

Council of Chief Elected Officials (CCEO) of Northwest Georgia

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Paulding Senior Center
Dallas, Georgia

Minutes

Attendance

CCEOs Present or Represented, County:

Steve Taylor, Bartow
Steven Henry, Catoosa
Nick Millwood, Catoosa (proxy, Alex Case)
Andy Allen, Chattooga
Alex Case, Dade
Don Townsend, Dade
Rhonda Haight, Fannin (proxy, Alex Case)
Allison Watters, Floyd
Charlie Paris, Gilmer
Jimmy Palmer, Gordon (proxy, Alex Case)
Tim Estes, Paulding (proxy, Alex Case)
James Kelly, Paulding (proxy, Alex Case)
Kirk Raffield, Pickens
Hal Floyd, Polk
Jevin Jenson, Whitfield
Ken Gowin, Whitfield (proxy, Alex Case)

CCEOs Not Present or Represented, County

Craig Guyton, Bartow
Harry Harvey, Chattooga
Jamie Hensley, Fannin
Craig McDaniel, Floyd
Al Hoyle, Gilmer
Bud Owens, Gordon
Steve Holcombe, Haralson
Brian Walker, Haralson
Noah Bishop, Murray
K. W. Gong, Murray
Kris Stancil, Pickens
Teddy Harris, Walker*
Angie Teems, Walker

Guests/Staff:

Boyd Austin
Lesia Lambert
Terri Morgan
Anthony Rucker

*vacancy

I. **Welcome** **Alex Case**

Chairman Alex Case called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. It was established that a quorum was present.

II. **Consent Agenda** **Alex Case**

Mr. Case informed those present that the **minutes** from the August 21, 2025 Meeting had been e-mailed and was also attached for review. Allison Watters made the motion to accept the minutes. Charlie Paris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Fiscal Report Anthony Rucker

Anthony Rucker presented a **Grant Summary (7/1/25-9/30/25)** for Worksource Northwest Georgia (attached) encompassing the Adult, Dislocated Worker, QUEST, Rapid Response, and Youth programs. Steve Taylor made the motion to approve the summary. Steven Henry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Workforce Development Board & Youth Committee Nominations Lesia Lambert

Lesia Lambert informed those present that a nomination (attached) had been received from Paul O'Donnell, President, Miura America Company, for Amanda Barber, People Support Division Manager, Miura America Company. This nomination will fill a Business Representative vacancy on the WDB. Don Townsend made the motion to accept this nomination. Allison Watters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lambert then presented a nomination for the Youth Committee for Angela Vicente, Independent Living Coordinator, NWGA Center for Independent Living. Don Townsend made the motion to accept this nomination. Steven Henry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Provider Requests Lesia Lambert

A. Chattahoochee Technical College Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert informed the Council that Chattahoochee Technical College had requested that UX (User Experience) Designing and Development be added as an approved program for Northwest Georgia. She noted that this is an existing program that they currently offer without WIOA assistance. The UX program prepares the students to create websites, software, and other products. Students will successfully implement UX design processes and design strategies to produce User Experience Designs that span multiple devices, including PCs, phones, and tablets. UX Design careers include product research, creating user personas and scenarios, website prototyping, and product testing. She also presented the following additional information (handout attached).

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| Credential Earned | UX Design and Development associate's degree (AAS) UX Design and Development Diploma |
| Length of Training | AAS 2 years (curriculum hours totaling 67 credit hours) Diploma (curriculum hours totaling 58 credit hours) |
| Cost of the Program | AAS Degree: \$12,569 Diploma: \$11,630 WIOA maximum is \$6,500. Hope and Pell Eligible |
| Number of Students in the programs in the last 12 months | 64 |
| Median Earnings | AAS: \$51,000 |

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| Attainment of Post-Secondary Credential | The number of completers exiting who obtained a credential within one year after exit. 10 with AAS; 8 with a diploma |
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Staff recommended approval to add this program to WorkSource Northwest Georgia's list of vendor training for Chattahoochee Technical College contingent upon availability of funds. After discussion, Jevin Jenson made the motion to accept the program with a maximum of ten (10) slots. Steve Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. HERO (Health Education Reimagined Online) Institute. Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert presented those present with a request from HERO (Health Education Reimagined Online) Institute, a current vendor for Northwest Georgia, to approve the following program and that it be added to their agreement with Northwest Georgia. This is an approved program by the State.

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| Medical Assistant | An instructional program in allied health and medical assisting services. |
| Cost of Program | \$7,000 WIOA maximum is \$6,500. Not Hope and Pell eligible. |
| Credential Earned | An industry-recognized certificate or certification |
| Length of Training | 37 weeks |

After discussion, the CCEO requested that the request be tabled and reviewed at the next meeting with additional information about this program and provider.

Other

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.