

COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOW-UP

ATLANTA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD NEXTGEN COMMITTEE

November 12, 2025, 2-Day Summary

Members Present

Ms. Autumn Andrews
Ms. Ciara Dunn
Mr. Anthony Ford
Mr. Tim Hemans
Mr. Robert Hughes
Mr. Jamal Jessie –Chair
Ms. Tangel Jones

Ms. Norma Marquez
Mr. Chris Moder
Ms. Leslie Nelson
Ms. Kristy Smith- Vice-Chair
Ms. Stephanie Rooks

Members Absent

Mr. Fred Dawkins
Ms. Jennifer Houston

Guests

Ms. Debbie Anglin – HEARTS
Ms. Kathi Korcyk-Schaefer – Cherokee FOCUS
Ms. Millie Hughes – Cherokee FOCUS

ARC Staff

Ms. Candice Coppin – NextGen Program
Mr. Brett Lacy – ARWDB Director
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 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Jamal Jessie introduced Mr. Brett Lacy the new ARWDB Director to the committee. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 06, 2025. Six critical motions addressing various NextGen Program policies were discussed and unanimously approved, Requires Additional Assistance (NGPP 01-05), High Poverty Area (NGPP 02-04), Supportive Services (NGPP 03-05), Incentive (NGPP 04-03), Work Experience (NGPP 05-03) and WIOA Youth Eligibility (NGPP 06-02). The committee received updates regarding program funding for PY25, which allocates \$1.4 million across contracts, training accounts, and special projects. Additionally, a \$200,000 grant from Google was announced to support the Pathways to Digital Economy Initiative, aiming to enhance digital career pathways for youth, with implementation steps beginning in December, and program launch planned for January 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.