

COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOW-UP

ATLANTA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD NEXTGEN COMMITTEE

May 28, 2026, 2-Day Summary

Members Present

Ms. Autumn Andrews
Mr. Robert Hughes
Mr. Chris Moder
Ms. Viva Pitter
Ms. Kristy Smith – Vice-Chair

Members Absent

Mr. Jamal Jessie – Chair
Ms. Ciara Dunn
Ms. Norma Marquez
Ms. Jennifer Houston

Guests

Ms. Debbie Anglin – HEARTS
Ms. Sonia Carruthers – Cherokee Focus

ARC Staff

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

Ms. Kristy Smith called the meeting to order at 12:12p.m.

The committee approved the meeting minutes from February 12, 2026, and confirm Ms. Viva Pitter as the new NextGen Committee member. Members received updates on PY25 program funding and reviewed 3rd quarter performance outcomes. Ms. Candice Coppin provided an overview of the \$200,000 *Pathways to Digital Economy Initiative* grant, funded by Google, which focuses on expanding digital career pathways for youth. Ms. Marsharee O'Connor presented the *Lunch and Learn* employer engagement efforts.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for **August 20, 2026**. Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.