



**REGIONAL COUNCIL 9
NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

MARCH 6, 2026

8:00 AM TO 9:00 AM

All-Virtual

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AGENDA

1. **Opening** (Tina Weaver, Committee Chair) (5 minutes)
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Public Comment
2. **Consent Agenda – ACTION** (Tina Weaver) (5 minutes)
 - Meeting Minutes, May 27, 2025
3. **Nomination Reference Materials** (Tina Weaver) (10 minutes)
 - Timeline
 - Member Term Snapshot
 - Combined Chamber and At-Large Nomination Form - NEW
4. **Discussion** (Tina Weaver) (25 minutes)
 - Membership Gaps
 - Next Chair and Nominating Committee
 - Next steps
5. **Other Business** (Tina Weaver) (5 minutes)
6. **Adjourn** (Tina Weaver) (5 minutes)



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE
MAY 27, 2025
1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM
IN-PERSON MEETING
1001 RESEARCH PARK BLVD., SUITE 301, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22911
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89492350276>**

MINUTES

Members Attending: Tom Click, Tina Weaver
Members Attending Virtually: Jean Runyon
Members Absent: Cathy Schafrik
Staff Attending: Shannon Holland, Christie Taylor

1. Opening

- Call to Order
Tom Click called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.
- Roll Call
A quorum was established, as noted above.
- Public Comment
There were no public comments emailed or presented.

2. Consent Agenda – ACTION ITEM

- Meeting Minutes, February 14, 2025
Tina Weaver made a motion to approve the Minutes as the official record of that meeting though no members present at this meeting attended. Jean Runyon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Develop Slate – ACTION ITEM

- Tom Click outlined the meeting goals: choose private sector nominees, identify officers and an executive committee, and recommend Task Force assignments and Chairs. Additionally, a new Nominating Committee Chair must be selected as Tom Click will leave the Council on June 30.
- Shannon Holland reviewed the meeting materials. Highlights included:
 - The term spreadsheet designates the term status of each council member for FY 2026. Sector representation and task force roles are also noted. Three members have reached term limits: Tom Click, Brian Cole, and Andy Wade. Additionally, Brandon Payne resigned in April due to an out of state move. The remaining members with expiring terms are eligible for another term.
 - Bylaws dictate the process for filling seats. For FY 26, there is one open Chamber of Commerce seat and three open At-Large seats. Chamber nominations are eligible for both seat types, whereas At-Large nominations can only fill At-Large seats.
 - Gizelle Curtis has been re-appointed by CVPED for another 3-year term.
 - Jean Runyon has been chosen by her fellow community college presidents to serve an additional three-year term.

- Ike Broaddus has been nominated by RRRRC to serve another term.
 - After June 6th, RRRRC will advise whether Jonathon Weakley will be re-appointed for another 3-year term or if a new individual will be chosen.
 - The economic development officers from PD-10 have selected Jennifer Schmack from Fluvanna County to serve on the Council.
 - Both the Chair and Vice Chair must be private sector. However, the Treasurer/Secretary can be either in the public or private sector.
 - The Task Force Membership list was included so that the committee can consider where nominees might serve and who might chair each Task Force.
 - The attendance spreadsheet was discussed and edits made based on committee feedback.
- Nominations and Draft Slate - The committee discussed the nominations summarized below and developed the attached draft Slate. The committee also discussed the Task Force Assignments and selected Chairs for each Task Force as noted in the attached Task Force Slate.

Nominations:

Type	Nominee	Title/ Company	Locality Headquartered
At-Large	Christina Clough	Vice President, Senior Commercial Lender, Pioneer Bank	Charlottesville
At-Large	Rahul Keshap	Shuru Law, Principal	Charlottesville
Chamber – Louisa County	Gary Wood	President & CEO, Firefly Broadband	Nelson
Chamber – Culpeper	Leslie Kidd	Co-Owner, All-Install	Culpeper

Tina Weaver made a motion to accept the Slate including Officer Nominations, Executive Committee appointments, Task Force leadership and membership assignments, as captured in the attached Slate. Jean Runyon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Other Business

No other business was presented.

5. Adjourn

Tina Weaver made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jean Runyon seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:51PM.



**SLATE OF NOMINEES
GO VIRGINIA REGIONAL COUNCIL 9
JUNE 17, 2025 ANNUAL MEETING**

VOTE FOR ACCEPTANCE

Terms begin July 1, 2025, unless otherwise noted.

