

ARWDB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 12, 2026, Meeting Notes

Members Present

Mr. Mike Alexander
Mr. Robert Duffield
Mr. James Jackson
Mr. Jamal Jessie
Ms. Sara Ray
Mr. Trey Ragsdale
Ms. Kristy Smith

Members Absent

Ms. Autumn Andrews

Quorum met

ARWDB Board Co-Chairman, Trey Ragsdale, called the Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Workforce Director Brett Lacy welcomed attendees and started the meeting.

1. ARWDB Membership:

- Review meeting attendance: Members are currently in good standing.
- Board Membership: We currently have a full roster and have made official committee assignments.

2. Board Meeting Action Items:

Approve Local Plan Modifications for Public Comment

Brett led the board through the approval process for modifications to the 2024-2027 local strategic plan, highlighting updates resulting from administrative changes, new labor market information, and a shift in focus toward employer involvement and apprenticeships. The board approved a two-week public comment period before final submission

3. Legislative Update:

Brett provided an abbreviated update on federal and state workforce funding, the status of appropriations, and reauthorization.

4. Budget Update:

Brett reported that grants ending June 2026 were 100% expended, with no remaining unobligated balances. Youth funding met both required expenditure thresholds. Brett explained that we continue to meet or exceed first-year expenditure goals. We will continue to monitor the progress of all grants.

5. **Program Updates:**

Brett announced the upcoming launch of a regional impact dashboard, developed by Olivia, to visualize participant outcomes, employment industries, earnings changes, and return on investment, with interactive features for county-level analysis and quarterly updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.