# MEETING SUMMARY HEART OF GEORGIA ALTAMAHA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FEBRUARY 8, 2022

WELCOME CHAIR JORDAN

**INVOCATION** 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS CHAIR JORDAN

\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES CHAIR JORDAN

December 14, 2021- Minutes were approved with an amendment to add Bobby Cox as present for the December meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

KEITH DIXON

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### ATTENDANCE/BOARD ORIENTATION Dr. HANK HOBBS

A quorum was present to conduct business.

The mission of the Attendance/Board Orientation Committee is to encourage the WDB members to attend WDB meetings and to understand the mission and purpose of the WDB. The Committee will also help the new members feel comfortable in meetings and encourage their participation and make committee appointments.

### <u>BUDGET AND EVALUATION</u> DR. PAUL SCOTT

ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LIST - Coastal Pines-

The following programs were approved to be added to the Eligible Training Provider List for Coastal Pines Technical College:

Basic Electrical Technician, TCC

Basic Electronic Assembler, TCC

Cybersecurity, TCC

Engineering Technology Basics, TCC

Engineering Technology Fundamentals, TCC

Engineering Technology, AAS

#### Foundations of Computer Programming, TCC

The mission of the Budget and Evaluation Committee is to provide fiduciary oversight of WIOA Board funds and to link those expenditures to the established common measures.

#### DISABILITY

#### ALFRED WHEELER

The mission of the Disability Committee is to provide a workforce system by leveraging assets and resources to ensure all people, including those with disabilities, have access to services by partnering with businesses, educational systems, economic development and other agencies. The mission is also to promote independence through training and employment.

#### ONE-STOP

#### **BILLY TRAPNELL**

#### ONE-STOP CERTIFICATION FORMS COMPREHENSIVE

The One-Stop Certification Criteria Forms as provided by TCSG: Form C, Form A, Form B, and Form D. were approved by the WDB to use for the One-Stop Certification.

#### ONE-STOP RFP

The Request for proposals for One-Stop operator services was released on December 15. 2021. Letters of Intent were due by January 21, 2022. No Letters of Intent were received resulting in a failed procurement. The WDB approved the motion that the Regional Commission sole source with Job Training Unlimited to provide One-Stop Operator services.

#### ONE-STOP REPORT

The One-Stop Committee's purpose is to increase marketing strategies and to identify all resources to help meet the needs of customers and businesses within our community.

## <u>PLAN AND PROGRAM REVIEW</u> CUSTOMER COUNTS REPORT JOE SIKES

The Plan and Program Review Committee's mission is to increase WIOA Board members knowledge and accountability of WIOA programs and to form a collaborative union with school officials at every level of education.

### PUBLIC AWARENESS/EMPLOYER PUBLICITY REPORT

#### **MEDDY SETTLES**

The mission of the Public Awareness Committee is to increase the recognition of the Workforce Development Board and its programs in Region 9 and to improve communication to all employees of the services and programs available to them through WIOA. The mission is to develop marketing strategies through communication media and to identify employers to the targeted market.

#### RETREAT/NOMINATING

TED BUFORD

The Board Retreat Committee/Nomination Committee's mission is to plan a retreat that will increase the knowledge of the WDB members of the programs and services provided through WIOA. The committee's mission is to also nominate the best candidate of chair and vice-chair of the WDB.

### YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE POLICY

CAROLYN BLACKSHEAR

The WDB approved to increase the hourly wage rate for youth participating in work experience to \$8.00 per hour. This increase is due to the average hourly rate of pay within the local workforce area.

The mission of the Youth Committee will be to assist in implementing quality programs to better aid qualified youth with the skills to obtain and maintain employment. The Committee will assist in the development of local youth employment, future education, and training policies. The Committee will assist with establishing partnerships with schools, colleges, technical colleges, GED centers, Vocational Rehabilitation Centers, and other agencies that are active in youth workforce development to provide tools for the youth to become successfully productive. The committee will make recommendations to the full board for the selection of eligible service providers of youth activities.

UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT

**RC UPDATE** 

**BRETT MANNING** 

OTHER BUSINESS

#### Members Present

Alfred Wheeler

Ted Buford

**Bobby Cox** 

Lisa Livingston

Meddy Settles

Billy Trapnell

Dr. Barry Dotson

Dr. Paul Scott

Roger Branch

Dan Bennett

Carolyn Blackshear

Rochelle Culver

Kim Edge

Ashley Googe

Brian Hamilton

Dr. Margaret Hightower

Dr. Hank Hobbs

Michelle Johnson

Mac Jordan

Dr. Martha McBride

Mel Powell

Clay Reid

Joe Sikes

Marshall Smith

Nolan Thigpen

Tamra Wells