PRIVATE SECTOR APPOINTMENTS

Appointing Organization	Name	Term
Central Virginia Partnership	Gizelle F. Curtis Economic Development Manager Dominion Energy	3 years

PUBLIC SECTOR APPOINTMENTS

Appointing Organization	Name	Term
Local Economic Development Officers from Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (PD-10)	Jennifer L. Schmack Economic Development Director Fluvanna County	3 Years
Region 9 Community College Presidents	Jean Runyon, PhD President Piedmont Virginia Community College	3 Years
Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission (P-9)	The Honorable Edwin "Ike" Broaddus Fauquier County	3 Years
Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission (PD-9)	TBA	3 Years



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**PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBER SLATE
 Chamber of Commerce & At-Large**

Member Type	Name	Term
Chamber of Commerce – Louisa County	Gary Wood, CEO & President, Firefly Fiber Broadband	3 Years
At-Large	Leslie Kidd, Co-Owner, All Install	3 Years
At-Large	Christina Clough, Vice President, Pioneer Bank	3 years
At-Large	Rahul Keshap*, Principal, Shuru Law	Complete term through July 1, 2026

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FY 26

Role	Name
Chair*	Rob Archer
Vice Chair*	Roque Castro
Treasurer/Secretary	Cathy Schafrik
At-Large	Ethan Dunstan, Immediate Past Chair
At-Large	Paige Read
At-Large	

***Service:** Chair and Vice Chair serve from immediately after the Annual Meeting until immediately after the following Annual Meeting or until their successors are subsequently elected. Members filling an unexpired term may start immediately after the Annual Meeting.



**Region 9 Council - Task Force Members FY 2026
July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Jean Runyon (Chair)

Kim Blosser
Roque Castro
Cheryl Kirby
Cathy Schafrik
Tina Weaver

GROWING EXISTING BUSINESSES

Ray Knott (Chair)

Leslie Kidd
Paige Read
Francoise Seillier-Moiseiwitsch
Jennifer Schmack
Gary Wood

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Pace Lochte (Chair)

Rob Archer
Christine Clough
Ethan Dunstan
Rahul Keshap
Paige Read

SITES

Christine Jacobs (Chair)

Ike Broaddus
Gizelle Curtis
Ned Galloway
Patrick Mauney
Paige Read

Region 9 Nominating Committee – 2026 Timeline

Milestones for the nomination and election of members and officers.

PHASE 1 | PLANNING

March 6 — Nominating Committee meeting to review timeline, membership gaps, criteria, and approach

PHASE 2 | CALL FOR NOMINATIONS & DEADLINE

March 13 — Release Call for Nominations through communication channels

May 8 — Deadline for nominations

PHASE 3 | APPOINT NEXT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

April 1 — Council Chair advises staff of new Nominating Committee appointments

April 13 — Council Chair appoints new Nominating Committee at Council Meeting before Annual Meeting per Bylaws

PHASE 4 | DEVELOP SLATE

May 15 — Nominations sent to the Nominating Committee for review

May 18–22 — Nominating Committee meets to develop the Slate for Members and Officers per Bylaws and additionally assigns Task Force membership and Task Force Chairpersons

June 10 — Annual Meeting packet, including proposed Slate, distributed to Council at least 10 days prior to vote, per Bylaws

PHASE 5 | VOTE

June 16 — Council votes on the proposed Slate at the Annual Meeting

PHASE 6 | ONBOARD

July 1 — Notification of nominees; public announcement and website update

September 1 — New members complete onboarding with staff and required COIA training

Region 9 Council Member Terms

REGION 9 Term SNAPSHOT	Fiscal Yr	FY27	Target Sectors							Strategies		
	Effective	7/1/2026		Light Mfg	Biotech	Food & Bev Mfg	IT & Comm.	Fin.Bus.Services	Talent Dev	Entrepreneurship	Sites	Growing Exist. Biz
Legend: o = end of term o! = end of last eligible term		3 Year	LOCALITY									
PRIVATE SECTOR												
Chambers of Commerce												
Francoise Seillier-Moiseiwitch			Madison			x						x
Roque Castro		o	Culpeper				x	x	x			
Ray Knott		o!	Fauquier					x				x
Gary Wood			Nelson				x					x
At-Large												
Leslie Kidd			Culpeper					x				
Christina Clough			Albemarle/Cville					x				x
Rahul Keshap		o	Albemarle/Cville							x		
Rob Archer			Charlottesville					x		x		
Tina Weaver		o	Orange/Madison			x			x			
APPOINTED												
Central Virginia Partnership												
Ethan Dunstan		o	Albemarle/Cville					x		x		
Gizelle Curtis			All except Louisa					x			x	
Piedmont Workforce Network - Chair												
Cheryl Kirby	EX OFFICIO		Albemarle/Cville					x	x			
PUBLIC SECTOR												
Educational Institutions												
UVA President or Appointee												
Pace Lochte	- EX OFFICIO	o								x		
Community College Presidents or Appointees												
Kim Blosser		o	Vrs						x			
Jean Runyon			Vrs						x			
			Vrs									
Elected Officials												
The Hon. Edwin "Ike" Broaddus			Fauquier									
The Hon. Ned Gallaway			Albemarle									
Locality Administrators												
Jonathon Weakley			Madison									
Cathy Schafrik			Greene									
Regional Commission Directors												
Patrick Mauney	EX OFFICIO		PD9									
Christine Jacobs	EX OFFICIO		PD10									
Local Economic Development												
Paige Read			Town of Culpeper									
Jennifer Schmack			Fluvanna									



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GO Virginia Region 9 Private-Sector Member Nomination Packet (FY 2027)

Purpose

Use this packet to nominate or self-nominate private-sector business leaders for open Chamber of Commerce or At-Large member seats on the GO Virginia Region 9 Council. This packet is designed to (1) describe Council expectations; (2) provide context on the GO Virginia program and Region 9 priorities; and (3) collect required nomination information.

