



Leader List as of 2/26/2026

Host Organization

Virginia Early Childhood Foundation, Board of Directors

Partnering Organizations

Virginia Chamber of Commerce

GO Virginia

Virginia Economic Developers Association

Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Virginia Hispanic Chamber

Virginia Hispanic Foundation

Supporting Organizations

Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association

Virginia Restaurant, Lodging, and Travel Association

Regional Delegations

Ready Region Blue Ridge

(Lead Agency: United Way of Greater Charlottesville)

C & F Bank, *Amanda Litchfield*

Central VA Partnership for Economic Development, *Helen Cauthen*

Central Shenandoah PDC, *Ann Cundy*

Charlottesville Chamber of Commerce, *Andrea Copeland*

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce, *Chris Quinn*

Piedmont Family YMCA, *Jessica Taylor*

Piedmont Workforce Development Board, *Sarah Morton*

Shenandoah Valley Partnership, *Bekka Harsh*

University of Virginia, *Pace Lochte & Rachael Hobbs*

Ready Region Capital Area

(Lead Agency: Fairfax Co. Dept. of Neighborhood & Community Services, Early Childhood Programs & Services)

Arlington Chamber of Commerce, *Kate Bates*

Fairfax Co. Economic Development Authority, *Victor Hoskins*

Fairfax Futures, *Dr. Bernadette Costello*

Ready Region Central

(Lead Agency: Thrive Birth to Five)

Bon Secours Health System, *Ashley Kelly*

Capital Region Airport Commission, *John Rutledge*

ChamberRVA, *Brian Anderson*

City of Richmond Office of Children & Families, *Eva Colen*

Dominion Energy, *Regina Elbert*

Greater Richmond Partnership, *Angela Oakes*

Henrico Co. Economic Development Authority, *Ebonie Atkins*

Ready Region Chesapeake Bay

(Lead Agency: FirstSpark)

Huntington Ingalls/Newport News Shipbuilding, *Karen Velkey & Cindi Wolfe*

Ready Region North Central

(Lead Agency: Foundation First)

Culpeper Co. Economic Development, *Bryan Rothamel*

Fredericksburg Regional Alliance at UMW, *Rose Maddox*

Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce, *Carley Walker*

George Washington Regional Commission, *Sarah Oldaker*

Prince William Co. Chamber of Commerce, *Robert Sweeney*

Ready Region Southeastern

(Lead Agency: Minus 9 to 5, VA Health Sciences at ODU)

Virginia Wesleyan University, *Scott Miller*

CIVIC Leadership Institute, *Mary Kate Andris*

Greater Norfolk Corporation, *Linda Peck*

Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, *Sylvia Haines*

Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable, *Nancy Grden*

Hampton Roads Military & Federal Facilities Alliance, *Rick Dwyer*

Hampton Roads Workforce Council, *Shawn Avery*

Instant Systems, *Tara Ramsey*

Norfolk State University, *Denelle Wallace Alexander*

Paul D. Camp Community College, *Dr. Corey McCray*

Portsmouth Partnership, *Michelle Wren*

Sentara Healthcare

Virginia Natural Gas, *Emily MacCartney*

YMCA of South Hampton Roads, *Anthony Walters*

Ready Region Southside

(Lead Agency: Center for Early Success)

Averett University, *Dr. Julie Brown*

Danville Community College, *Dr. Cornelius Johnson*

Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism, *Kelvin Perry*

Danville Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce, *Anne Moore-Sparks*

Danville Public Schools, *Angela Hairston*

GO Virginia Region 3, *Bryan David*

Halifax IDA, *Brian Brown*

Longwood University, *Angela McDonald*
Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance, *Christine Kennedy*
Southern Virginia Regional Alliance, *Linda Green*
VA's Heartland Regional Economic Development Alliance, *Alex McCoy*

Ready Region Southwest

(Lead Agency: EO)

Ballad Health, *Todd Norris*
Bristol Chamber of Commerce, *Beth Rhinehart*
UVA Wise, *Shannon Blevins*
Wellspring Foundation of Southwest VA, *Sean McMurray & Courtney Stringer*

Ready Region West

(Lead Agency: United Way of Virginia's Blue Ridge)

Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, *Josh Taylor*
Appalachian Power
Botetourt Co. Economic Development, *Kyle Rosner*
Carilion Clinic, *Nicholas Conte*
City of Roanoke, Dept. of Economic Development, *Brandon Meginley*
Franklin Co., Economic Development, *Karli Martin*
Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, *Mindy Boyd*
Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board, *Morgan Romeo*
The Harvest Foundation, *Kate Keller & Sandy Strayer*
Roanoke Co. Economic Dev., *Megan Baker & Lindsay Webb*
Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, *Eric Sichau*
Roanoke Regional Partnership, *John Hull*
Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, *Jeremy Holmes*
RSVP, Inc., *Anna Fierro*