

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

May 28, 2021

The Consortium held its scheduled meeting, Friday, May 28, 2021 via Teleconference.

Chair Connie Hobbs called the meeting to order at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Ms. Melody Pierce, Executive Director, 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 Christopher Cohilas, Dougherty County
- Commissioner Clarence Jester, Early 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
- John Wheaton Designated by Commissioner Billy Mathis, Lee County
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The following Consortium members were absent from call:

- David Conner Collins, Calhoun County
- Commissioner Denver Braswell, Colquitt County
- Commissioner Phillip Drew, Grady 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

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

- a. Chair Hobbs called for an amendment to the agenda to add the approval of meeting minutes from January 27, 2021. **Commissioner Pete Stephens made a motion to approve said meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Annette Morman. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**
- b. Chair Hobbs called for an approval of previous meeting minutes dated January 27, 2021. **Commissioner Chris Cohilas made a motion to approve said meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Annette Morman. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**
- c. Director Pierce gave a brief overview of the WDB FY 2022 Proposed Operating Budget. After no further questions Chair Hobbs called for an approval. **John Wheaton made a motion to approve said budget, seconded by Commissioner Phillip Brown. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**
- d. 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 stating signatures are required by all Consortium Members on the following forms Conflict of Interest Form, By-Laws and Consortium Agreement. She stated the WDB Board has two New WDB Appointments Decatur County, Dennis Brinson and Mitchell County, Oscar Maples. The WDB Vacancies are Miller County and a Union Representative. The National Dislocated Worker Grant (COVID) is currently being utilized for eligible participants. The One-Stop Center is still currently closed to the public and staff are continuing to work from home. The Florida Georgia Workforce Alliance (FGWA) Sector Strategy are on task and having Zoom meetings.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Commissioner Phillip Brown, seconded by Commissioner Chris Cohilas.

Respectfully submitted:

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Commissioner Connie Hobbs, Chair