

Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board Meeting

March 23, 2022

Members Present – In Person

Mr. Greg Cantrell
Mr. Adam Forrand
Mr. Randy Hayes
Mr. Joseph Henning
Ms. Lee Hunter
Mr. James Jackson
Ms. Angela O’Neal
Mr. Trey Ragsdale
Mr. Larry Vincent
Ms. Yolanda Virden
Mr. Aundra Walthall

Members Present – Virtual

Ms. Liz Campbell
Ms. Sonia Carruthers
Ms. Mandy Chapman
Mr. Kent Mason
Ms. Stephanie Rooks
Mr. Richard Sylvia

Members Absent

Mr. Robert Duffield
Ms. Margie Ensley
Mr. Jamal Jessie
Mr. Stephen Schultheis
Mr. Murray Talmadge

Quorum not met: 11 of 22

Guests Present -In Person

Mr. Henry Charlot, Atlanta Regional Commission – WorkSource Atlanta Regional
Ms. Carlethia Collier, Atlanta Regional Commission – WorkSource Atlanta Regional
Ms. Lisa Davis, Atlanta Regional Commission – WorkSource Atlanta Regional
Mr. John Hammond, Atlanta Regional Commission – Center for Community Services
Ms. Phyllis Jackson, Atlanta Regional Commission – WorkSource Atlanta Regional
Mr. Rob LeBeau, Atlanta Regional Commission – WorkSource Atlanta Regional
Ms. Anna Roach – Atlanta Regional Commission
Ms. Elizabeth Sanford – Atlanta Regional Commission

Guests – Virtual

Ms. Deborah Battle, Atlanta Regional Commission – WorkSource Atlanta Regional

Mr. Haydn Brathwaite, Atlanta Regional Commission – WorkSource Atlanta Regional

Mr. Eric Dial

Ms. Carolyn Duven – Gwinnett Technical College

Ms. Christine Grigsby, Equus

Ms. Lynn Hamilton, Equus

Ms. Marsharee O'Connor, Atlanta Regional Commission - WorkSource Atlanta Regional

Ms. Brittany Oquendo, Atlanta Regional Commission - WorkSource Atlanta Regional

Ms. Aixa Pascual, Atlanta Regional Commission - Center for Strategic Relations

Ms. Laura Price, Gwinnett Technical College

Ms. Suzette Truitt, Atlanta Regional Commission – WorkSource Atlanta Regional

Call to order: Randy Hayes = 10:40 am

Approval of the December 15, 2021ARWDB Meeting Minutes

Motion: James Jackson

Second: Adam Forrand

One Stop Manager's Report

- 97% customer satisfaction surveys
- Continues to hold onsite recruitment to help employers fill positions.
- As of March 1st, the centers are fully reopened
- Continues to meet required metrics
- Action plan – keep the customer service satisfaction high, continue to have resources available to customers and employers
- Starting in April, One Stop Manager will conduct partner meetings in all seven counties.

Executive Committee

- Discussion regarding the mobile unit and the possibility of securing a new one.
- Discussion regarding the welding lab. How it will be utilized, fees associated with it.
- Proposed lunch meeting with the five workforce boards to discuss strategies for the region.

NextGen Committee

- Performance report provided during the meeting.
- Discussion regarding the taskforce committees.
 - How do they handle them moving forward?
 - How can they be more efficient and effective moving forward?

Business Services Committee

- No action items to bring to the full board.
- There continues to be increased interest from larger employers.
- Provided information regarding activities in the seven-county area.

Career Services Committee:

- Held its first meeting February 23rd.
- Still in the beginning phases.
- Discussions include:
 - Utilization and recruitment of the welding trailer
 - Committee composition – who are we missing?
 - The Ticket to Work program

Director's Report

- Provided data regarding current labor issues
- Provided an update regarding funding trends. The state and the southeast continue to have huge cuts while the rest of the country see increases.
- Services delivery – in person and virtual services available
- Mobile Career Center and Welding Lab- Mobile Career Lab – on pause for repairs but available special events. Operations for the welding trailer anticipated to begin May 2022..
- Current year performance updates
- Updates regarding the Targeted Outreach campaign.
- Budget updates – tracking well to spend funds
- 2022 priorities

Adjourn: _____ Randy Hayes 11:56 am