

**Meeting Agenda for:
 Central Virginia Workforce Development Board
3:00 P.M. April 22, 2020
 Virtual Meeting through Microsoft Teams being held pursuant to
 and in compliance with the Virginia Code to 2.2-3708 (A)(3).
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1. Roll Call and Introductions:*Nat Marshall, Board Chair*

2. Call to Order

3. Public Comment..... *Nat Marshall, Board Chair*

4. Review and Vote (resolution attached):

Given the challenges of meeting in person to conduct business due to the COVID-19 virus the Central Virginia Workforce Development Board, seeks the ability to meet electronically to discuss and vote upon the following emergency resolution:

RESOLUTION OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS TIME SENSITIVE AND CRITICAL BUSINESS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC DISASTER..... *Nat Marshall, Board Chair*

5. COVID-19 response and program updates*Board Staff and Workforce Partners*

6. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

RESOLUTION OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS TIME SENSITIVE AND CRITICAL BUSINESS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC DISASTER

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam issued Executive Order Fifty-One declaring a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia arising from the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One acknowledged the existence of a public health emergency which constitutes a disaster as defined by Virginia Code § 44-146.16 arising from the public health threat presented by a communicable disease anticipated to spread; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One ordered implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center to provide assistance to local governments, and authorization for executive branch agencies to waive “any state requirement or regulation” as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020, in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the members of the Central Virginia Workforce Development Board, being the City of Lynchburg and the Counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell, have made individual declarations of local a emergency, specifically finding that the COVID-19 Pandemic constitutes a “disaster” as defined in Virginia Code § 44-146.16, being a “communicable disease of public health threat”; and

WHEREAS, through their Emergency Ordinances, the member jurisdictions specifically found that COVID-19 constitutes a real and substantial threat to public health and safety and constitutes a “disaster” as defined by Virginia Code § 44-146.16 being a “communicable disease of public health threat” and

WHEREAS, through their Emergency Ordinances, the member jurisdictions further found that the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe to assemble in one location a quorum for public bodies including the School Board, the Planning Commission and all local and regional boards, commissions, committees and authorities created by the member jurisdictions or to which the member jurisdictions appoint all or a portion of its members (collectively

“Public Entities” and individually “Public Entity”), or for such Public Entities to conduct meetings in accordance with normal practices and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Workforce Development Board has over 32 members and calling a public meeting would be contrary to Governor Northam’s order that no more that 10 people should be assembled in one place and potentially endanger the health of the Board Members; and

WHEREAS, failure of the Workforce Development Board to act in a timely manner would lead to significant harm to individuals and businesses who use our services and to the region’s response to the COVID-19 crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Virginia Workforce Development Board hereby will conduct electronic meetings to discuss COVID-19 related issues giving proper notice through e-mail, websites and other means practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Central Virginia Workforce Development Board hereby authorizes and directs its officers and staff to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to develop any specific procedures as applicable and appropriate for the Central Virginia Workforce Development Board, provided that such specific procedures are consistent with the terms and conditions of the Emergency Ordinances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect during the pendency of the Emergency Ordinances including for any applicable period upon the re-adoption of the Emergency Ordinances by the members.

ADOPTED by the _____.

APPROVED

_____ Date: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
