

Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Board Youth Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, Noon
Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
Rome, Georgia

Minutes

<p><u>Committee Members Present</u> Ben Arp Marian Barber Rick Goble John Rhodarmer</p> <p><u>Committee Members Absent</u> Tracie Ball LaDonna Collins Lashawn Hall Curtis Kingsley April Sams Angela Vicente</p>	<p><u>Guests and Staff Present</u> Michele Abdul-Qawiy Kimberly Daniels Christy Elrod Lesia Lambert Ciara McKnight Terri Morgan Marilyn Patterson* Tammy Pence* Courtney Rouse Anthony Rucker*</p> <p><i>*via Zoom</i></p>
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Marian Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Those present introduced themselves. Ms. Barber informed those present that Minutes from the March 11, 2026 meeting had been emailed (attached). Rick Goble made the motion to approve the minutes. John Rhodarmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesia Lambert presented the slate of Youth Committee Officers (attached). With no nominations from the floor, John Rhodarmer made the motion to approve the officers. Rick Goble seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Rucker presented a budget for the Youth Program (handout attached). Rick Goble made the motion to approve the budget. John Rhodarmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lambert provided performance and enrollment information (attached).

Ms. Lambert presented recommendations for the Youth Program budget and enrollment numbers (attached and below) for Program Year 2026, which begins June 30, 2026 and ends on June 30, 2027. John Rhodarmor made the motion to approve these contract recommendations contingent upon Youth Funds received from the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development and successful negotiations. Rick Goble seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Contractor	Enrollments	Contract	Participant Wages	Support	Total Funding Recommended
Rome BOE	50	\$65,000	\$40,000	N/A	\$105,000
Chattooga BOE	45	\$50,937	\$30,000	N/A	\$80,937
GNTC Youth	133	\$517,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$577,000
Eckerd Connects Paxen	93	\$280,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$330,000
Total	321	\$912,937	\$130,000	\$50,000	\$1,092,937

Ciara McKnight presented information about “A Teen’s Choice.”

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.