

MINUTES
Macon-Bibb Workforce Development Board
Full Board Meeting
August 11, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
175 Emery Highway, Suite C, Macon, GA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Theresa Robinson
Lamar Gettis
Myrtle Habersham
Charles Howard
Veronica McClendon
Jimmy Pitts
Steve Schwartz
Randy Tidwell
Shannon Harvey
Erin Keller
Ralph Snowden
Jennifer Welch
Susan Long
Sarita Hill
Brenda Brown
Bob Burnham
Robert Thompson
Shelley Kraft
June Parker

STAFF PRESENT

Laura Mathis
Sheknita Davis
Kim Stanton
Mitchell Worthington
Lisa Datoc
James Johnson
Emily Perry
Howard Scott

GUESTS PRESENT

Sam Henderson, representing Mayor Robert Reichert

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Theresa Robinson called the August meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Kim Stanton called the roll and indicated that a quorum was present.

OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

b. Introduction of Guests

Sam Henderson, representing Mayor Robert Reichert

c. Conflict of Interest Statement

In lieu of reading the entire Conflict of Interest Statement Affidavit, Ms. Robinson stated that if there is any Board business that will require action and could also benefit any Board Member and/or family member, it is mandatory that they abstain from discussion and voting.

STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2015, Full Board Meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes of the May 12, 2015 Full Board meeting, they were unanimously approved on a motion by Jimmy Pitts and second by Ralph Snowden.

b. Old Business

i. Workforce Development Board Certification

Chairperson Theresa Robinson reported that the Workforce Development Board (WDB) is a certified workforce board and received recognition from the Georgia Department of Economic Development from the state.

Chairperson Theresa Robinson mentioned that the new name of the Workforce Board is now the Workforce Development Board (WDB), the new name was effective July 1, 2015.

ii. Local Designations

Chairperson Theresa Robinson reported that the Workforce Development Board (WDB) is a regional designation under the WIOA; it is a local area designation for Macon-Bibb County. Sheknita Davis mentioned that the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Workforce Division is requiring the state to review and identify the proposed regions via teleconference by August 4, 2015 and to be approved by the end of August.

The minutes to be approved showed an incorrect date of August 17, 2015 on the agenda, the correct date of the minutes to be approved are May 12, 2015.

c. New Business

i. Workforce Development Board Committee

1. Establishment and Expectation

Chairperson Theresa Robinson updated the committee that the Macon-Bibb County Workforce Development Board Committee has six standing committees that are charged with developing recommendations to the Board on the various areas: Budget and Finance, Employer Partnerships, Quality Assurance, Public Relations, Youth, and Nominating. Each of these committees has a Chair. Chairperson Theresa Robinson listed the Chairperson for each of the committees. Budget and Finance is Jennifer Welch, Employer Partnerships is Steve Schwartz, Quality Assurance is Becky Lee, Public Relations is Shannon Harvey, Youth is Veronica McClendon, and Nominating is Charles Howard. A signup sheet was passed around the meeting and Chairperson Theresa Robinson asked for volunteers for each committee.

ii. Committee Reports

1. Budget and Finance Committee

A copy of the report was provided in the packet. The Salaries line item shows \$20,593 YTD being one month into fiscal year. The Employee Benefits line item shows \$10,043, which is tied to salaries. The Staff Travel & Training line item shows \$71 YTD. The Tuition line item shows \$3,305 spent YTD. The Support Payment line item shows \$1,499 YTD.

2. Employer Partnership Committee

Steve Schwartz reported on the change in law regulations in July that will affect the Employer Partnership; more details to follow. Mr. Schwartz touched on the Sector Partnership National Emergency Grant (SP NEG), which are discretionary grants awarded by the Secretary of Labor to

provide employment-related services for dislocated workers. In addition, the funding is intended to temporarily expand capacity to serve dislocated workers and meet the increased demand for employment and training services, with the goal of quickly re-employing laid-off workers and enhancing their employability and earnings.

Mr. Schwartz mentioned that the committee is seeking to re-connect with each employer to develop apprenticeships and on-the-job training opportunities.

iii. Sector Partnership National Emergency Grant

Mrs. Davis reported that the Sector Partnership National Emergency Grant (SP NEG) awarded Georgia \$1.9 million, and \$1.3 million will go to this region. The funding will allow 400 on-the-job training opportunities to dislocated workers.

Mrs. Mathis expressed that this grant is a great opportunity for Middle Georgia to lead the state and be put on the fast track to act as a “model” for other workforce areas to follow in planning service delivery.

iv. Workforce Development Board Retreat

Chairperson Theresa Robinson reported on the upcoming Workforce Development Board Retreat, tentatively scheduled for September 10 and September 11, 2015. An email will be sent to the Board for an attendance count and details on the retreat. John Chamberlain, a subject matter expert for WIOA, has been asked to facilitate the meeting. Chairperson Theresa Robinson stated that this would be a great opportunity for the Board to gather and discuss WIOA and other program and opportunities.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. Programmatic Service Delivery Update

Mrs. Davis reported that that WIOA is working strategically with other state agencies that perform similar functions, such as DFACS; they offer employment service requirements for their participants. Ms. Davis reported that the new law changes the definition of an “out-of-school-youth”, it is not just a youth between the ages of 16-24 that have dropped out of school, it is the same age group that has received their high school diploma and have not engaged in employment or post-secondary education or military. Mrs. Davis reported that there is a dire need for welders in the community and Central Georgia Technical College offers an accelerated GED program that has a welding certificate built in. Assistance can be provided in connecting them with local employers.

b. WIOA Update

Chairperson Theresa Robinson mentioned that in the packet provided is a list of frequently asked WIOA questions that may be helpful. The link to view all of the frequently asked questions is at <http://www.doleta.gov/WIOA/FAQs.cfm>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



WIB Chair



WIB Secretary



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