

Southwest Georgia Workforce Development Board
Meeting Summary
Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 6:24 pm
WorkSource Southwest Georgia Conference Room
75 West Broad Street, Camilla

Members Present

Tommy Hill, Charlie Sol, Brenda Arnold, Donna Williams, Charlene Brinson, Jayme Smith (via teleconference), Clay Pelham, Buddie Jordan (via teleconference), Nathaniel Cooper, Allen Ethridge, Judy Jimmerson, Shawn O'Connor-Veazie, Courtney Proctor (via teleconference)

Members Absent

Gabriel Lord-Chairman (Excused), Cory Thomas (Excused), Tim Faircloth (Excused), Tommie Beth Willis (Excused), Rob Collins (Excused), Renee Gee-Theophile (Excused), Dennis Brinson (Excused), Catherine Phillips (Excused), Susanne Reynolds (Excused)

13 members present, a quorum was DECLARED.

Staff Present

Melody Pierce, Executive Director
Amanda Godwin, Operations Manager
Jerry Chapman, Regional Planner
Gerlissa Edmonds, Program Assistant
Pascha Spence, Office Manager

Guest Present

Willie James Mills, New Member
Kayla Myers, New Member
Tyra Howard, TCSG
Justin Leggett, SENPH
Carmen Jones, SENPH
Cathy Johnson, Equus Workforce Solutions
Shirley Ingram, Equus Workforce Solutions

- **Approval of Minutes from November 7, 2024 (APPROVED – B. Arnold/ C. Sol)**
- **Approval of September 2024 Quarterly Financial Statements (APPROVED – C. Sol/ B. Arnold)**
- **Approval of December 2024 Quarterly Financial Statements (APPROVED – J. Jimmerson/ S. O'Connor-Veazie)**
- **Approval of PY24/FY25 Operating Budget Revision 2 (APPROVED – S. O'Connor-Veazie/ C. Sol)**
- **Approval of PY 2024 One-Stop Reconciliation Quarter 2 Ending December 31, 2024 (APPROVED- C. Sol/ B. Arnold)**
- **Approval of State Eligible Training Provider Local Performance Review and Determination of Lifting Initial 10 Participant Slot Limit – WealthyLife Academy, CDL Training program for continued inclusion on the Georgia State Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) without any restriction. Performance will still be reviewed by the State annually per the State Policy and Procedure Manual. (J. JIMMERSON STATED CONFLICT AND ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION & VOTING -APPROVED – S. O'Connor-Veazie/ B. Arnold)**

- **Approval of a regional maximum number of participant ITA (Individual Training Account) adult and dislocated worker slots regarding the State ETPL (Eligible Training Provider List) not to exceed 10 for any Dental Assistant training programs for the current PY2024 program year to be effective for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. In addition, WDB Staff recommends the suspension of participant ITA (Individual Training Account) adult and dislocated worker slots regarding the State ETPL (Eligible Training Provider List) for any Dental Assistant training programs for the future PY2025 program year to be effective for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (APPROVED – J. Jimmerson/ S. O'Connor-Veazie)**
- **PY 2023-2024 Service Provider Performance Reviews**
- **Review of Board Membership Compliance (Review, Discussion & Approval)**
 - a. State Waiver granted for Board membership compliance due to vacancies expires March 7, 2025
 - b. New Appointments
 - i. **Willie James Mills, Mitchell County (APPROVED - S. O'Connor-Veazie/ C. Sol)**
 - ii. **Kayla Myers, Worth County (APPROVED – S. O'Connor-Veazie / J. Jimmerson)**
 - c. Board Vacancies
 - i. None
 - d. WDB Board Composition & Attendance Review
- **Operations Update**
 - a. One-Stop Centers Update
 - b. Youth Programs Update
 - c. Dislocated Worker Outreach Efforts
 - d. Regional Rapid Response and Business Services Team
 - e. The Workforce Alliance (TWA) Sector Strategy Update
 - f. Board Member Orientations and Future Lunch and Learn Sessions
 - g. Georgia Workforce Leadership Association Update
 - h. WIOA Performance Update
 - i. One-Stop Operator PY 2025 Request for Proposals Issuance - Update
 - j. Results of State OWD Annual Monitoring conducted December 9-13, 2024
 - k. Southwest Georgia Healthcare Summit – February 27, 2025, UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center
 - l. Real Skills Day – March 4, 2025, Albany Technical College Kirkland Building
 - m. Taylor, Hall, Miller, Parker, PA-Monitoring Review April 2025
 - n. SETA Conference Spring 2025 – March 16-19, 2025, Myrtle Beach, SC

Next Meeting Date- TBD

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned @ 8:28 p.m.