

MEETING MINUTES OF THE WDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

The meeting was held at the Adamsville Regional Health Center, 3700 Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30331

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Latron PRICE, Elizabeth SCOTT, Stephanie ROOKS, William BLINSTRUB, Tim BRIT, Bethany USRY, Neil GLUCKMAN, Perry HERRINGTON, Tommie JONES, Robelyn MCNAIR, Elizabeth NORMAN, Oscar PRIOLEAU, JR., Kenneth SLAVEN, Aimee WILLIAMS, Marvin LASTER, and Yulonda Darden BEAUFORD.

Cory RUTH (Proxy Diamond Wiggins)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

William PALMER, Joyce DORSEY, Finesse BLUMENTHAL, Kyera PERRY, Grady BLAND, and Bill Blinstrub.

STAFF:

Mia REDD, Kenneth FITZGERALD, Mariska ANGALL, Logan WINKLE, Ebony VINES-JACKSON, Tawanda HARRIS, Carol SHIELDS.

New Division Manager Introduction

Board Chairperson Latron Price called the meeting to order at 10: AM. Board Clerk, Carol Shields made the roll call and confirmed that the required quorum was present to conduct the meeting. No public comment cards had been submitted.

Chair Price introduced the new Division Manager, Tracey Bradley introduced himself to the Board and gave information on his background and his intentions and willingness to take on this new role as WIOA Division Manager.

Minutes

Chairperson Price moved forward with the agenda and asked the board members to retrieve their agenda, minutes, and program report for a motion from the floor and a second in order to pass. The August 31, 2017 Board of Directors board meeting were approved for adoption as presented. Chairperson Price made a motion to pass the minutes for approval. Motion was made by Elizabeth Scott and seconded by Stephanie Rooks. The Executive Minutes of 10/2/2017 was read and approved. The Program Report was included for review by the board.

Financial Report

- Staff person Mariska Angall was available to provide Financial and Program reports.
- There were no formal presentation of the financial report; but the information was provided at the meeting for board members review.
- Angall with their requests.

County Attorney

- Logan Winkle with Fulton County Attorney's Office was present as requested to make a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the board.
- A brief overview presentation was given but due to time limitation, it was agreed that the presentation be given in more depth and a fuller presentation at the retreat on December 4, 2017.

DISCUSSIONS

Funding returning to the State

- Chairperson Price ensued with the topic of discussion returning of \$300,000 to the state of GA
- The focus of this meeting was the return of \$300k in funding that was designated for our youth population ages 16 to 24.
- The Board is advocating that the State, not only reconsider the appropriation of the \$300k, but award additional funding to serve Fulton youth who represent the largest opportunity and need in the State.
- Chairperson Price indicated that this meeting is about advocacy as a team and that he views the \$300k as a leverage point to advocate for more funds.
- The Board is hoping the Fulton County Board of Commissioners will conduct a full review of the Workforce Development agency aligning with the Board and staff to ensure our Workforce staff has the tools and the capacity to make the investments in serving our youth.
- A special task force board was organized to address these obligations of funds. A motion was moved by Robelyn McNair and seconded by Tim Birt to organize a special taskforce board.
- Members that agreed to volunteer on the board were Stephanie Rooks, Perry Herrington, William Laster, Tim Birt, and Elizabeth Norman.

