

**Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Board
 Youth Committee Meeting—Noon
 Wednesday, January 10, 2018, Noon
 Georgia Northwestern Technical College
 Calhoun, GA**

Minutes

Council Members Present:	Council Members Absent:	Guests & Staff:
Ben Arp Gail Brown Robb Gilstrap Curtis Kingsley Eric Waters Carol Willis	Starr Dees* Beth Kelley Dianne Scoggins Darlene Stevens* <i>*resigned</i>	Karla Conetta Kathryn Durham Tammy Helbing Kerri Hosmer Derrick McDaniel Terri Morgan Tammy Pence Courtney Rouse Jamika Smith Vince Stalling Janice Tipps

In the absence of Beth Kelley, Chairman, Curtis Kingsley, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order. Those present introduced themselves.

Mr. Kingsley informed those present that the Minutes from the November 8, 2017 meeting had been mailed for review (attached). Ben Arp made the motion to approve the minutes. Eric Waters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Rucker provided a financial report (attached). He stated that this report is as of December 31, 2017 and that invoices have been processed through November. He explained that of approximately \$1.8 million had been received in in-school and out-of-school grants, just under \$600,000 has been spent. Mr. Rucker reminded those present that funds for the current year had been cut 10% from those of the previous year. Lesia Lambert informed those present that Derrick McDaniel had submitted a grant application to Grad Nation for funds which could possibly be used to supplement our WIOA funds. Gail Brown asked when staff would find out if the grant had been awarded. Mr. McDaniel responded that we would find out by the end of the month. Ms. Lambert also reminded committee that we have not yet received allocations for the upcoming year's funds and that those funds may be reduced. In addition, the focus of WIOA funds is on out-of-school youth. Therefore, there is the possibility that some contractors'

budgets may be lower in the upcoming year. GDEcD Workforce Division has indicated that they would be able to “float” funds for our area should the current funds be insufficient to cover PY 2017 obligated contracts and associated costs.

Mr. McDaniel also stated that he would be requesting budgets from providers in February and asked that they submit those budgets in a timely manner so that upcoming contract needs can be properly assessed. Gail Brown asked if there was a reserve of funds. Mr. Rucker stated that there was no reserve but that if the State or NWGRC provided funds to cover contracts that the money would have to be repaid from next year’s grant award.

Karla Conetta informed those present that youth enrollment and performance reports were attached and noted that a correction should be made to Paxen’s total. It should read “49 of 90 slots.” She stated that enrollments are low and that staff was providing technical assistance to the providers regarding methods for increasing enrollments. Mr. Kingsley noted that one factor in lower enrollments for work experience could be the lower unemployment rates.

Mr. McDaniel presented proposed “Youth Committee Goals and Objectives” (attached) and stated that, at the last meeting, Lesia Lambert had asked the Committee to take a look at these current goals and objectives and provide input regarding ways to meet the goals or additional goals. He stated that the Youth Committee was a working committee and staff needed input on ways to creatively engage youth.

Mr. McDaniel presented the “Northwest Georgia Youth Work Experience Policy” (attached). He stated that, as a result of guidance from GDEcD, an academic or educational component had been added to this policy. Eric Waters made the motion to accept this revision to the policy. Gail Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tamika Smith, Teena’s Legacy, provided a presentation about her youth initiative.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.