



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR  
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IN EACH REGION  
REGIONAL COUNCIL 9

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

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## 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 Exiting 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

[www.GOVirginia9.org](http://www.GOVirginia9.org)



## 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](#).



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### 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.