

## COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOW-UP

### ATLANTA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD NEXTGEN COMMITTEE

*November 11, 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- Co-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

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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.