

# Joint Annual Workforce Development Board of Northwest Georgia, Council of Chief Elected Officials of Northwest Georgia, and Youth Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 21, 2020, Noon  
Via Zoom

## Minutes

### **Attendance-WDB**

#### **WDB Members Present, County:**

Lisa Adkisson, Fannin  
Michael Hamilton, Floyd  
Jim Henry, Chattooga  
Bre Johnson, Bartow  
Beth Kelley, Walker  
Randy Long, Pickens  
Linda McEntire, Whitfield  
Mitchell Morgan, Gilmer  
Mike Murphy, Bartow  
Anthony Nash, Polk  
Cam Parker, Bartow  
Lisa Shaw, Floyd  
Larry Stansell, Chattooga  
Carey Tucker, Floyd

#### **Youth Committee Members Present:**

Nancy Edwards  
Beth Kelley  
Molly Majestic

#### **WDB Members Not Present, County:**

Nicole Green, Polk  
Christie Gribble, Fannin\*  
John Parton, Polk  
April Rogers, Bartow  
Matthew Salmon, Polk  
Cathy Smith, Gordon  
Gregg Webb, Polk

#### **NWGRC Staff:**

Karla Conetta  
Susan Gentry  
Tammy Helbing  
Lesia Lambert  
Terri Morgan  
Anthony Rucker  
Phyllis Walker

#### **Guests/Visitors:**

Brandi Dover  
Lynn Long  
Courtney Rouse

*\*resigned*

**Attendance-CCEO**

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**CCEOs Present or Represented, County:**

Al Pallone, Bartow  
Steve Taylor, Bartow (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Blake Elsberry, Chattooga  
Harry Harvey, Chattooga  
Ted Rumley, Dade  
Jamie Hensley, Fannin (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Donna Whitener, Fannin (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Wright Bagby, Floyd  
Charlie Paris, Gilmer  
Becky Hood, Gordon (proxy, Bud Owens)  
Jimmy Palmer, Gordon  
Greg Hogan, Murray (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
David Carmichael, Paulding (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Kris Stancil, Pickens  
Andrew Carter, Polk (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Teddy Harris, Walker (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Shannon Whitfield, Walker (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Ken Gowin, Whitfield (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Jevin Jenson, Whitfield

**CCEOs Not Present or Represented, County**

Steven Henry, Catoosa  
Nick Millwood, Catoosa  
Alex Case, Dade  
Craig McDaniel, Floyd  
Al Hoyle, Gilmer  
Pete Bridges, Haralson \*  
Ronnie Ridley, Haralson  
K. W. Gong, Murray  
James Kelly, Paulding  
Steve Lawrence, Pickens  
Hal Floyd, Polk

*\*deceased*

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**I. Welcome . . . . . Linda McEntire/Ted Rumley/Beth Kelley**

Linda McEntire, Vice-Chairman of the Workforce Development Board, Ted Rumley, Chairman of the Council of Chief Elected Officials, and Beth Kelley, Chairman of the Youth Committee called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. It was established that a quorum was present for the Workforce Development Board and the Council of Chief Elected Officials. Mr. Rumley stated that the Council of Chief Elected Officials wished to conduct a joint meeting with the Workforce Development Board.

**II. Consent Agenda . . . . . Linda McEntire/Ted Rumley**

Mr. Rumley informed those present that a Consent Agenda (containing Minutes from the May 19, 2021 WDB Meeting, Minutes from the May 20, 2021 CCEO Meeting, a Performance Report, and a Dislocated Worker Report) had been e-mailed and was also attached for review.

- A. Michael Hamilton made the motion that the Consent Agenda be approved by the WDB. Mitchell Morgan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
  
- B. Al Pallone made the motion that the Consent Agenda be approved by the CCEO. Charlie Paris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Workforce Development Board Membership ..... Ted Rumley**

Ms. Lambert informed those present that the WDB currently has a vacancy for the category of Economic Development. Greg Hogan, Sole Commissioner, Murray County, nominated Eli Falls, President and CEO, Murray County Industrial Development Authority. Al Pallone made the motion that the CCEO approve the nomination for Eli Falls. Kris Stancil seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Fiscal Report ..... Anthony Rucker**

Anthony Rucker presented the "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission WIOA Grant Financial Report, Grant Inception to 6/30/21" (attached). This report encompasses the Adult, Dislocated Worker, COVID/Disaster, HDCl, and Youth programs.

- A. Beth Kelley made the motion that the WDB accept the report. Mike Hamilton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Charlie Paris made the motion that the CCEO accept the report. Bud Owens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**V. Fiscal Policies ..... Anthony Rucker**

Mr. Rucker informed those present that, during recent USDOL monitoring of the Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant, there were findings regarding the fiscal policies. He noted that changes had been made and that these draft policies had been sent to the USDOL for review.

- A. Lisa Adkisson made the motion that the WDB accept these draft policies. Carey Tucker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Al Pallone made the motion that the CCEO accept these draft policies. Blake Elsberry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Youth Committee Officers ..... Beth Kelley**

Beth Kelley presented the slate of Youth Committee Officers for approval. They are as follows:  
Beth Kelley, Chairman  
Curtis Kingsley, Vice-Chairman  
Eric Waters, Secretary

Molly Majestic made the motion that these Officers be approved. Nancy Edwards seconded. Motion carried unanimously (for the Youth Committee).

- A. Beth Kelley made the motion that the WDB accept the Youth Committee Officers. Mitchell Morgan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Blake Elsberry made the motion that the CCEO accept the Youth Committee Officers. Harry Harvey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Youth Committee Minutes . . . . . Beth Kelley**

Ms. Kelley presented the Youth Committee Minutes from March 10, 2021 (which had been emailed previously and are attached). Nancy Edwards made the motion to accept these Minutes. Molly Majestic seconded. Motion carried unanimously (for the Youth Committee).

**VIII. High Demand Career Initiative Grant . . . . . Lesia Lambert**

Lesia Lambert reminded those present that our area had received the High Demand Career Initiative Grant for the last three years. In May, staff applied for and received an additional year of grant funding in the amount of \$150,000 for June 14, 2021 through June 14, 2022. This is a planning grant to assist the area's employers in addressing their staffing needs.

- A. Cam Parker made the motion that the WDB accept the High Demand Career Initiative Grant. Mike Hamilton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Charlie Paris made the motion that the CCEO accept the Youth Committee Officers. Al Pallone seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**IX. COVID-19 Update . . . . . Lesia Lambert**

Ms. Lambert provided an update regarding COVID-19 activities in the Region. She stated that, as Mr. Rucker reported, we have spent \$513,150 to date of the COVID grant on training and work experience activities. She encouraged those present to contact staff if they had a need for work experiences through this grant and/or if they knew of individuals who had been laid off due to COVID or who were long-term unemployed who would be interested in a work experience or classroom training.

**X. Annual Report . . . . . Lesia Lambert**

Ms. Lambert presented an Annual Report for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This report provides information regarding WIOA funds expended, numbers served by county, Region 1 program performance, Northwest Georgia Rapid Response Dislocation List, and a success story.

**XI. Georgia Department of Labor Update . . . . . Lisa Adkisson**

Lisa Adkisson provided information about unemployment rates in Georgia, the Georgia Department of Labor response to the pandemic, and labor market information. She encouraged those present to contact her with specific questions about their counties and/or cities.

**Other**

Ms. Lambert informed those present that the next WDB meeting would take place on September 15, 2021 and would likely be in person. The next CCEO meeting will take place, in person, on September 16, 2021.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.