

**East Central Georgia Consortium
CEO Board
Rescheduled Meeting Minutes**

The CEO Board met on Thursday, February 02, 2017 @12:00 noon. The meeting took place at East Central Georgia Consortium (Thomson, Georgia). Those in attendance were as follows:

CEO Attendees

Kenneth Usry, Vice Chairman (Mayor, Thomson)
Bobby Culpepper (Mayor, Harlem)
John Graham (Commission Chair, Warren)
Charlie Newton (Commission Chair, McDuffie)
Sistie Hudson (Commission Chair, Hancock)
William Evans, Jr. (Mayor, Hancock)
Horace Daniel (Commission Chair, Washington)
Larry Stewart (Mayor, Crawfordville)
Ron Cross (Commission Chair, Columbia)
Walker Norman (Commission Chair, Lincoln)
Lori Boyen (Commission Chair, Glascock)
Jimmy Andrews (Mayor, Sandersville)
Charles Ware (Commission Chair, Taliaferro)
*John Thigpen (Mayor Pro-Tem, Harlem)
*Frank Simmons Jr. (Commissioner, Washington)
*Evelyn Kendrick (Commissioner, Taliaferro)

ECGC Staff Attendees

Leon Fields, Director
Vivian Stewart
Sue Richards
Mary Stein
Pecola Wiley
Wanda Stewart

***Please note LEO Board members with (*) did not vote in this meeting**

Guests

Robert Hudson, Hancock County
Alvin Banks, AWP (LWD Board Member)
LaTunya Goodwin, Georgia Power (LWD Board Chairperson)

Opening/Welcome

Executive Director Leon Fields welcomed everyone.

Invocation

Leon Fields, Executive Director

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Kenneth Usry called the meeting to order. Vice Chairman Usry asked Executive Director Leon Fields to explain the vote process, he stated after the explanation there will be a vote. Director Fields explain the finding and the difference between the by-laws explanation of a quorum. He told the LEO Board the definition should read fifty percent plus one of members on the board, the board has 18 members so a quorum will be 10 members. Director Fields stated we gathered all meeting minutes without the necessary quorum and included them in the meeting packet, with a summary titled Compilation of

WorkSource East Central Georgia Local Elected Official votes and a copy of LEO By-Laws; quorum section.

Review/Approval of Minutes – Old Business

Commissioner Charlie Newton made a motion to approve the minutes as a slate for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 and all action items within. Vice Chairman Usry asked for a second; the motion was seconded by Mayor Bobby Culpepper. Vice Chairman Usry asked if there were any question, there being none Vice Chairman Usry asked all in favor signify by saying Aye; all eligible board members voted Aye. He asked if there was any opposition, there being none the motion carried.

New Business

Vice Chairman Usry stated the main focus of the meeting was to clean up some past items and elect a board chair. He asked Commissioner Walker Norman of Lincoln County did he express and interest in becoming the Board Chair; Commissioner Norman said yes; Vice Chairman Usry closed the nomination, motion was moved twice. Vice Chairman Usry asked for a nomination to elect Commissioner Walker Norman as Chairman of the board and asked for a motion, motion was made by Commissioner Charlie Newton and seconded by Mayor Bobby Culpepper. Vice Chairman Usry asked if there were any question, there being none Vice Chairman Usry asked all in favor signify by saying Aye; all eligible board members voted Aye. He asked if there was any opposition, there being none the motion carried.

Commissioner Charles Ware asked the question; would it be proper if newly elected Chairman Walker Norman would take over the meeting since he is already elected Board Chair. Vice Chairman Usry turned the meeting over to newly elected Chairman Walker Norman.

Executive Director Fields gave an HDCI Grant update to the LEO Board, as well as the plan, service delivery and the two findings from monitoring.

Commissioner Ware asked for additional explanation on the medical sector because it may be helpful in Taliaferro County.

Commissioner Horace Daniel discussed the rural hospital needs.

Medical sectors and the effects in the rural area discussion was had by the board.

Chairman Norman stated we need to elect a Vice Chairman he asked if there were any nominations; Mayor James Andrews nominated Mayor Kenneth Usry, Chairman Norman asked for a second and Chairman Ron Cross seconded the motion. Chairman Norman asked if there were any questions, there being none Chairman Norman asked all in favor signify by saying Aye; all eligible board members voted Aye. He asked if there was any opposition, there being none the motion carried.

Adjournment

Chairman Norman asked if there was any other business there being none he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bobby Culpepper made a motion to adjourn and

Commissioner John Graham seconded. There being no further discussion the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

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