WorkSource East Central Georgia
Local Workforce Development & Local Elected Official
Summary Minutes for Joint Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 23, 2019 @ 5:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

LWD Board Attendees
Donna Kerr, Chairperson
Adela Kelley
Anthony Griswell
Ginger Carrington
Chris Bodine
Bob Kempshire
Dixie Morris
Wanda Jordan
Kimberly Hawkins
Brian Henderson
Alvin Banks
Jeff Rice
Carrie Edwards
Robbie Bennett
Donald Kelly

LEO Board Attendees
Walter Norman, Chairman
Jimmy Andrews
Horace Daniel
Frank Simmons
Ken Usry
Lori Boyen
Sistie Hudson
John Thigpen
William Evans, Jr
Chris McCorkle
John Graham
Warren Pittman

Guests
Regina Carter Gillian
Robert Hudson
Teresa Foster
Alvin Jones
Sharon DuBose

WorkSource East Central Georgia Staff
LaTunya Goodwin, Director
Vivian Stewart
Sue Richards
Sondra Randall
Wanda Stewart
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 April 23, 2019 for approval.

Al Lamar 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 January 22, 2019 LEO. Horace Daniel the motion to approve the minutes and Lori Boyen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**WIOA @ Work**
Wilkes Welding to Work Program

ECGC Director Goodwin explained the new initiative of the Wilkes Welding to Work Program. We partnered with Athens Tech College, City of Washington, Park and Rec Department and other community partners to do the recruitment. The 12 students enrolled completed 2 weeks of Georgia Best and have since completed the Welding to Work Program. 1 successfully passed his GED and 7 students are gainfully employed. Vivian Stewart, Assistant Director did the entire enrollment process to make sure the process went smoothly as well as Coretta Miller, the Athens Tech GED Adult Education Instructor.

**Approval of Annual Budget**
Director Goodwin gave an update report of ECGC’s annual report and Mayor Ames Barnett from Washington, Ga was to be in attendance to go over the Georgia WIOA State budget. He is a member of the State WIOA Board and the Chair of the Finance Committee.

However, Mayor Barnett could not make it due to birth of a new baby. Congratulation Mayor Barnett and Mrs. Barnett.

Director told the LEO and WDB members that last year the state recouped some of our local funds that were not obligated but none will be recaptured for the new year. An ECGC budget was presented to submit to the State by next week. Motion was made by LEO, Horace Daniels and seconded by LEO, Sam Moore. Motion carried.

WDB member Bob Kepshire made a motion to approve the ECGC budget and a seconded by Carrie Edwards. Motion carried.
**LWDB Consent Agenda and Committee Reports**

Wilkes Welding to Work- approved at the called WDB Exe Committee June 10, 2019 meeting as well as the Youth Contracts.

Called WDB Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday, July 23rd to review and vote on LWDB member absenteeism review. We have a WDB member that has missed the last 3 consecutive meetings, and several have missed the last 2 and our next WDB meeting will be on Tuesday, October 22, 2019. This email will be sent out to all WDB members to remind and update everyone on the attendance of WDB members. See below: **Attendance**

**Section VI. Attendance.** It is anticipated that the appointed LWDB member as provided above, will attend meetings, both of the LWDB and of committees and subcommittees on which the member serves, in order to provide the entity or agency the input needed, so the Board can function for the best interest of the Workforce Development Area. If the member is not in attendance for three consecutive meetings without valid reason, the matter will be referred to the Executive Committee of the LWDB to determine if the LWDB member had a valid reason for absences. The Executive Committee will take such action, including termination of membership, as it shall deem appropriate.

**NEXT:**

ETPL Policy Approval- Eligible Training Provider
All God’s Children Program is still on hold. This is a Child Development Center and some issues about having the credentials.
Clubhouse IT Coding Bootcamp Program and Supportive Services.

**Reports**

Please see in your Board meeting packet regarding the reports.
Regina Carter-Gillian is now our new 1-Stop Coordinator for ECGC and introduced to the LEO’s and WDB.
Sharon DeBose gave the Sector Strategy Grant Report with our In-Demand Occupations.
Director Goodwin let the group know that we were approved for the 2nd phase of the grant. The 1st grant was with Advanced Manufacturing but the 2nd grant will include IT and Health Care. This grant is also for $250,000.00.

**New Business**

Robbie Bennett has excepted the nomination of the LWDB Vice President. Information will be coming regarding Standing and AD-Hoc Committees.
**Director’s Comment**
Director Goodwin update everyone about the employees of Georgia Pacific that lost employment due to the massive plant fire that was destroyed. Some of the staff have been housed in our office and trying to assist with as many as possible with further employment with the Ga. Pacific company’s in our surrounding areas. Payroll and the HR was completed in our office.

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

Chairman Norman said this was another good LEO meeting. Motion made by Sam Moore to adjourn and 2nd by Jimmy Andrews. Motion carried.

Chairperson Kerr said also very good meeting. Motion make by Ginger Carrington to adjourn and 2nd by Alvin Banks.