

# Workforce Development Board of Northwest Georgia Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2022, Noon  
Georgia Northwestern Technical College  
Calhoun, Georgia

## Minutes

### **Attendance-WDB**

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

Marion Barber, Bartow  
Angela Berch, Haralson  
Terry Craft, Whitfield  
Selena Galmon, Bartow  
Rick Gibson, Bartow  
Jim Henry, Chattooga  
Beth Kelley, Walker  
Randy Long, Pickens  
Linda McEntire, Gordon  
Mitchell Morgan, Gilmer  
Mike Murphy, Bartow  
Lisa Shaw, Floyd  
Elizabeth Scott, Bartow  
Gregg Webb, Polk

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

Harry Harvey, Chattooga  
Cam Parker, Bartow  
Carey Tucker, Floyd  
Eli Falls, Murray  
Nicole Green, Polk \*  
Matthew Salmon, Polk  
Robert Strickland, Gordon

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

Beth Kelley

#### **NWGRC Staff:**

Boyd Austin  
Carolyn Barrett  
Karla Conetta  
Christy Elrod  
Susan Gentry  
Tammy Helbing  
Lesia Lambert  
Jamy McDonald  
Terri Morgan  
Anthony Rucker  
Phyllis Walker

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

Al Abernathy  
Brandi Dover  
Michele Abdul-Qawiy  
Jasmine Irvin  
Zelma Jones  
Lynn Long  
Anne Rapp  
Courtney Rouse  
Vicki Thompson  
Chris Upchurch  
Dr. Gary Voccio

*\*resigned*

**I. Welcome . . . . . Jim Henry**

In the absence of Linda McEntire, Chairman of the Workforce Development Board, Jim Henry called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. It was established that a quorum was present for the Workforce Development Board.

**II. Consent Agenda . . . . . Jim Henry**

Mr. Rumley informed those present that a Consent Agenda (containing Minutes from the May 26, 2022 WDB Meeting, a Performance Report, and a Dislocated Worker Report) had been e-mailed and was also attached for review. Beth Kelley made the motion that the Consent Agenda be approved. Randy Long seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Fiscal Report . . . . . Anthony Rucker**

Anthony Rucker presented the "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission WIOA Grant Financial Report, Grant Inception to 8/31/22" (attached). This report encompasses the Adult, Dislocated Worker, COVID/Disaster, HDCl, and Youth programs. Mitchell Morgan made the motion to approve this report. Mike Murphy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Executive Committee Report and Recommendations . . . . . Lesia Lambert**

Lesia Lambert reported that, due to the lack of quorum at the July 2022 Workforce Development Board meeting, the Executive Committee met on July 29, 2022, to review items for approval. The Executive Committee recommends that the following items be ratified by the Workforce Development Board (handout attached):

- The Consent Agenda (containing Minutes from the May 18, 2022 Meeting, a Performance Report, and a Dislocated Worker Report) was approved by the Executive Committee.
- The "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission WIOA Grant Financial Report, Grant Inception to 5/31/22" (attached), encompassing the Adult, Dislocated Worker, COVID/Disaster, HDCl, and Youth programs was approved by the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee approved the Professional Legal Consultant Proposal to provide professional legal consulting services.
- The Executive Committee approved accepting the Sector Partnership grant in the amount of \$112,145.
- The Executive Committee approved the following slate of Youth Committee Officers:

Beth Kelley, Chairman  
 Ben Arp, Vice Chairman  
 Tracie Ball, Secretary

Beth Kelley made the motion to approve the ratification of the above items. Mitchell Morgan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**V. Youth Committee Report and Recommendations . . . . . Beth Kelley**

Beth Kelley presented a nomination from Sandra Hudson, Executive Director of the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority, for LaShawn Hall to serve on the Youth Committee. The Youth Committee approved this nomination, contingent upon receipt of a completed nomination form, and recommends WDB approval. Beth Kelley made the motion to approve this recommendation. Elizabeth Scott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Workforce Development Board Training and Planning Session . . . . . Lesia Lambert**

Ms. Lambert reminded the Board to save the date for the upcoming "Workforce Development Board Training and Planning Session." This session will take place on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at Lakepoint in Emerson, Georgia. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the session will start at 10:00 a.m. and finish no later than 5:00 p.m. Lunch will also be served. More information will be forthcoming.

**VII. Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant. . . . . Lesia Lambert**

Ms. Lambert informed those present that 149 individuals have participated in Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant activities: 57 in temporary work experience and 92 in training. She also stated that an additional \$233,000 had been made available to our region and that these funds would be used for temporary work experience activities (flyer attached).

**VIII. Dr. Gary Voccio, District Health Director, Georgia Department of Public Health, Northwest Health District**

Dr. Gary Voccio, District Health Director, Georgia Department of Public Health, Northwest Health District, presented information regarding COVID-19 and the flu (handout attached).

**Other**

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.