Retreat

- A retreat for the LWDB was discussed. The Chair and Board Member Stephanie Rooks agreed that the retreat would help them to learn their roles and responsibilities as a Board Member. The retreat would be to simply come together and learn information because it would be very valuable for the work of the Board in the future.
- The Chair for this Taskforce, Perry Herrington, will organize the retreat. The retreat will be handled by the Board Visibility and Development. Perry Herrington along with his committee will organize the retreat with coordination from the staff, Carol Shields, Kenneth Fitzgerald, and Board members Stephanie Rooks, and Chairperson Latron Price.
- The retreat will be held at Atlanta Technical College complimentary of Yulonda Darden Beauford on Monday, December 4, 2017 from 9AM to 2PM.
- Topics of discussions:
 1. Role and responsibilities of the board members by County Attorney's Office
 2. New Member Orientation to understand strategic plan
 3. Update from Workforce Agency in terms of where we stand in terms of assessments for the past year in terms of results or outcomes and accomplishments
 4. Types of challenges the staff is having in terms of delivery to our community
 5. Changes in the bylaws
 6. Report of Financials/Budgets
 7. Staff involvement: Provider Relations, overview of Workforce, Financials, legislative updates, etc.
 8. Requesting staff involvement in setting up for the retreat with Board Visibility and Development
 9. Collaboration with City of Atlanta, Cobb County, and other WIOA area
 10. Others topics by Chair Latron Price
- Perry Herrington and the staff will discuss further the retreat agenda.
- Robelyn McNair made a motion to move for the retreat for December 4, 2017 and seconded by Stephanie Rooks

One Stop Shop Operator

- The One Stop Shop Operator is a federally funded mandated program.
- The Board voted and approved for the One Stop Shop Operator.
- Attorney Logan Winkle clarified that this is a one year contract with four renewal periods which is approved by the Fulton County BOC. Due to the county not being allowed to execute contracts in excess of one year.
- Robelyn McNair made a motion to move to accept the One Stop Shop Operator and seconded by Pete Hayley.

VOTING ITEMS

Board Visibility and Disability

- The Board recommended that Chairperson Price forward a letter and call Board Member, Kyera Perry, to inquire of her interest in the board.
- If there is no response, board member, Kyera Perry, will be removed from the board due to not attending any board meetings since being approved by the board.
- Discussion ensued concerning the website update. The Board is requesting the website information be updated which is necessary for informational purposes about Workforce Development.
- The staff agreed to make every effort to get the website updated and the board is requesting an update by November 18, 2017.
- Discussion ensued concerning the replacement of Murray Williams with Yulonda Darden Beauford.
- The board reviewed the packet of Ms. Beauford to include the Member Referral Letter, Application and Resume.
- Based on recommendation of Ms. Yulonda Darden Beauford, Perry Herrington moved that the board accept the new candidate for approval and it was seconded by Elizabeth Scott.

Quality Assurance and One Stop Operator

- The meeting was turned over to Aimee Williams Chair of Quality Assurance.
- Quality Assurance is requesting a new program to be added by a current provider, Fortis College for the Dental Assistance Program to the Eligible Provider List. Motion was made by Stephanie Rooks to move the dental assistant program with Fortis College to grant the opportunity to provide training for the community.
- Additions to the Eligible Provider List are CEFGA (Construction Education Foundation of Georgia and United Youth of America).
- Providers on administrative hold are Atlanta Tech College; TMCA (Training Services and FAKS Allied Health and Technology Center).
- A provider closure is Malik College
- Project Pace was discussed by Tracey Bradley, Division Manager. This organization is coming into the area with jobs and the state workforce is requesting partnership as a conditional support.
- The board did not vote on Project Pace. Additional information is needed. Tracey Bradley was given authority from the board to investigate other opportunities to come into our community.

Hiring Event

- The Hiring Event held on October 11, 2017 at the GA International Center was discussed. It was noted that it was a great and successful hiring fair.
- There were over 2000 participants that attended.
- One hundred forty 1(140) people received jobs.
- Special recognition to Jennifer Peterson and other team members with Business Services for working very hard to make the hiring fair a success.

LWDB Meeting

- The next LWDB meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2017 at Atlanta Technical College Complimentary venue of board member, Yulonda Darden Beauford. The meeting is from 9:00AM to 2:00PM.
- The retreat will take the place of the bi-monthly board meeting scheduled for December 21, 2017.

Adjourned

- Robelyn McNair moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:30PM.
- Latron Price seconded the motion.