

MINUTES
HEART OF GEORGIA ALTAMAHA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
AUGUST 9, 2022

The Heart of Georgia Altamaha Workforce Development Board of Service Delivery Region 9 met Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at The Economic Development Center, Vidalia, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Bennett	Carolyn Blackshear
Roger Branch	Rochelle Culver
Kim Edge	Sharon Flanagan
Ashley Googe	Brian Hamilton
Tim Herrington	Dr. Margaret Hightower
Dr. Hank Hobbs	Michelle Johnson
Mac Jordan	Dr. Martha McBride
Mel Powell	Clay Reid
Joe Sikes	Tamra Wells
Ted Buford	Bobby Cox
Doug Rooks	Meddy Settles
Billy Trapnell	John Turner
Dr. Barry Dotson	Lee Radney
Dr. Paul Scott	Ryan Waldrep
Alfred Wheeler	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cason DeVane	Marshall Smith
Nolan Thigpen	Lisa Livingston
Gabriela Munoz	Roy Selph
Jason Whitlow	Debbie Dyal
George Milligan	Guy Singletary

GUEST

Pete Snell, Coastal Pines Technical College
Dell Keith, State Workforce Development Board
Hugh Darnley, Development Authority of Johnson County

STAFF

Keith Dixon	Brett Manning
Sandy Bunton	Carla Mills
Allie Williams	Delores Kesler
Alexis Eason	
Heather Ernst	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order. The WDB had a quorum of 29 members present. Dan Bennett introduced the guest, Pete Snell, Coastal Pines Technical College.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meddy Settles made a motion seconded by Mac Jordan to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022, Workforce Development Board Meeting with the amendment changing the retreat date to 2023. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Keith stated that everything was moving forward. A motion would be made in reference to the Retreat 2023. He stated that the elections would be coming up in November which will determine where Wagner-Peyser and WIOA funding may be assigned. He also stated that we are waiting for an additional grant of COVID money that was not spent by another area, and the state sent a grant in the amount of \$160,000.

ATTENDANCE/ BOARD ORIENTATION

Hank Hobbs stated that a brief New Member Orientation meeting was held before the WDB meeting, and a quorum was present to conduct business.

BUDGET AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Paul Scott stated that the Budget and Evaluation Committee would like to recommend to update the plan with the PY22 negotiated performance measures. Seconded by Meddy Settles. Motion Carries.

Dr. Scott also referred the WDB members to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha WIOA Expenditures report, and everything is current and up to date.

ONE-STOP COMMITTEE

Billy Trapnell referred the WDB members to the One-Stop Report. He said everything was current.

PLAN AND PROGRAM REVIEW

Tim Herrington referred the WDB members to the Customer Counts Report. The report is divided into two sections, Training Services and Business Services. The training services customer total, which includes the ITA program, is 671 customers. The Business services total is 1224 customers

PUBLIC AWARENESS/ EMPLOYER

Meddy Settles stated that the JTU staff attended seven events by participating in hiring events and attending collaborative meetings. He thanked them for visiting the Southeastern Carpenters Orientation in Savannah. He stated that they are doing a great job promoting WIOA services.

RETREAT/NOMINATING

Ted Buford stated that the Committee would like to make a motion to approve the WDB Retreat on March 10, 2023- March 12, 2023, at the King and Prince Resort. Seconded by Joe Sikes.
Motion Carries.

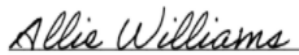
UNEMPLOYMENT

Keith stated that Georgia's unemployment rate is 3.3% and Region 9 is the second-highest rate in the state.

RC UPDATE

Brett introduced Carla Mills, Finance Director at the RC and Hugh Darnley, Development Authority of Johnson County.

Respectfully submitted,



Allie Williams