

Council of Chief Elected Officials (CCEO) of Northwest Georgia

Thursday, March 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Rome Civic Center
Rome, Georgia

Minutes

Attendance

CCEOs Present or Represented, County:

Craig Guyton, Bartow (proxy, Alex Case)
Steve Taylor, Bartow
Steven Henry, Catoosa
Andy Allen, Chattooga
Alex Case, Dade
Don Townsend, Dade
Rhonda Wallace, Floyd (proxy, Allison Watters)
Charlie Paris, Gilmer (proxy, Alex Case)
Al Hoyle, Gilmer
Bud Owens, Gordon
Jimmy Palmer, Gordon (proxy, Alex Case)
Steve Holcombe, Haralson
Brian Walker, Haralson
Noah Bishop, Murray
K. W. Gong, Murray
Tim Estes, Paulding
Kirk Raffield, Pickens
Kris Stancil, Pickens
Sam Branch, Polk (proxy, Alex Case)
Angie Teems, Walker
Jevin Jensen, Whitfield

CCEOs Not Present or Represented, County

Nick Millwood, Catoosa
Rickey Hughes, Chattooga
Jamie Hensley, Fannin
Andy Rhodes, Fannin
Jim Bojo, Floyd
James Kelly, Paulding
Hal Floyd, Polk
Teddy Harris, Walker*
Ken Gowin, Whitfield

Guests/Staff:

Lesia Lambert
Terri Morgan
Bruce Potts
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. Minutes Alex Case

Mr. Case informed those present that the *minutes* from the January 15, 2026 Meeting had been e-mailed and was also attached for review. Bud Owens made the motion to accept the minutes. Kris Stancil seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Fiscal Report Anthony Rucker

Anthony Rucker presented a **Financial Grant Summary (7/1/2025-2/24/2026)** for Worksource Northwest Georgia (attached) encompassing the Adult; Dislocated Worker; QUEST; Rapid Response; and Youth programs, noting that the QUEST program ended in September 2025. Brian Walker made the motion to accept. Allison Watters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Alpha Health Institute. Lesia Lambert

Lesia Lambert presented a request (below and attached) from Alpha Health Institute, an approved Eligible Training Provider, to offer students the option to choose either a stand-alone program or a combined program. Alpha Health will be combining existing courses together resulting in more than one credential once completed. The combination of training is designed to help students become more marketable and employable. The cost of training cannot exceed \$6,500 for one year.

Patient Care Technician Combo Program

(CNA + EKG + Phlebotomy)

Program Cost	\$5,094
Starting Wages	\$22/hr

Medical Assistant Program

Program Cost	\$6,485
Starting Wages	\$25/hr

EKG / Phlebotomy

Program Cost	\$3,994
Starting Wages	\$23/hr

CNA / Phlebotomy

Program Cost	\$3,594
Starting Wages	\$22/hr

CNA / EKG

Program Cost	\$2600
Starting Wages	\$23/hr

CNA/Medication Aide

Program Cost	\$2,600
Starting Wages	\$20/hr

Ms. Lambert stated that the Workforce Development Board approved these requests and recommended approval. Steve Taylor made the motion to approve these requests. Kirk Raffield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Chattahoochee Technical College Request Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert informed those present that Chattahoochee Technical College requested adding the Aviation Maintenance Certificate program to the ETPL (handout attached). Once training is completed, students can obtain jobs making \$25-\$35 dollars per hour. They currently have 58 students in three cohorts. The length of training is five semesters. This certificate program prepares students to take the certification exam in both Airframe and Powerplant. Upon graduation, students will receive a Technical Certificate of Credit from Chattahoochee Tech. The total cost of training is \$13,797 and Ms. Lambert noted that our policy allows for a maximum of \$6,500 for one year of training. This training is HOPE and PELL eligible.

She stated that it was the Workforce Development Board approved adding this program to the ETPL at a cost not to exceed \$6,500 for one year of training. Steven Henry made the motion to approve. Andy Allen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Contract and Vendor Funding Status Update Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert reminded the Council that they had request a report detailing funding amounts per vendor and the numbers of individuals served per county (attached). She explained that more information would be available in the End-of-the-Year Report in August.

Other

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.