

**Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Board
 Youth Committee Meeting—Noon
 Wednesday, September 14, 2016, Noon
 Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Calhoun, GA**

Minutes

| Council Members Present: | Council Members Absent: | Guests & Staff: |
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| Ben Arp Robb Gilstrap Curtis Kingsley Lisa Townsend | Gail Brown Erica Campbell Starr Dees Beth Kelley Dianne Scoggins Eric Waters Gregory Wooten | Karla Conetta Kathryn Durham Susan Gentry Tammy Helbing Kerri Hosmer Gina McWhorter Terri Morgan Anthony Rucker Judy Siddall Phyllis Walker |

In absence of the Chairman Beth Kelley, Curtis Kingsley, Vice-Chairman of the Youth Committee, called the meeting to order. Mr. Kingsley asked that those present introduce themselves.

Mr. Kingsley 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. Robb Gilstrap seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Karla Conetta informed those present that a Youth performance report was included for review (attached). She noted that this report was a little different because data is not yet available. She noted that some of the out-of-school performance was a bit low due to problems with recruitment and other issues and that these providers are working very hard to improve their performance. She reported that the in-school providers were doing a wonderful job with Fannin County BOE, in particular, doing a great job.

Terri Morgan provided a Youth Resources Directory to those present. She stated that the directory was available electronically and would be placed on the web site. Ms. Morgan also stated that “Goals for the Northwest Georgia Youth Committee” (attached) were included for review and that Lesia Lambert would discuss them in more detail at the next meeting.

Phyllis Walker presented the “Northwest Georgia Youth Work Experience Policy” (attached) to the Committee. She stated that the policy provides guidelines for WIOA youth work experience programs. Curtis Kingsley asked what the wage would be for these youth, noting that the Youth Committee had recently approved a policy to increase the wage to \$8 an hour. Ms. Conetta replied that the wage would be \$8 an hour, depending upon if the work experience provider paid that wage to other employees. If not, the wage of \$7.25 would be paid. Ben Arp made the motion to approve this policy. Robb Gilstrap seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Rucker provided a fiscal update to the Youth Committee.

Lisa Townsend, Rehabilitation Employment Specialist, Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, gave a presentation to the group regarding the youth programs offered by GVRA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.