

MINUTES
HEART OF GEORGIA ALTAMAHA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
AUGUST 10, 2021

The Heart of Georgia Altamaha Workforce Development Board of Service Delivery Region 9 participated in a conference call on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Roger Branch	Dan Bennett
Carolyn Blackshear	Kim Edge
Ashley Googe	Brian Hamilton
Dr. Margaret Hightower	Mac Jordan
Dr. Martha McBride	Janice O'Brien
Mel Powell	Clay Reid
Joe Sikes	Marshall Smith
Nolan Thigpen	Tamra Wells
Ted Buford	Bobby Cox
Lisa Livingston	Roy Selph
Meddy Settles	Billy Trapnell
Jason Whitlow	Dr. Barry Dotson
Dr. Paul Scott	Lee Radney
Ryan Waldrep	Alfred Wheeler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rochelle Culver	Desse Davis
Tim Herrington	Dr. Hank Hobbs
Michelle Johnson	Doug Rooks
Gabriela Munoz	John Turner
Debbie Dyal	George Milligan
Guy Singletary	

STAFF

Keith Dixon	Brett Manning
Sandy Bunton	Janice Jones
Allie Williams	Delores Kesler
	Alex Clements

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order. The WDB had a quorum of 28 members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meddy Settles made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blackshear, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021, Workforce Development Board Meeting. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Keith stated that the State was sending over documentation for a new COVID Grant. With the previous COVID grants, we were able to add 50 participants to work experience and almost 200 in training. He stated that we received the youth grant, and we will be working on the in-school and out-of-school numbers for the counties. When that is adjusted, the youth committee will meet and bring it to the WDB for approval. He stated that we are still waiting on the Adult and DW grants at this time. He also stated that the meeting was held via conference call today due to the rise in COVID numbers and that we will keep a watch on the numbers for the upcoming meetings.

BUDGET AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Paul Scott stated that the Budget and Evaluation Committee would like to make a motion to approve the three (3) following programs for Savannah Aviation to be put on the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). The programs are:

Commercial Pilot Course

The Commercial Pilot Course is the final course needed to begin your flying career. It is required for employment at any airline and most corporate jobs. There is a knowledge test required and a minimum of 40 hours. You must then complete a checkride with an examiner. You will learn cross-country flight, complex aircraft and night flying, and checkride prep.

Instrument Rating Course

The Instrument Rating Course is the first course needed to start your flying career, and it is required for employment at any airline and most corporate jobs. There is a knowledge test required and a minimum of 40 hours. You must then complete a checkride with an examiner. You will learn Instrument flight, navigation, holding procedures, instrument approaches, en route, and checkride prep.

Private Pilot Course

The Private Pilot Course is the first course needed to start your flying career. It is required for employment at any airline and most corporate jobs. There is a knowledge test required and a minimum of 40 hours. You must then complete a checkride with an examiner. You will learn introduction to flying, solo flight, cross-country flight, and checkride prep.

Dr. Scott stated that we don't have to fund these programs, but they would like to have the programs on the ETPL for any areas around the State wanting to use them. They need Board approval from at least one local Board to be placed on the ETPL. Motion seconded by Meddy Settles. Motion Carries.

RC REPORT

Brett Manning stated that with the TSPLOST referendum being due next spring, they have begun meeting with the Chambers across the region. He stated that the first meeting was last month to educate them on what TSPLOST is, how it works, and the benefits. He also stated that the Regional Commission or GDOT could not promote TSPLOST but can help explain and educate communities about the program. He wants everyone to be aware of the wording on the referendum. The referendum does not say the continuation of TSPLOST, but it proposes a 1% sales tax which is not added to the previous sales tax. It will continue to be the 1% sales tax.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allie Williams
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