Delegate Will Morefield
Senator Joseph Morrissey
Senator Frank Ruff
Mr. Cecil Shell
Mr. Walter Shelton
Delegate Will Wampler

COMMISSION STAFF:

Mr. Andy Sorrell, Deputy Director
Ms. Stephanie Kim, Finance Director
Ms. Sarah K. Capps, Southern Virginia Regional Director
Mr. Jordan Butler, Communications Director
Mr. David Bringman, Database & Performance Metrics Manager
Ms. Joyce Knight, Meeting Planner

COUNSEL FOR THE COMMISSION:

Ms. Elizabeth B. Myers, Assistant Attorney General
Richmond, Virginia 23219

MEETING BEGAN AT 12:32 P.M. Because a quorum of members was first physically assembled in the public meeting location, the Secretaries of

Commerce and Trade, Finance and Agriculture and Forestry were permitted to participate remotely.

CHAIRMAN OWENS: I'm going to call the Commission meeting to order and ask Andy to call roll to record members in attendance and determine if a quorum exists.

MR. SORRELL: Yes, sir. Present: Delegate Adams, Delegate Byron, Mr. Blevins, Ms. Clark, Ms. Coleman, Secretary Cummings, Mr. Cunningham, Dr. Ehrhardt, Mr. Harris, Delegate Kilgore, Secretary Lohr, Senator Lucas, Delegate Marshall, Secretary Merrick, Mr. Miles, Delegate Morefield, Senator Morrissey, Mr. Owens, Senator Ruff, Mr. Shell, Mr. Shelton and Delegate Wampler. Absent: Ms. Drinkwater, Senator Edwards, Ms. Hensley, Mr. Hite, Ms. Ratliff and Mr. Sutherland. 19 members are physically present and three are present remotely. A quorum of the Commission is present.

CHAIRMAN OWENS: Thank you. Delegate Kilgore I believe you have a motion to read.

DELEGATE KILGORE: Yes. I now move that we go into a closed meeting in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

The purpose of this closed session is to discuss a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

The subject of this closed session is for the discussion of possible grant and loan incentives for a Project considering a location in the Commission's footprint. The applicable exemption from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act is § 2.2-3711(A)(39).

CHAIRMAN OWENS: All those in favor of going into the closed session say aye. (Ayes.) We are now in closed session.

NOTE: A CLOSED SESSION IS HELD; WHEREUPON, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CLOSED SESSION, THE COMMISSION MEETING RESUMES IN OPEN SESSION, VIS:

DELGATE KILGORE: I move that we vote on and record our certification that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters

lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting. A roll call vote is needed.

MR. SORRELL: Delegate Adams?

DELEGATE ADAMS: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Delegate Byron?

DELEGATE BYRON: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Mr. Blevins?

MR. BLEVINS: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Ms. Clark?

MS. CLARK: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Ms. Coleman?

MS. COLEMAN: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Secretary Cummings?

SEC. CUMMINGS: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Mr. Cunningham?

MR. CUNNINGHAM: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Dr. Ehrhardt?

DR. EHRHARDT: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Mr. Harris?

MR. HARRIS: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Delegate Kilgore?

DELEGATE KILGORE: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Secretary Lohr?

SEC. LOHR: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Senator Lucas?

SENATOR LUCAS: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Delegate Marshall?

DELEGATE MARSHALL: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Secretary Merrick?

SEC. MERRICK: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Mr. Miles?

MR. MILES: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Delegate Morefield?

DELEGATE MOREFEILD: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Senator Morrissey?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Chairman Owens?

CHAIRMAN OWENS: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Senator Ruff?

SENATOR RUFF: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Mr. Shell?

MR. SHELL: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Mr. Shelton?

MR. SHELTON: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: Delegate Wampler?

DELEGATE WAMPLER: Yes.

MR. SORRELL: The motion is carried.

DELEGATE MARSHALL: I now move that the Commission approve the Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund (TROF) grant and Community and Business Lending (CBL) program loan incentive as described this day by staff of the Commission and per the Commission's discussion in closed session.

This approval includes proposed TROF, CBL and program incentives applying to a manufacturing company considering a location in southern part of the Commission's footprint. The approval is subject to the conditions described by staff and Commission entering into customary grant and loan agreements containing appropriate performance, clawback and security provisions as necessary.

SENATOR LUCAS: seconded.

CHAIRMAN OWENS: All those in favor of proposed motion say aye. (Ayes.) Chairman Owens, Delegate Adams, Delegate Byron, Mr. Blevins, Ms. Clark, Ms. Coleman, Secretary Cummings, Mr. Cunningham, Dr. Ehrhardt, Mr. Harris, Delegate Kilgore, Secretary Lohr, Senator Lucas, Delegate Marshall, Secretary Merrick, Mr. Miles, Delegate Morefield, Senator Ruff, Mr. Shell, Mr. Shelton and Delegate Wampler.

CHAIRMAN OWENS: All those in not in favor of proposed motion say nay. (Nay.) Senator Morrissey.

MR. SORRELL: The motion is approved.

CHAIRMAN OWENS: Do we have any other business?

MR. SORRELL: No, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN OWENS: Do we have any comments from the public? (no response).

CHAIRMAN OWENS: I'll make a motion to adjourn. All those in favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 1:03 P.M.