

**WorkSource East Central Georgia
Local Workforce Development & Local Elected Official
Joint Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 @ 5:30 PM**

Meeting Minutes

LWD Board Attendees

Donna Kerr, Chairperson
Adela Kelley
Anthony Griswell
Ginger Carrington
Carolyn Reynolds
Salmeemah Sabree
Wanda Jordan
Kimberly Hawkins
Jade Morey
Jeffery Brown
Morris Beard
Brian Henderson
Sarah Newton
Alvin Banks
Jeff Rice
Carrie Edwards
Robbie Bennett
Lily Armstrong
Donald Kelly

Guests

Sherry Harris- GVRA
Robert Hudson
Kristian Dawson

LEO Board Attendees

Walter Norman, Chairman
Horace Daniel
Frank Simmons
Ken Usry
Lori Boyen
Sistie Hudson
John Thigpen
William Evans, Jr
Chris McCorkle
Willie Blockum, Jr
Warren Pittman

WorkSource East Central Georgia Staff

LaTunya Goodwin, Director
Vivian Stewart
Sue Richards
Sondra Randall
Wanda Stewart
Damion Dawson
Barbie Hill
Pecola Wiley
Mary Stein

Invocation

Al Lamar, WDB Member

Call to Order

Chairman, Walker Norman called the LEO meeting to order.
Introductions were made by all LEO's in attendance. Quorum was met.

Chairperson, Donna Kerr called the LWDB meeting to order and the LWDB made introductions as well. Quorum was met.

Review/Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Kerr presented the minutes from October 23, 2018 for approval and the correction of the minutes to be noted that Carrie Edwards did attend the October 23rd meeting.

Ginger Carrington made a motion to approve the minutes and Wanda Jordan seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

Chairman Norman presented the LEO Board meeting minutes from June 26th and called LEO Executive Committee Minutes from November 7, 2019.

Frank Simmons made the motion to approve the minutes and Sistie Hudson 2nd. Motion carried.

WorkSource East Central Georgia Dept. Reports

WSECG Staff provided the board with Department reports and asked if they had any questions.

Old Business

Chairperson Kerr asked that Director Goodwin explain the Executive Committee Meeting Report that is everyone's packet.

Director Goodwin went over the details and explained where the \$70,000 floating unrestricted funds came from and she stated the Thomson SunTrust Bank account was being closed and funds moved to Farmer State Bank in Thomson, GA. This will still be floating unrestricted funds as needed when the federal funding is slow in coming in and the staff and vendors must be paid. Motion made by Ken Usry and 2nd by Sistie Hudson. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Chairperson Kerr asked that we vote on Salmeemah Sabree from Legacy Links to replace Wylene Thorpe as the new WDB board member. Carolyn Reynolds made the motion to approve and Robbie Bennett, 2nd.

NOTE: LEO'S voted to accept Salmeemah Sabree to replace Wylene Thorpe from Legacy Link. Frank Simmons made the motion to approve and Lori Boyen, 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Goodwin requested the LEO and WDB Board look at the LEO and LWDB By-Law Modification in their packet and amend the LEO and WDB By-Laws by changing the wording to reflect a simple majority for a quorum. These changes will be in the LEO By-Laws Article VIII Section IV. Quorum. A quorum is defined as a simple majority. Motion made by Lori Boyen and 2nd by Ken Usry. 3 LEO'S will be a simple majority, however 10 LEO's will be needed for a full board to be present.

The LWDB By-Laws modification will be in the Article VIII Section IV.
Quorum. A quorum is defined as a simple majority of the Board or committee.
Motion made to modify the LWDB By-Law by Jeff Brown and 2nd by Al Lamar.

Chairperson Kerr stated the next action required is to approve the Formal State Plan. Vivian Stewart, Assistant WIOA Director explained our Region 7 Plan (Areas 12 and 13), do comply with all guidelines and is on our website but that a vote is needed to show that this was

discussed/approved and noted in the minutes. Motion made by Frank Simmons and 2nd by Sistie Hudson. Motion carried unanimously.

Economic Workforce Outlook updates:

Robbie Bennett, Executive Director at Development Authority of Columbia County and on the LWDB was guest speaker. He shared with the LEO and LWDB member some interesting facts about the key employment issues with industries and major companies.

He stated no likely recession for 2020 and the unemployment rate keeps dropping with Columbia County at a 3.9 average and with Hancock County 5.1 average. However, in order to move forward in the workforce there are approximately 150,000 unemployed people. It could be due to transportation, drug problems, housing, disabled citizens, spouses of military, stay at home parents or other type of barriers. Robbie stated we need to see how we can attract the 150,000 unemployed people to employment, and to see what we can do to make sure we have a sufficient workforce for the jobs available. Do we need to offer more training to the unskilled, was a question?

Director's Comment

Director Goodwin let the LEO'S and LWDB members know that a new RFP Youth Proposal for the OSY- Out of School Youth, will be going out in the next couple of weeks. The OSY is the hardest population to serve, ages 16-24. WorkSource East Central Georgia will be looking for Youth Providers.

Chairperson Kerr & Chairman Norman thanked everyone for the discussion and updates.

Adjournment

Chairman Norman said this was a good LEO meeting. Motion made by Ken Usry to adjourn and 2nd by Frank Simmons.

Chairperson Kerr said also very good meeting. Motion make by Al Lamar to adjourn and 2nd by Wanda Jordan.