

**East Central Georgia Consortium
Workforce Investment Board
Tuesday, July 22, 2014 @ 5:30 PM**

Meeting Minutes

WIB Attendees

LaTunya Goodwin, Chairperson
Ginger Carrington
Carolyn Reynolds
William Irwin
Sarah Newton (Riley)
Van Langham
Andy Calhoun
Jesse Mitchell
Mike Boardman
Janie Craven
Julie Langham
Brian Henderson

ECGC Staff

Leon Fields, Director
Mary Stein
Karen Abron
Sondra Randall
Wanda Stewart
Vivian Stewart

Guests

Robbie Bennett – Dev. Auth. Columbia County
Joe Gore – Oconee Fall Line Technical College
Alvin Banks – Augusta Warrior Project

Welcome/Opening

LaTunya Goodwin, Chairperson of WIB welcomed everyone.

Invocation

Leon Fields, Director

Call To Order

Chairperson Goodwin called the meeting to order.

Review/Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Goodwin presented the minutes from April 22, 2014, for approval. Ginger Carrington made a motion to approve the minutes and Jesse Mitchell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

Employment Training Programs:

Leon Fields presented the board with three changes to the OJT/WEX policy. Mr. Fields asked the board for a vote on the following changes.

- OJT assignment must be a minimum of 30 hours per week because anything less is not consistent with self-sufficiency.
- OJT/WEX for a waiter/waitress is not a good outlay of money because if he/she receives tips, that money can't be assessed.
- Customized/Incumbent Worker Training for an individual that isn't full-time leads to a contract employee, therefore, the outcome of this situation is not good for WIA.

Van Langham asked considering that they hire roofers and their work depends on the weather, will the minimum of 30 hours per week be over a period of time. Mr. Fields stated that it will be over a period of time. After some discussion, Carolyn Reynolds made a motion to approve the changes for the OJT/WEX policy and Andy Calhoun seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried.

One Stop Report

Karen Abron provided a report for the board members to review and asked if there were any questions that needed to be addressed.

Youth Council Report

Mary Stein provided a report for the board members to review and asked if there were any questions that needed to be asked.

Education Department Report

Vivian Stewart provided the following update on the WorkKeys assessments and the Learning Center:

- Our Learning Center Offers tutoring for the GED Exam.
- The Medical Bridge Program continues to be a success.
- We continue to administer the Work Keys & TABE assessment.

Finance Report

Sondra Randall provided a report to show spending as of June 30, 2014. Ms. Randall explained that any remaining funding will carry over to the new program year.

Directors Report

Leon Fields, Director provided the following update:

- New name Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Updating our local plan
- We will be known locally as Workforce Division of Ga. Dept. of Economic Development
- Performance was not met because some individuals were exited due to lack of contact.
- Effective July 1, 2014, we have less employees.
- DOL will be joining us.

Old Business

Chairperson stated that we have some old business to address concerning Jefferson County Community SHIPS' youth contract.

Mary Stein stated that Jefferson County had a few issues that had to be resolved. We have spoken with the Governor's office and also conducted several meetings with the youth provider. Mrs. Stein stated that we are confident that Jefferson County Community SHIPS will conduct their program effectively. Mary asked the board to vote for Jefferson SHIPS youth contract. Mike Boardman asked how they performed with their past contract. Mrs. Stein replied that there were some issues in the past and their contract was cancelled. Currently they have a new director and we are certain things will be better. William Irwin made a motion to approve Jefferson County and Carolyn Reynolds seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried.

New Business

Chairperson Goodwin asked the board for a vote to approve Lisa Stich as a new WIB member. Janie Craven made a motion to approve Mrs. Stich and Van Langham seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried.

Adjournment

Chairperson Goodwin adjourned the meeting.