



**Charlottesville Economic Development Authority (CEDA)
Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2025**

Members Present

Addison Barnhardt
Quinton Harrell
James Cauthen
Jeff Morrill
Steven Johnson
Frank Friedman
Jay O'Donnell
David Storm
Gareth Gaston

Staff Present

Chris Engel
Matt Johnson
Trish Carpenter

Emily Kilroy

Not Present

Denise Herndon

County Members

Steve Hood
Don Long

Bea Lapisto-Kirtley
Bill Mechnick

A special meeting of the Charlottesville Economic Development Authority and the Albemarle County Economic Development Authority occurred on Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, at the County Office Building in Room 241. The Chair, Mr. Barnhardt, called the CEDA meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Mr. Donald Long, Chair of the Albemarle EDA, welcomed the CEDA Board members to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table for each member present.

Helen Cauthen, President of the Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development (CVPED), presented to both Boards an overview of the Region 9 Go Virginia Innovation Corridor project that is currently underway and that has been jointly support by both bodies and other regional partners. She opened with a review of recent accomplishments and projects currently in process. Central Virginia is poised to be the next national hub for innovation in biotech, digital technologies, and national security. Katie Dulaney, Talent Director of CVPED, presented the Central Virginia Innovation Corridor Strategic Roadmap for the GO Virginia 9 Planning Grant.

Chris Engel, Director of Economic Development for the City of Charlottesville, presented a brief overview of the City's Strategic Plan and the City's five goals. Emily Kilroy, Director of the County's Economic Development presented an overview of the recently adopted Strategic Plan for the County. Both plans were completed by the same consultant firm and include opportunities to work in concert.

After all the presentations, the Board members broke up into small groups to discuss opportunities for collaboration and visions for what success might look like a year from now. Each group shared out key items to the larger group.

There being no further business, Mr. Long and Mr. Barnhardt each adjourned their respective meetings at 5:20 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Engel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Chris Engel, Secretary

Date Approved by CEDA