

ARWDB COMMITTEE MEETING
Aug. 23, 2023 Meeting Summary

Members Present

Mr. Trey Ragsdale
Mr. Jamal Jessie
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. Mandy Chapman
Mr. Kent Mason
Ms. Bridgette McDonald

Members Absent

Ms. Liz Campbell
Mr. Murphy Talmadge
Ms. Tamika Wright
Ms. Angelia O'Neal
Ms. Tangela Jones
Ms. Sonia Carruthers

ARWDB Board Chairman, Randy Hayes, called the Committee meeting to order at 10:4 a.m.

1. **Welcome**

Rob LeBeau, ARC, welcomed the ARWDB and guests to the Rockdale County Community Resource Center which is the location for both the adult and youth workforce functions for Rockdale County.

Quorum was met.

2. **Presentation**

Rob introduced Robert Hughes who is the director of the Restoration Storehouse which is where the Rockdale County Community Resource Center is and where the August meeting was held. Mr. Hughes gave the history of the Restoration Storehouse.

3. **Consent Agenda**

No comments/revisions were suggested for May 24, 2023 meeting summary. Robert Duffield made a motion which was seconded by Jamal Jessie. The minutes were adopted.

4. **Action Items**

- Approve the Mobile Welding Trailer User Agreement - Rob explained the proposed agreement which explains the usage fees associated with the Trailer. The Agreement

would allow the Director to waive those fees should he feel the prospective party warrants such action. There was discussion about the fees and how this being the first year the Mobile Welding Trailer will be in use. Cost adjustments up or down may be necessary in subsequent years based on the results from this year. The Executive Committee having approved the motion, was seconded by Robert Duffield and passed unanimously.

5. ARWDB Reports

One Stop Manager's Report

- Ursula Amey-Reid gave the report.
- The Customer Experience survey rating for July was at 100%

6. Executive Committee

- Trey Ragsdale gave the report.
 - The Mobile Welding Trailer is currently located in Douglas County and has commitments through the end of the year.
 - Based on last year's strategic discussions, Rob has created a survey to be distributed to all Georgia LWDBs to determine where they receive funding, strategies to diversify funding, and concerns/obstacles to funding. Then the survey will also be distributed nationally. San Diego, California for example, only receives 40% of their funding from WIOA. The survey will also include open ended questions.
 - Trey mentioned several grants that have been applied for and received/will be applied for.

7. Next Gen Committee

Met in July at ARC and the next meeting will be at Gwinnett Tech.

8. Business Service Task Force

Henry Charlot gave a brief recap.

9. Career Services Task Force

- Did not meet.
- The Mobile Career Lab is still in search of a driver.

10. Directors Report

- Rob started by stating the unemployment rate for Georgia is 3.2% while the national average is 3.8%. Georgia's labor participation rate is 61.5% while nationally it is 62.9%
- All performance goals for PY22 were met or exceeded with one exception.
- Rob mentioned upcoming conferences and told Board members they were eligible to attend.

11. Next full board meeting will be October 25, 2023 at ARC.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.