

**Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Board  
Youth Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023, Noon  
Northwest Georgia Regional Commission  
Rome, Georgia**

*Minutes*

<p><b><u>Committee Members Present</u></b> Ben Arp Tracie Ball LaShawn Hall Beth Kelley John Rhodarmer April Sams</p> <p><b><u>Committee Members Absent</u></b> LaDonna Collins Christa Gilmore Curtis Kingsley</p>	<p><b><u>Guests and Staff Present</u></b> Karla Conetta Lesia Lambert Terri Morgan Courtney Rouse Anthony Rucker Judy Siddall</p>
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Beth Kelley, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Those present introduced themselves. Ms. Kelley informed those present that Minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting had been emailed (attached). John Rhodarmer made the motion to approve the minutes. Tracie Ball seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Rucker presented a budget, (handout entitled, "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Budget, WIOA, PY 24," attached. Ben Arp made the motion to accept this report. April Sams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesia Lambert presented the following slate of Youth Committee Officers and Youth Committee Membership for approval:

**Officers**

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

## **Members**

- Ben Arp, RESA (retired)
- Tracie Ball, Open Door Home
- LaDonna Collins, Rome-Floyd County Commission on Children and Youth
- Christa Gilmore, Georgia Department of Public Health
- LaShawn Hall, Northwest Georgia Housing Authority
- Beth Kelley, KBruce Farms, Inc.
- Curtis Kingsley, Former Educator
- April Sams, Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Georgia
- John Rhodarmer, Floyd County Board of Education College and Career Academy

John Rhodarmer made the motion to approve the Officers and Membership. LaShawn Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Karla Conetta provided performance and enrollment reports (attached). She stated that the in-school youth providers would not be adding any additional participants but that the out-of-school providers would likely enroll additional individuals through June 30, 2024. The out-of-school providers recruit during the year and will likely add participants. Additionally, Ms. Conetta noted that all measures were being met with the exception of the “skills gain” measure but that once all information migrated to the system, she was certain that this measure would also be met.

Lesia Lambert asked for Youth Committee Members to review the Goals and the Youth Resource Guide prior to the next meeting.

Courtney Rouse, Program Manager, Northwest Georgia, Eckerd Connects Paxen, provided the Youth Committee with information about the Eckerd Connects Paxen program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.