

**COUNCIL OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS (CCEOs)**

**of Northwest Georgia**

9:30 a.m. ~ Thursday, April 16, 2015

Gordon County Agricultural Service Center - Calhoun, GA

Called Meeting

**Minutes**

**Attendance - CCEO**

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**CCEOs Present or Represented, County**

Mitchell Bagley, Bartow  
Steve Taylor, Bartow  
Joe Barger, Catoosa (proxy, Mike Babb)  
Jason Winters, Chattooga  
Ted Rumley, Dade (proxy, Mike Babb)  
Donna Whitener, Fannin (proxy, Mike Babb)  
Jamie Doss, Floyd (proxy, Buzz Wachsteter)  
Al Hoyle, Gilmer  
Jimmy Palmer, Gordon (proxy, David Hammond)  
Allen Poole, Haralson (proxy, Mike Babb)  
Dan Penland, Murray  
Brittany Pittman, Murray  
David Austin, Paulding  
Robert Jones, Pickens  
John Weaver, Pickens  
Stephanie Burford, Polk (proxy, Mike Babb)  
Teddy Harris, Walker  
Bebe Heiskell, Walker  
Mike Babb, Whitfield  
Ken Gowin, Whitfield

**CCEOs Not Present or Represented, County**

Keith Greene, Catoosa  
Harry Harvey, Chattooga  
Anthony Emmanuel, Dade  
Bill Simonds, Fannin  
Larry Maxey, Floyd  
Charlie Paris, Gilmer  
Becky Hood, Gordon  
Pete Bridges, Haralson  
Boyd Austin, Paulding  
Dale Tuck, Polk

**Staff/Guests Present**

Denise Clopton  
Gwen Dellinger  
Lloyd Frasier  
Terri Morgan

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I. Welcome. . . . . Mike Babb

In the absence of Chairman Ted Rumley, Mike Babb called the meeting to order. It was established that a quorum was present.

II. Designation of Region. . . . . Gwen Dellinger

Gwen Dellinger informed those present that the application for designation of the region consists of a completed chart of local area performance for the past two years; a certification that the local area has not been in violation of an audit final determination, gross negligence, or failure to observe accepted standards of administration; local area assurance; and an application signature page for the Chief Elected Official of the Workforce Area, WIB Chair, and WIB Director. She stated that the designation would need to be approved by the CCEOs. Buzz Wachsteter made the motion to approve the designation of the Region. David Hammond seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Certification of WIB. . . . . Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger stated that, to fulfill the requirements of the new WIOA law (definitions of categories were provided in handout), changes to the Board will need to be made to meet the following requirements:

1. Majority business representatives who are owners or person with optimum policy making and hiring authority;
2. Required WIOA partners including Adult Education and Literacy, Higher Education, Rehabilitation Services, Georgia Department of Labor Employment Services, and Economic Development; and
3. 20% of the total Board shall be members of organized labor, registered apprenticeship or community based organizations.

The chart was completed with the intent that every county have at least one representative.

Ms. Dellinger stated that a suggested Board Composition chart had been included in the packet for review. Buzz Wachsteter noted that there was no Private Industry representative in Floyd County. Ms. Dellinger explained that not every county has a private industry member if the county's representation consists of an individual in that county serving in another capacity. She noted that some members were not included on the listing who had been attending but the difficulty was in adding additional members in the 20% category that met specifications and might mean adding additional union/apprenticeship representation or others. Mr. Wachsteter asked if a letter would be sent to those who would no longer be asked to serve to thank them for their membership. Ms. Dellinger stated that staff would take care of that.

Items needing input and approval from the CCEOs included:

1. How many Education representatives to include on the Board (a nomination for Don Green was attached but other technical and community colleges in the region have indicated interest in having a representative from their schools be included on the Board). Laura Gammage should have been listed in the draft under Polk County and partner category. Mr. Babb asked why each school could not have a representative, if they so chose. Ms. Dellinger noted it would be limited by the number of union/apprenticeship representatives or others in the 20% category.
2. How to meet 20% requirement;
3. The total number of individuals (private and education) to include in the composition (adding additional members required a higher number of union and/or CBO representatives since that category must represent 20% of the total number).

Additionally, Ms. Dellinger noted that earlier correspondence had indicated that CCEOs could not serve on the WIB but more recent guidance indicated that a CCEO could serve as long as the individual was not the CLEO. Ms. Dellinger asked Mike Babb if he would be interested in continuing to serve in that capacity on the WIB. Mr. Babb agreed. She asked the group to:

1. approve the individuals on the handout (excluding Rex Bishop/Laura Gammage), and Pete McDonald under the 20% if state approves),
2. add a chief elected official to the "Partners and it be Mike Babb"; and

3. approve Seth Houts (President of the Dade County Chamber of Commerce, who had nominated himself to serve in the capacity of Private Industry Member for Dade County. Ms. Dellinger informed the CCEOs that the State had indicated that it was allowable for the President of a Chamber of Commerce to serve as the Private Industry Representative);
4. authorize the CLEO (Ted Rumley) to approve the higher education, adult education, and members for the 20% category and submit by the required date together with the draft By-Laws which will be reviewed at a later date.

David Austin made the motion to accept these recommendations. David Hammond seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Charlie Fleming, President, Georgia State AFL-CIO, nominated Steve Holland, Marketing Representative, to replace Ryan Enos. Mr. Enos has moved out of state and no forwarding information is available for him. Mr. Holland served previously as a member of the WIB and has agreed to do so again. Buzz Wachsteter asked where Mr. Holland resides. Ms. Dellinger responded that he lives in Floyd County.

Steve Taylor made the motion to accept this nomination. David Austin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CCEO Agreement..... Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger stated that a CCEO Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) had been updated and the attorney has looked at it. She stated that changes to references of the new law had been made, as well as the terms of office. Additionally, the new legislation changes the types of standing committees required and that has been addressed in the MOA. More changes may be needed based upon suggestions from the attorney. The MOA will be available at the May CCEO meeting.

Other

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.