

COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOW-UP

ATLANTA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD NEXTGEN COMMITTEE

February 12, 2026, 2-Day Summary

Members Present

Ms. Ciara Dunn
Mr. Robert Hughes
Mr. Jamal Jessie – Chair

Mr. Chris Moder
Ms. Kristy Smith – Vice-Chair

Members Absent

Ms. Autumn Andrews
Mr. Anthony Ford
Ms. Tangela Jones

Ms. Norma Marquez
Mr. Fred Dawkins
Ms. Jennifer Houston

Guests

Ms. Debbie Anglin – HEARTS
Ms. Sonia Carruthers – Cherokee Focus
Ms. Jada Cason
Ms. Trania Davis

ARC Staff

Mr. Haydn Brathwaite - Finance Manager
Ms. Candice Coppin - NextGen Program

Ms. Marsharee O'Connor - NextGen Program
Ms. Brittney Oquendo - NextGen Program

The meeting was held at the Atlanta Regional Commission

Mr. Jamal Jessie called the meeting to order at 12:12p.m.

The committee approved the meeting minutes from November 12, 2025, and the NGP Policy – *WIOA Youth Eligibility (NGPP 06-03)*. Members received updates on PY25 program funding and reviewed 1st and 2nd quarter performance outcomes. Mr. Jamal Jessie and Ms. Candice Coppin provided an overview of the of the \$200,000 *Pathways to Digital Economy Initiative* grant, funded by Google, which focuses on expanding digital career pathways for youth. Mr. Jessie also introduced a new strategic plan for upcoming Taskforce activities and presented the *Lunch and Learn* concept to strengthen employer engagement efforts.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for **May 14, 2026**, with the location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.