

**Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Board
 Youth Committee Meeting–Noon
 Wednesday, January 11, 2017, Noon
 Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Calhoun, GA**

Minutes

Council Members Present:	Council Members Absent:	Guests & Staff:
Ben Arp Starr Dees Beth Kelley Lisa Townsend Eric Waters	Gail Brown Erica Campbell Robb Gilstrap Curtis Kingsley Dianne Scoggins Gregory Wooten* <i>*resigned</i>	Karla Conetta Brenda Davis Kathryn Durham Susan Gentry Tammy Helbing Lesia Lambert Ginger McWhorter Terri Morgan Holly Pinson Anthony Rucker Judy Siddall Anthony Valdez

Beth Kelley, Chairman of the Youth Committee, called the meeting to order. Ms. Kelley informed those present that the Minutes from the July 27, 2016 meeting had been mailed for review (attached). Ben Arp made the motion to approve. Eric Waters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Rucker provided a fiscal update (attached) to those present.

Karla Conetta informed those present that a Youth performance report was not yet available due to the conversion in the GEO system from WIA to WIOA. She presented a report of Enrollments for 2016 (attached). She stated that enrollments were low for some of the contractors and that staff was working with them to provide any assistance needed to increase the numbers enrolled. Starr Dees asked how long they have to fill the slots. Lesia Lambert stated that the contract period is from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 but that a percentage of the slots are contracted to have been filled by December 31, 2016. Brenda Davis, Gilmer County Schools, commented that she had been experiencing some health issues but she assured those present that she was working to increase her enrollments.

Ms. Kelley presented the “Youth Committee Goals and Objectives” for approval (attached) and stated that these goals and objectives had been included in the Northwest Georgia Plan. Ben Arp made the motion to accept these goals. Eric Waters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesia Lambert informed those present that Paxen is contracted to provide OSY services in Bartow, Paulding and Haralson Counties. A request to amend their current contract to include Polk County (since there is not a youth program to support the GED or training needs of the community) was received. Paxen provides year round career development services for youth 19-24 years of age through work experience; assessment of skills; career counseling and employment planning; mentoring; tutoring; leadership training; occupational skills; work readiness; basic skills remediation; GED; and many supportive services. Several requests have been submitted in support of Paxen expanding their services to Polk County (see attached). Paxen has not requested additional contract numbers or funds.

Ms. Lambert stated that it was staff's recommendation to approve this request from Paxen to provide youth services to WIOA eligible Out-of-School Youth in Polk County. The current contract enrollment numbers and budget will not change. Eric Waters made the motion to approve this request. Ben Arp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Waters, Principal/CEO/CTAC Director, Floyd County College and Careers Academy, provided a program regarding "Success in the New Economy."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.