

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

**Wednesday, September 15, 2022, Noon
Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
Rome, Georgia**

Minutes

<p><u>Committee Members Present</u> Ben Arp Tracie Ball LaDonna Collins April Sams</p> <p><u>Committee Members Absent</u> Beth Kelley Curtis Kingsley John Rhodarmer</p>	<p><u>Guests and Staff Present</u> Karla Conetta Tammy Helbing Terri Morgan Courtney Rouse Phyllis Walker</p>
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In the absence of Beth Kelley, Chairman, Ben Arp called the meeting to order. Those present introduced themselves. Mr. Arp informed those present that Minutes from the May 11, 2022 meeting had been emailed (attached). Tracie Ball made the motion to approve the minutes. LaDonna Collins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis Walker presented an update on the status of expenditures and available funds and referenced the handout entitled, "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Youth Report, 8/31/2022" (attached). LaDonna Collins made the motion to accept this report. April Sams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Terri Morgan informed the Committee that Sandra Hudson, Executive Director of the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority, had nominated LaShawn Hall to serve on the Youth Committee. Ms. Morgan recommend Youth Committee approval, contingent upon receipt of a completed nomination form. April Sams made the motion to approve this recommendation. Traci Ball seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Karla Conetta provided performance and enrollment reports (attached). She noted that the youth providers were all working very hard to enroll participants but that enrollment remains low. LaDonna Collins asked what the youth providers are doing to increase enrollments. Ms. Conetta stated that providers are attending events and meetings where they can talk about the WIOA

Youth program. Courtney Rouse said that she uses social media and is looking for innovative ways to increase public awareness about Eckerd Connects' programs. Ben Arp asked what would happen if enrollments did not increase. Ms. Conetta stated that TSCG would request a plan from our region, outlining what Youth Providers and staff plan to do to increase enrollments.

Ms. Conetta also informed those present that participants in the WIOA Youth Program had received 199 GEDs; 35 (of 37) High School Diplomas; 2 CNA licenses; and 12 welding certifications in the previous program year.

Terri Morgan noted that the Workforce Development Board Meeting would take place on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at Noon at Georgia Northwestern Technical College in Calhoun. She invited those present to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.