

**Northwest Georgia Workforce Investment Board
 Youth Council Meeting–Noon
 Wednesday, July 9, 2014, Noon
 Calhoun Convention Center, Calhoun, GA**

Minutes

Council Members Present:	Council Members Absent:	Guests & Staff:
Ben Arp Angie Douglass, Chairman Curtis Kingsley Anita McDade Anne Rapp Paul Ray Angie Robinson Eric Waters	Erica Campbell Gail Brown Tatiana Greaves Molly Majestic Renee McClanahan Gina Reilly Dianne Scoggins Jason Winters, CCEO	Karla Conetta Brenda Davis Gwen Dellinger Amy Garton Susan Gentry Lesia Lambert Mary Mays Terri Morgan Anthony Rucker Phyllis Walker Kristy Wilson

Angie Douglass, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Ms. Douglass asked that those present introduce themselves.

Ms. Douglass then asked for a motion to approve the May 21, 2014 minutes (attached). Curtis Kingsley made the motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Ben Arp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Rucker reported that spending in the youth program is well within normal limits for the time of fiscal year.

Karla Conetta informed those present that a performance report was provided. She stated that all providers had met their standards with the exception of Sylvan. Gwen Dellinger reminded those present that, as of July 1, 2014, Sylvan was no longer a provider of youth services. Angie Robinson made the motion that the report be accepted. Paul Ray seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesia Lambert informed those present that the state of Georgia had changed the GED test in such a way that a significant amount of test-takers were no longer able to pass the test. There has been little training to organizations and agencies that provide the test to prepare

individuals for the new test. The credential attainment rate has dropped from 86% to approximately 16% during the same period last year (January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013 and January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014, respectively). Staff and providers are looking for alternative credentials (industry, etc.). Ms. Lambert asked the Youth Council to provide feedback to staff regarding ways to improve the credential rate or alternative methods/credentials. Gail Brown asked if it was a state requirement for youth to receive a GED. Ms. Dellinger stated that it was a WIA requirement that students attain a nationally recognized credential, be it a GED, diploma, or industry-specific credential. Ms. Lambert also mentioned the possibility of participants taking the GED in Tennessee where there is a choice of equivalency exams.

Ms. Dellinger noted that directions were provided for a possible new location for Youth Council and WIB meetings, the Gordon County Agricultural Service Center in Calhoun. The current location has been leased long-term and is no longer available for use.

Eric Waters provided a presentation regarding the Floyd County College and Career Academy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.