

Southwest Georgia Workforce Development Board
Meeting Summary
Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:12 pm
WorkSource Southwest Georgia Conference Room
75 West Broad Street, Camilla

Members Present

Tommy Hill, Charlie Sol, Kevin Coker, Charlene Brinson, Clay Pelham, Judy Jimmerson, Jayme Smith, Karen Rackley, Cory Thomas, Buddie Jordan, Ronald O'Meara, Catherine Phillips, Tim Faircloth

Members Absent

Gabriel Lord-Chairman(Excused), Nathaniel Cooper (Excused), Tommie Beth Willis(Excused), Renee Gee-Theophile(Excused), Rob Collins(Excused), Donna Williams (Excused), Brenda Arnold(Excused), Susanne Reynolds(Excused), Oscar Maples(Unexcused), Dennis Brinson(Unexcused),

13 members present, a quorum was DECLARED.

Staff Present

Melody Pierce, Executive Director
Amanda Godwin, Operations Manager
Jerry Chapman, Regional Planner
Gerlissa Edmonds, Programs Assistant
Rebecca O'Neil, Programs Manager
Pascha Spence, Office Manager

Guest Present

Tony McKenzie, TCSG
Shawn O'Connor-Veazie, Terrell County
Cathy Johnson, Equus Workforce Solutions
Lynn Hamilton, Equus Workforce Solutions
Shirley Ingram, Equus Workforce Solutions

- **Approval to amend the current agenda by moving item 12b to item 4) (APPROVED- K. Coker/ J. Smith)**
- **Approval of Officer Vacancies**
 - a. Tommy Hill as Vice Chairman **(APPROVED- C. Thomas/ C. Sol)**
 - b. Charlie Sol as Secretary **(APPROVED- C. Thomas/ J. Smith)**
- **Approval of Minutes from November 30, 2023 (APPROVED – C. Sol/R. O'Meara)**
- **Approval of December 2023 Quarterly Financial Statements (APPROVED –C. Sol/ T. Faircloth)**
- **Approval of PY 2023 One-Stop Reconciliation Quarter 2 Ending December 31, 2023 (APPROVED – K. Coker/ J. Smith)**
- **Approval of Board Policy Revisions (APPROVED – C. Sol/ J. Smith)**
 - a. Proposed WDB Policy 74- Pre-Award/Contract Renewal-Finance/ Program Risk Assessment Tools
 - b. Proposed WDB Policy 67 Revision – Incumbent Worker

- **State Eligible Training Provider (ETPL) Request for Cost Review- Georgia Dental Educational Institute **JUDY JIMMERSON AND RON O’MEARA STATED CONFLICT AND ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION and VOTING (TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING DUE TO QUORUM NOT BEING MAINTAINED)****
- **Discussion of PY 2022-2023 Service Provider Performance Reviews**
- **PY 2024 One-Stop Operator Services Contract Renewal and Funding Recommendation- Arbor E&T, LLC dba Equus Workforce Solutions **(APPROVED –K. Coker/ C. Sol)****
- **PY 2024 Youth Contract Renewal and Funding Recommendations Authority to Negotiate and execute twelve-month PY 24 third-year contracts beginning June 15, 2024 through June 30, 2025 within the funding limits, slot limits recommended (see the attached); and Negotiate programmatic activities and performance outcomes in keeping with the Youth performance goals and expectations of the WDB; and Note in each resulting contract a fourth and final year contract extension is possible, based on performance, organizational strategies and/or funding availability. **(APPROVED – J. Smith/ K. Coker)****

Provider	Counties To Be Served	PY 23 Prior Year Funding Recommendation	PY 24 Minimum Youth Slots	PY 24 Funding Recommendation
Arbor E&T, LLC dba EQUUS Workforce Solutions (Out of School Youth)	Baker, Decatur, Grady, Miller, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas	\$ 210,000	65	\$ 195,000
Dougherty County School System (In School Youth)	Dougherty	\$ 100,000	0	\$ 0
Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. (Out of School Youth)	Calhoun, Colquitt, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Mitchell, Worth	\$ 405,000	130	\$ 390,000

- **Review of Board Membership Compliance**
 - a. New Member Appointments
 - i. *Shawn O’Connor-Veazie **(APPROVED – C. Thomas/ J. Smith)**
 - b. Board Member Vacancies
 - i. Economic and Community Development
 - c. Executive Committee **(TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING DUE TO NO RECOMMENDED NOMINATIONS)**
 - i. (2) Vacant positions (WDB Members)
 - ii. (1) Vacant position (Non-WDB Advisory Member)
 - d. WDB Board Composition & Attendance Review
- **Operations Update**
 - a. One-Stop Centers Update Given by Shirley Ingram, One-Stop Operator Operations Manager
 - b. Dislocated Worker Outreach Efforts
 - c. 4th Annual Healthcare Summit Overview Given by Jerry Chapman
 - d. Real Skills Day Event at Albany Technical College
 - e. The Workforce Alliance (TWA) Sector Strategy Update

- f. Talent Pipeline Summit
- g. Business Service and Untapped Labor Force Summit
- h. Regional Rapid Response and Business Service Team
- i. Georgia Workforce Leadership Association Update
- j. WIOA Performance Update
- k. Southeastern Training Association (SETA) Spring Conference, Cherokee, NC (March 10-13, 2024)
- l. Taylor, Hall, Miller, Parker, PA – Monitoring Review April 15-19, 2024

➤ **Next Meeting Date- TBD**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned @ 8:02 p.m.