

WORKSOURCE EAST CENTRAL GEORIGIA
Local Workforce Development Board Meeting (Virtual)
April 20, 2021 – 8am

Meeting Minutes

LWD Board Attendees

Donna Kerr, Chair
Ted Reid
Carrie Edwards
Adela Kelley
Chris Bodine
Glee Smith
Ginger Carrington
Jeff Rice
Russell Lahodny
Robbie Bennett
Kimberly David
Alvin Banks
Kim Hawkins
Jeff Brown
John Cheek

WorkSource ECG Staff

LaTunya Goodwin, Director
Pecola Wiley
Vivian Stewart
Titta Bland
Mary Stein
Sondra Randall
Josh Williams
Patricia Cooper
Regina Carter-Gilliam
Randy Barrs
Ruthie Dunn

CALL TO ORDER

Donna Kerr, Chairperson LWDB called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

We did have a quorum for the LWD Board Meeting April 20, 2021 - 8am

Mary Stein

Invocation/Moment of Silence – Wanda Jordon

Mary Stein

Approval of 3/16/2021 Meeting Minutes: Failed to get an approval

National Volunteer Week

April 18-24,2021 is National Volunteer Week. We at ECGC would like to thank each of you on the LWD Board for your service to our organization. Each of you are very much appreciated.

LaTunya Goodwin

WIOA Success Story

Mrs. Roberson gave a brief report on her training through WIOA. She went through CDL training, with the help of Wanda Stewart, and now has a job delivering fuel. Because of this training, Mrs. Roberson has been able to make many life changing improvements. This is what WIOA is all about.

Keisha Roberson

Old Business:

Chairperson, Donna Kerr

Executive Committee Reports

- Construction Ready Training CEFGA:
The executive committee approved the CEFGA training for our area with assistance available for those who are eligible.
- Global Apprenticeship:
The executive committee has approved this program. This is a program for training in the solar industry
- Minutes were approved for the LWDB Executive Meetings 3/23/2021 and 4/6/2021
- Elizabeth Brown was approved to be appointed to the Youth Standing Committee

New Business

Chairperson, Donna Kerr

- Approval of the LWDB Reports: Ginger Carrington made the motion to approve the LWDB reports and Carrie Edwards seconded. Motion carries.
- Follow-Up Policy (Monitoring Corrective Action): Alvin Banks made the motion to approve the Follow-Up policy Kimberly Hawkins seconded. Motion carried.
- Chair and Vice Chair Elections: Carrie Edwards made a motion to nominate Donna Kerr as Chair of the LWD Board. Jeff Brown Seconded – Nomination accepted
Ginger Carrington made a motion to nominate Robbie Bennett as Vice Chair of the LWD Board. Carrie Edwards seconded – Nomination accepted

Workforce Policy Presentation

Robbie Bennett gave a very informative presentation on potential workforce challenges ahead and possible solutions to these challenges. Thanks for these insights Robbie Bennett.

Adjournment

Review/Approval Of Minutes

Donna Kerr, Chair of LWD Board asked for everyone to look over the minutes of the 11/17/2020 LWDB meeting. Madam Chair ask if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none. Ginger Carrington made motion to accept the minutes as read and Alvin Banks seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Slate of New Members

Donna Kerr, Chair stated that this was discussed at the Executive Committee meeting that she was unable to attend. Donna ask Robbie Bennett if he would speak to these recommendations. The first action item would be to review the slate of new board members recommended by the Executive Committee. Robbie Bennett made the motion to except the new slate of board members to be presented to the LEO Board and Julie Langham seconded. Motion carried.

Attendance/Board Composition/Meeting Dates

If a board member has three consecutive absences, the policy states that they will be removed from the board. There were three members in jeopardy of being removed from the board due to three consecutive absences. At the LWDB Executive Committee meeting 3/2/2021 this was discussed, and a decision was made to excuse the first absence which was the August meeting and give them a chance to remain on the board.

Local Eligible Training Program Listing Inclusions

Global Apprenticeship Foundation, Inc.

Patricia Cooper will be the case manager for the first participant to be enrolled in this training program. She gave a brief report concerning the program. She reported that it has been approved by DOL and this program is listed on the state ETPL. We need the board approval to put on our local ETPL. Adella Kelley ask if the program was being offered in the United States at this time. Patricia stated that this program is in Atlanta and there are three participants in the program from that area. Adela stated that she would like to know more about the program. After further discussion, the decision was made to table until more information was available to the board.

Make Start Ups

This action item was also tabled pending further information.

Youth Standing Committee

Director Goodwin stated that we are currently recruiting new Youth Standing Committee members and be submitting those to the board in our next meeting.

Elections of Chair & Vice Chair

Donna Kerr, Chair and Robbie Bennett, Vice Chair have both served on the board three consecutive years. Donna has stated that she would be willing to continue as Chair. Both positions are available for nominations.

LWDB Reports

PY 19 Monitoring Results –Vivian Stewart gave a report on our yearly monitoring conducted by the Technical College System of Georgia office of Workforce Development. We had two

findings this year. One was concerning policy and making sure our best practices follow our policy. The other was concerning the OneStop MOU. We have two partners that have not signed the MOU. Both findings have been resolved.

Financial Audit

Director Goodwin reported that we Financial Audit had not findings at all.

YTD Performance

Director Goodwin stated that we are meeting or exceeding all of our performance measures.

National Dislocated Worker Grant

Josh Williams stated that we have expensed approximately \$100,000 of this grant and we have 15 participants in occupational skills training. We have 5 participants working in temporary employment. Currently we have 9 worksites, however we were just informed that BILO in Thomson will be closing and we do not have any worksites in McDuffie County. Under the NDWG grant employers must be nonprofit or a government entity. Please refer any employers that meet the qualification to Josh Williams.

HB1 Grant

Director Goodwin reported that the HB1 Grant targets veterans and transitioning solders that will work in the IT and Cyber Security field. Augusta Economic Development Authority is the lead applicant on this grant, and as a workforce area we will be signing a MOU as a partner on the HB1 Grant.

Robbie Bennett reported that Amazon has announced an additional facility will be coming to the Appling area that will employ an additional several hundred jobs which will bring the total employees to over 1000.

Carrie Edwards shared that Goodwill opened the 9th Goodwill Career Center which is in Grovetown. It is connected to the Goodwill retail store in Grovetown.

Sarah Newton shared that ACM is in the process of opening a 2nd shift which will employ an additional 20 to 40 employees. There are also some salaried positions available.

Adjournment

