

CLEO Members	Locality	Present
The Honorable Stephen Bennett	Alleghany County	
The Honorable Gary Larowe	Botetourt County	X
The Honorable Tom Sibold, Jr.	City of Covington	X
The Honorable Jason Matyas	Craig County	
The Honorable Ronnie Thompson	Franklin County	
The Honorable Sherman Lea	City of Roanoke	
The Honorable Martha Hooker	Roanoke County	X
The Honorable John Saunders	City of Salem	
Alternate Members	Locality	Present
Reid Walters	Alleghany County	
Billy Martin, Sr.	Botetourt County	
David Bryant	City of Covington	
Dan Collins	Craig County	X
Christopher Whitlow	Franklin County	X
The Honorable Joseph Cobb	City of Roanoke	
The Honorable P. Jason Peters	Roanoke County	
Jay Taliaferro	City of Salem	

Board Staff	Present
Morgan Romeo	X
Leah Gibson	X
Bobby Welch	X
Danielle Hart	X
Madison Wade	X

Welcome

Martha Hooker called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

Public Comment

No guests were present for public comment.

Consent Agenda

The group reviewed the items under Consent Agenda including WIOA Title I Programs Report, Star City Works Programs Report, FY2023 Budget vs. Actual Report, and the meeting minutes from December 15, 2022.

CLEO Action: A motion was made by Dan Collins to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Gary Larowe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business

Morgan provided an update to Virginia's Workforce Reorganization.

Director's Report

Morgan stated that the current space we use for the Center is a huge liability for us. The VEC recently reduced their staff. We have not needed to reduce our staff, so we are responsible for footing most of the bill. We did take a budget cut this year, which allows us to exercise early termination of our lease at the Roanoke Center. We are currently considering moving our Center to a downtown location for easier access by public transportation. We have also been contacted by the city of Covington and Alleghany County about potentially moving the Covington Center. The Covington Center is a state-owned building and is out-dated. The city of Roanoke reached out and offered a building downtown for our board office at no cost to us. There were no questions or comments regarding the Center updates.

We are waiting to hear if we received funding from four grants we recently applied for. One is through the EDA that is focused on entrepreneurship and career pathways. We also applied for the WORC grant which would extend the work we do in the Highlands for individuals with substance abuse. There were no questions or comments regarding the grants update.

New Business

Morgan pulled up the FY2024 budget for review and approval. Our total budget for this year will be about \$4.2 million and we have about \$5.5 million available. There will be a reduction in our federal funding this year of about \$162,000. Martha Hooker asked for an example of expenditures for the In-School Youth. Morgan stated that the funding will be split 90% Out-of-School Youth and 10% In-School Youth because that is the current trend. We can pay for things like internships, supportive services, extra tutoring, and leadership development.

CLEO Action: A motion was made by Dan Collins to approve the first draft of the FY2024 budget as presented. Mayor Sibold seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a roll call vote as recorded below:

The Honorable Tom Sibold, Jr.	Yes
The Honorable Martha Hooker	Yes
Dan Collins	Yes
Christopher Whitlow	Yes

New Board member appointments were discussed at today's meeting.

CLEO Action: A motion was made by Martha Hooker to approve the GRWDB appointments as presented below and was seconded by Chris Whitlow:

Name	Company/Organization
Jasmine Gallatin	Green Thumb Industries
Ruth Caul	WestRock
Richard Mansell	IVO Ltd.
David Oliver	Oliver Distributing
Rick Viar	Cornerstone Building Brands
Carter Hardesty	Revlon/Elizabeth Arden
Sharon Pandolfini	Precision Fabrics Group
Shane Rucker	Wabtec Graham White
Kevin Price	Valley Metro
Susan Goad	Roanoke/Salem DSS
Kimberly Dameron	VEC Roanoke

Dr. John Rainone	MGCC
Marilyn Herbert-Ashton	VWCC
Susan Watkins	DARS
Stephanie Hoer	Goodwill Industries of the Valleys
Heather Fay	Roanoke Regional SBDC

Meeting calendar:

9/28/2023: In-Person Annual meeting (Highlands)

12/2023: Virtual

3/2024: In Person (Franklin County)

6/2024: Virtual

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment

CLEO Action: Hooker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dan Collins. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 AM.