



SOUTHERN GEORGIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB) MEETING

October 19, 2022

MINUTES

The Southern Georgia WDB and Youth Committee (YC), met on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 11:00 am at the Southern Georgia Regional Commission in Waycross, Georgia.

WDB Members (X denotes attendance)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Bannamon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Bryant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandra Cole |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Dark | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elton Dixon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myrtice Edwards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Ellis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katrena Felder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Gainey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Gillard | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Gove | <input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Gray |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curtis Griffin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melvin Johnson | <input type="checkbox"/> Merrill Kemp-Wilcox |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shannon McConico | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Palmer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean Panizzi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Darlene Tait | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paige Taylor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leigh Wallace |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamon Williams | | |

Youth Committee (X denotes attendance)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Bannamon | <input type="checkbox"/> Rev. Gerald Copeland |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adrienne Dixon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katrena Felder <i>(listed above)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Gainey <i>(listed above)</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shannon McConico <i>(listed above)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Peacock | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leigh Wallace <i>(listed above)</i> |

Local Chief Elected Officials (X denotes attendance)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Henry Baker | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman Neal Bennett | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman AJ Dover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair Scott Carver | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairman James Everett | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman Skipper Harris |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor Michael-Angelo James | <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor Robert Johnson | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman Alex Lee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor Scott Matheson | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman Kaye Riley | <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor Julie Smith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman Bobby Walker | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman Dana Whiddon | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman Steve Taylor |

Staff Members (X denotes attendance)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Savannah Bennett | <input type="checkbox"/> Evi Estep | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bonnie Howard |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Jones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felices King | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roberta Lovett |

Guests Present

Antonio Frawley	April McDuffie	Anthony McKenzie
Mary Walker	Jacqueline Wallace	Tyler Willett

Call to Order and Welcome

Chairman Bryant called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Review of Attendance

Roberta Lovett announced that a quorum of the Workforce Development Board was present

Approval of Minutes of the August 17, 2022 WDB Meeting

Chairman Bryant called for a vote to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2022 WDB meeting. Frank Bannamon made a motion to approve with a second from Curtis Griffin. The motion carried.

PY22 Budget and Expenditures Report

Roberta referred members to the handout titled "Budget and Expenditures Report through August 30, 2022" (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). She reviewed the budget and expenditures by funding stream. Roberta also discussed with the WDB new requirements for Dislocated Worker to Adult transfers. She explained that additional details would be required to justify the transfer. Roberta also announced that the state had recently opened the Quest grant for National Dislocated Workers. This grant was discussed at a previous meeting. Once the grant application is released staff would begin working on it. Roberta concluded her report. Chair Bryant opened the floor for questions and/or discussion. After a brief discussion, Chair Bryant asked for a motion to approve the report. Shannon McConico made a motion with a second from Jennifer Gainey. The motion carried.

PY21 Annual Performance Report

Bonnie Howard focused the board's attention to the "PY21 Performance Report" (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Bonnie reviewed each performance indicator by funding stream. Roberta noted that in the youth performance area we did not meet the measures for Q2 Employment, Q4 Employment and Credential Rate. Roberta stated that this was the first time in thirteen (13) years that the local area did not meet or exceed all measures. After a brief discussion, Chair Bryant called for a motion to approve the report. Melvin Johnson made a motion to approve with a second from Shannon McConico. The motion carried.

Participant Report

Savannah Bennett provided the board with a brief update on new enrollments for the program year. She referred members to the handout "PY2022 New Enrollments" (copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Savannah went over new enrollments by provider. At the conclusion of her report Chair Bryant asked if there were any questions. With no questions, Chair Bryant moved to the next agenda item.

Business Services/Sector Strategy Update

Amy Jones provided a brief update to the WDB on the Sector Partnership and On-the-Job Training programs.

Regional Plan Update

Roberta informed the members that the Regional Plan, which was approved by the WDB on August 17, 2022, had been posted on the website for public comment. There were no public comments, and it was submitted to the state. Roberta stated that as a matter of housekeeping she would like the WDB to do a final approval to the plan update showing not public comments. Chair Bryant opened the floor for questions/discussion. With none, Chair Bryant asked for a motion to approve the Regional Plan update.

Melvin Johnson made a motion with a second from Shannon McConico. The motion carried.

Regional Transit

Roberta introduced WDB members to the Regional Transit program operated by the SGRC. Roberta explained that transit department was not included as one of her departments. She stated that the Regional Transit program provides rural and human services transportation to public and disadvantaged populations, including persons with disabilities, older adults and persons without a vehicle. She explained that the program enhances rural area mobility and improves access to health care, shopping, education, employment, public services and recreation. Roberta stated that the department needed to create a Transit Advisory Committee and she would like WDB members to consider being part of this group. Roberta introduced Megan Fowler, Transit Manager for the SGRC. Megan spoke with to the WDB about the transit program and some of the key functions of the Transit Advisory Committee. At the conclusion of her presentation Megan encouraged members who were interested to contact her directly about participating on the committee.

Adjourn

Chairman Bryant reminded everyone that our next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday January 11, 2023. He adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Felices King
Workforce Development Board Staff
Southern Georgia Regional Commission