

Southwest Georgia Workforce Development Board
Meeting Summary
Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:11 pm
WorkSource Southwest Georgia Conference Room
75 West Broad Street, Camilla

Members Present

Tommy Hill – Vice Chairman, Charlie Sol, Cory Thomas (via teleconference), Willie Mills, Charlene Brinson, Tommie Beth Willis, Amy Carter (via teleconference), Jayme Smith, Buddie Jordan, Nathaniel Cooper (via teleconference), Allen Ethridge, Judy Jimmerson (via teleconference), Shawn O'Connor-Veazie, Courtney Proctor, Rob Collins (via teleconference), Susanne Reynolds and Janet Walden

Members Absent

Gabriel Lord-Chairman (Excused), Brenda Arnold (Excused), Tim Faircloth (Excused), Donna Williams (Excused), Brenda Arnold (Excused), Renee Gee-Theophile (Excused), Dennis Brinson (Excused) and Kayla Myers (Not Excused)

17 members present; a quorum was DECLARED.

Staff Present

Melody Pierce, Executive Director
Jerry Chapman, Regional Planner
Rebecca O'Neil, Program Manager
Pascha Spence, Office Manager

Guest Present

Cathy Johnson, Equus Workforce Solutions
Shirley Ingram, Equus Workforce Solutions

- **Approval to amend the agenda by adding the Review and Approval of Florida Panhandle Technical College- Commercial Truck Driving (CDL) Training Program- Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Application as item 7 (APPROVED –J. Smith/ C. Sol)**
- **Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2025 (APPROVED – S. O'Connor-Veazie/ TB. Willis)**
- **Approval of PY24/FY25 Operating Budget Revision 3 [(CORY THOMAS STATED CONFLICT AND ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION & VOTING (APPROVED – S. O'Connor-Veazie/ C. Sol))]**
- **Approval of June 2025 Quarterly Financial Statements (APPROVED – S. O'Connor-Veazie/ C. Sol)**
- **Approval of PY 2024 One-Stop Reconciliation Quarter 4 Ending June 30, 2025 (APPROVED – TB. Willis/ J. Smith)**
- **Approval of Florida Panhandle Technical College- Commercial Truck Driving (CDL) Training Program- Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Application Revisions [(J. JIMMERSON AND A. CARTER DAVIS STATED CONFLICT AND ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION & VOTING (APPROVED – S. O'Connor-Veazie/ J. Walden))]**
- **Approval of Board Policy Revisions (APPROVED – C. Brinson/ S. O'Connor-Veazie)**
 - a. WDB Policy 14 Revision – Procurement & Contracting
 - b. WDB Policy 25 Revision – Supportive Services

- c. WDB Policy 33 Revision – Individual Training Accounts
- d. WDB Policy 54 Revision – Adult, DW, Youth Eligibility & Priority of Service
- e. WDB Policy 58 Revision – Work Experience
- f. WDB Policy 66 Revision – Youth Work Experience
- g. WDB Policy 76 Revision – Apprenticeship

➤ **Review of Board Membership Compliance**

- a. New Appointments- The WDB Board is currently at full membership
- b. Board Vacancies-None
- c. WDB Board Composition & Attendance Review

➤ **Operations Update**

- a. One-Stop Centers Update was given by Shirley Ingram, One-Stop Operations Manager, EQUUS Workforce Solutions
- b. Youth Programs Update was given by Cathy Johnson, Project Manager, EQUUS Workforce Solutions
- c. Sector Partnership Grant Update was given by Jerry Chapman, Regional Planner
- d. NDWG-Georgia Pacific Grant
 - Dislocated Worker Outreach Efforts
 - Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie, Ga will be October 14-16, 2025
 - Regional Rapid Response and Business Services Team
- e. Board Member Orientations and Future Lunch and Learn Sessions
- f. WIOA Performance Update was given by Melody Pierce, Executive Director
- g. Taylor, Hall, Miller, Parker, PA-Monitoring Review will be October 20-24, 2025
- i. City of Colquitt Single Program Audit Report -Period Ending June 30, 2024
- j. State Workforce Board Meeting was held August 21, 2025, in Albany, Ga, the next meeting will be October 27, 2025, in Savannah, Ga
- k. SETA Conference Fall 2025 will be September 28-October 1, 2025, in Biloxi, MS
- l. Amy Carter Davis updated that Southern Regional Technical College currently has record enrollment with almost 6,000 students
- m. Tommie Beth Willis informed of two upcoming events being hosted by ACE (Access To Capital For Entrepreneurs) that will take place: South Georgia Women's Leadership Initiative 3rd Annual Luncheon on October 22, 2025, in Hartsfield, GA and the Women's Business Summit Valdosta on November 6, 2025, in Valdosta, GA

Next Meeting Date- TBD

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned @ 7:31 p.m.