

Minutes  
Local Elected Officials Consortium (Consortium)  
Meeting via teleconference  
WorkSource Southwest Georgia Conference Room, 75 West Broad Street, Camilla,  
Georgia

January 27, 2021

The Consortium held its scheduled meeting, Wednesday, January 27, 2021 via Teleconference.

Vice Chair Connie Hobbs called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05 p.m.

Ms. Pascha Spence, Office Manager, WorkSource Southwest Georgia called roll. It was reported that 9 officials present and 1 designation; and that **a quorum is declared**.

The following Consortium members were present on call:

- Commissioner Connie Hobbs, Baker County
- Commissioner Denver Braswell, Colquitt County
- Commissioner Phillip Drew, Grady County
- Commissioner Benjamin Hayward, Mitchell County
- Mayor Annette Morman, City of Baconton
- Commissioner Shelia Williams, Seminole County
- Commissioner Pete Stephens, Decatur County
- Commissioner Phillip Brown, Thomas County
- Commissioner Kreg Freeman, Miller County
- Cody Hamilton Designated by Commissioner Kreg Freeman, Grady County

The following Consortium members were absent from call:

- David Conner Collins, Calhoun County
- Commissioner Christopher Cohilas, Dougherty County
- Commissioner Clarence Jester, Early County
- Commissioner Billy Mathis, Lee County
- Commissioner Wilbur T Gamble III, Terrell County
- Commissioner Fred Dent, Worth County
- Mayor Edward Reynolds, City of Bainbridge

Staff members present on call were:

- Ms. Melody Pierce, Executive Director
- Ms. Amanda Godwin, Operations Manager
- Ms. Pascha Spence, Office Manager
- Ms. Rebecca O'Neil, Programs Manager
- Mr. Jerry Chapman, Regional Planner

Due to a quorum being declared Vice Chair Hobbs proceeded with the order of business.

- a. Chair Hobbs called on Director Pierce for a brief overview and update of WorkSource Southwest Georgia and the Southwest Georgia Workforce Development Board. Director Pierce began by giving the Consortium a brief update on the actions taken at the last WDB meeting of September 1, 2020, October 8, 2020, December 1, 2020. The next WDB meeting will be March 2, 2021. She gave a WDB Board Membership Update stating New WDB Appointments are Barbara Grogan, Economic Development Authority, Colquitt County and Dennis Lee, Southern Regional Technical College. She explained that Decatur County is the only vacancy. She continued to give updates on Additional Funding - National Dislocated Worker Grant (COVID), Adult/DW Career Services, Response to COVID-19, One-Stop Center, WIOA Performance, FGWA Sector Strategy, High Demand Career Initiative (HDCI) Round-Two Sector Grant Opportunity and the State TCSG-OWD Annual Monitoring of SWGA which will be Feb 1 – 5, 2021.
- b. Chair Hobbs called for an approval of previous meeting minutes dated June 3, 2020. **Mayor Annette Morman made a motion to approve said meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Pete Stephens. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**
- c. Chair Hobbs discussed the election of Chief Local Elected Official (CLEO) stating "Chief Local Elected Official" shall be defined as that individual who is elected by the Local Elected Official Board in those Local Workforce Development Areas which are comprised of more than one county or municipality. In those Local Workforce Development Areas, which are comprised of one county or municipality, "Chief Local Elected Official" shall be the chief elected executive officer of a unit of general local government in that area. **1. Commissioner Pete Stephens made a motion to Nominate Commissioner Connie Hobbs as Chair, seconded by Mayor Annette Morman. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved. 2. Commissioner Pete Stephens made a motion to Nominate Commissioner Sheila Williams as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin Hayward. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

**The next Meeting will be determined.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Commissioner Pete Stephens, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin Hayward.

Respectfully submitted:

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Commissioner Connie Hobbs, Chair