

ARWDB COMMITTEE MEETING
May 24, 2023 Meeting Summary

Members Present

Mr. Trey Ragsdale
Mr. Jamal Jessie
Ms. Tangela Jones
Mr. Robert Duffield
Mr. Larry Vincent
Ms. Angel Rollins
Mr. Jonathan Turner
Ms. Stephanie Rooks
Mr. Randy Hayes
Mr. James Jackson III
Mr. Aundra Walthall
Ms. Margie Ensley
Ms. Deirdra Cox
Ms. Sonia Carruthers

Members Absent

Ms. Liz Campbell
Mr. Kent Mason
Mr. Murphy Talmadge
Ms. Mandy Chapman
Mr. Mike Alexander
Ms. Bridgette McDonald
Ms. Tamika Wright
Ms. Angelia O'Neal

ARWDB Board Co-Chairman, Angela O'Neal, called the Committee meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

1. **Welcome**

Rob LeBeau, ARC, welcomed everyone especially new Committee member, Deirdre Cox, Community Sustainability Enterprise. Rob also gave a brief safety briefing.

Quorum was met.

2. **ARC Workforce Solutions Department Overview**

Rob introduced each group manager who briefly described what each group's responsibilities were:

- Haydn Braithwaite – Financial Services
- Henry Charlot – Business Services
- Rob substituted for Phyllis Jackson – Adult/Dislocated Worker
- Marsharee O'Connor – Next Gen/Youth
- Lisa Davis – Special Projects

3. **Consent Agenda**

No comments/revisions were suggested for March 22, 2023 meeting summary. Robert Duffield made a motion which was seconded by Larry Vincent. The minutes were adopted.

4. Action Items

- Approve the PY2023 proposed budget - Rob explain the proposed budget and that it must be adopted before July 1. Jamal Jesse seconded; Trey Ragsdale and Sonia Carruthers abstained from voting but the remainder of the Board voted yea. Budget was passed and approved.
- Elections:
 - Vice Chair of the ARWDB – Trey Ragsdale was proposed to serve. Robert Duffield seconded. Vote was unanimous and passed.
 - Executive Committee Representatives – four additional members were needed to serve on the Committee; Angel Rollins, Jamal Jesse, Larry Vincent and James Jackson were proposed; Trey Ragsdale made the motion which was seconded by Stephanie Rooks. The vote was unanimous and passed

5. ARWDB Reports

One Stop Manager's Report

- Ursula Amey-Reid gave the report.
- The Customer Experience survey rating for February was at 100%
- Spring Career and Resource Fair was held with 14 vendors and 49 attendees.
- One Stop Center usage for April was 299 while phone calls were 235.

6. Executive Committee

- Trey Ragsdale gave the report.
 - All Board members whose terms are up June 30th have accepted renewals.
 - The Committee discussed the new to diversity funding sources to include requesting the counties to pitch in, approaching foundations, pursuing grants and sponsorships.
 - The mobile trailer is ready for use.
 - The welding unit will make visits this summer to both Douglas and Gwinnett counties.
 - The strategic lunch discussions held late last year/early this year can be summarized in three areas:
 - Board Management
 - Participant Services
 - Funding

7. Next Gen Committee

- Met in May for Orientation and a quorum was achieved.

8. Business Service Task Force

- Henry Charlot mentioned the need for a co-chair.
- There are new prospects in every County

- Staff shortages continues to be wide spread

9. Career Services Task Force

- Did not meet
- The welding unit has been utilized free of charge but a task force will be formed to determine what the charges should be moving forward. Looking for volunteers. Fee schedule could be an exchange of services or other similar methods.

10. Directors Report

- Unemployment rate for Georgia is 3.3% while the national average is 3.6%
- WIOA funding five years ago was \$19 million and today it has been reduced to \$10 million. The current formula has been in use since 1982 and much has changed in that time.
- July through March performance continues to be strong and it is anticipated that targets will be met by the end of June.
- Neither of the bills that were in the Georgia House and Senate were pass so ARWDB Committee meetings will continue to be in-person attendance only.

11. Next full board meeting will be August 23, 2023 at the Rockdale Resource Center

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 p.m.