

**Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Board
 Youth Committee Meeting–Noon
 Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 11:00 a.m.
 Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Calhoun, GA**

Minutes

| Council Members Present: | Council Members Absent: | Guests & Staff: |
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| Ben Arp Beth Kelley Dianne Scoggins | Gail Brown Erica Campbell Curtis Kingsley Renee McClanahan* Gina Reilly Angie Robinson Eric Waters <i>*resigned</i> | Karla Conetta Gwen Dellinger Tammy Helbing Lesia Lambert Terri Morgan Paul Ray |

Beth Kelley, Chairman of the Youth Committee, called the meeting to order and introduced herself to those present.

Ms. Kelley then asked for a motion to approve the May 13, 2015 minutes (attached). Ben Arp made the motion to approve the minutes. Dianne Scoggins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Karla Conetta informed those present that a performance report was included for review (attached). This report contains performance information for Adults and Dislocated Workers, as well as Youth. She stated that all performance measures were being met or exceeded and that the “Attainment of Degree or Certificate was being exceeded due, in part, to the in-school providers programs. Lesia Lambert stated that the GED rate was still a problem since the test had changed. Staff is providing technical assistance and providers are seeking methods to improve the attainment of the GED.

Ms. Lambert stated that Renee McClanahan, Regional Administrator, Department of Juvenile Justice, had changed positions and was no longer able to attend meetings. Ms. McClanahan nominated Robb Gilstrap, District Director, Department of Juvenile Justice, to replace her on the Youth Committee. Ben Arp made the motion to accept the nomination. Dianne Scoggins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gwen Dellinger discussed with the Youth Committee the following activities that the Youth Committee will be undertaking:

- A. Determining the type and availability of youth workforce development activities including activities for individuals with disabilities (attempting to identify successful models of such activities).
- B. How the Board will coordinate relevant secondary and post-secondary education programs and activities with education and workforce development activities (to coordinate strategies, enhance services, and avoid duplication).

Ms. Dellinger stated that, In order to design the Youth Programs, the Youth Committee will need to determine :

- A. How will youth and parents be involved in the design of the program?
- B. How to have specific career pathways.

Ms. Lambert informed those present that a youth survey had been included in the packets and asked that members complete these surveys. She also stated that a copy would be sent to each Youth Committee member.

Cody McCarson, a former youth participant, spoke to the Youth Committee about his experience in the Youth Program.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.