Benefits of Serving

Serving on the GO Virginia Region 9 Council offers private-sector leaders a unique opportunity to shape the region's long-term economic strategy. Council members help guide investments that support business growth, talent development, and high-wage job creation across the region.

Packet Materials

Part I: Council Role & Expectations

Part II: GO Virginia & Region 9 Overview

Part III: Nomination Form - Submit only Part III along with a resume or professional biography by email no later than 11:59 PM on **May 8, 2026**.

Questions and Submissions:

Questions are welcome.

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Part I: Council Role & Expectations

Council Role

The GO Virginia Region 9 Council is a 23-member body responsible for setting regional strategy and recommending funding for projects that advance private-sector growth and high-wage job creation. Current members are listed [here](#).

Private Sector Representation

The majority of the 23 Council members must be from the private sector and represent a range of industries, company sizes, localities, and experiences. The Chair and Vice Chair must be private sector members.

Term and Time Commitment

Term:

Three-year term beginning July 1

Council Meetings:

Five full meetings per year, generally lasting two hours each, plus travel time.

Task Force Service:

Each Council Member serves on one task force aligned with regional strategies (Entrepreneurship, Growing Existing Business, Talent Development, or Sites).

Task force meetings are scheduled as needed, based on grant activity or priority initiatives. In years with active work, members can expect approximately one to four one-hour meetings.

Additional Committee Service (If appointed):

Some Council members may be asked to serve on the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee or other Ad Hoc committee. These roles involve additional time commitments with meeting frequency determined by the scope and timing of committee responsibilities.

Legal and Compliance Requirements

Council members must complete Conflict of Interest Act (COIA) training within 30 days of appointment. A link for the one-hour self-paced training will be provided.

Bylaws

Bylaws are available [here](#).

Details

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Part II: GO Virginia & Region 9 Overview

What Is GO Virginia?

GO Virginia (Growth and Opportunity) is a statewide economic development program designed to foster collaboration among businesses, education, and local government. The initiative aims to stimulate the creation of high-paying private sector jobs by awarding strategic grants that support each region's Growth & Diversification Plan. A state appointed GO Virginia Board oversees the program and is supported by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

Region 9: Piedmont Opportunity Corridor Footprint

Region 9 includes the City of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock.

Regional Priorities

The Council updates regional priorities every two years and publishes the [Region 9 Growth & Diversification Plan](#), which guides funding decisions and project selection.

Proposed grant projects must focus on at least one strategy for at least one regional target sector:

Strategic Focus Areas: Entrepreneurship; Growing Existing Businesses; Talent Development; and/or Site Development

Region 9 Target Industries: Biosciences; Financial & Business Services; Food & Beverage Manufacturing; IT & Communications; Light Manufacturing

Grant Opportunities

Specific grant opportunities advancing the strategies and sectors are listed [here](#).

Funded Projects and Program Impact

Find details on awarded projects and GO Virginia Region 9 impact on the [GO Virginia Region 9 website](#).



Part III: Private-Sector Nomination Form

(Complete and submit this section only)

Nomination Type:

(Check one)

- Chamber of Commerce
- Peer Nomination
- Self-Nomination

Nominee Information:

Full Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Street Address, City, State, Zip: Click or tap here to enter text.

Nominee Professional Background:

Company Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Total Employees in the Company Choose an item.:

under 50 50-99 100-199 200-499 500+

Years of Business Leadership Experience: 5-9 10-19 20+

Industry:

(select all that apply)

- Biosciences
- Financial & Business Services
- Food & Beverage Manufacturing
- Information Technology & Communications
- Light Manufacturing
- Other:



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Leadership:

Limit each answer to 250 words or fewer.

1. What expertise, perspective, or leadership experience would this nominee contribute to the GO Virginia Region 9 Council? (Focus on strategic leadership, regional perspective and industry insight)

2. Describe the nominee's experience collaborating across sectors (business, government, education, or nonprofits) or across multiple localities.

3. How does the nominee's background align with the Region 9 strategies such as entrepreneurship, growing existing businesses, talent development, or business-ready site development?

Nominator Information:

Self-Nomination (no additional information required)

Chamber of Commerce or Peer Nomination (provide the following)

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.



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Demographic Information (Optional):

GO Virginia is required to ensure diversity on Regional Councils. This information is collected for compliance and aggregate reporting purposes only and is optional.

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White Other

Reminder:

Include a resume or professional biography with this form to complete the submission.

Next Steps:

The Region 9 Nominating Committee meets by early June to evaluate nominations and create a proposed slate for the Region 9 Council's vote at its Annual Meeting in June.

Thank You:

Thank you for your interest in serving your community through GO Virginia Region 9.

We appreciate your commitment to regional collaboration and economic growth and your willingness to share your leadership and experience in support of the Region 9 Council.