

**ATLANTA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
NEXTGEN COMMITTEE**

May 08, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Mr. Fred Dawkins
Ms. Juli Gilyard
Mr. Tim Hemans
Ms. Jennifer Houston

Mr. Jamal Jessie –Chair
Ms. Norma Marquez
Mr. Anthony Mayor Ford
Ms. Leslie Nelson
Ms. Stephanie Rooks

Members Absent

Ms. Autumn Andrews
Ms. Mandy Chapman
Ms. Ciara Dunn
Mr. Robert Hughes
Mr. James Jackson

Mr. Chris Moder
Ms. Emma Reynolds-Middleton
Ms. Kristy Smith- Co-Chair

Guests

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

Ms. Vivia Pitter – Gwinnett Tech

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

Mr. Tim Hemans called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- A. The NextGen Committee (NGC) continues to operate paperless, except for meetings held outside of ARC office. For copies of the information discussed during the meeting, visit the ARC website <https://atlantaregional.org/workforce-economy/boards-and-committees/youth-committee/>, under *Meeting Archives* or send a request to ARC Staff Ms. Marsharee O'Connor via email at MO'Connor@atlantaregional.org.
- B. Mr. Tim Hemans solicited any public comments.
- C. Two actions taken at this meeting.
- D. Mr. Tim Hemans introduced NextGen Director, Ms. Marsharee O'Connor presented the updates to the NextGen Program.

NEXTGEN COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED:

- 1. Ms. Stephanie Rooks made the following motion:

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from February 19, 2025.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Juli Gilyard and unanimously approved.

- 2. Mr. Anthony Ford made the following motion:

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from 2025 RFP Recommendations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jamal Jessie and unanimously approved.

NEXTGEN PROGRAM PERFORMANCE, PLANNING, AND SERVICES:

- A. **NextGen Program Funding and Performance Update** – Mr. Jamal Jessie commenced the meeting by introducing Ms. Marsharee O'Connor, who presented the recommendations for the PY2025 Request for Proposals (RFP) for approval and provided a comprehensive overview of the PY2025 funding. Ms. O'Connor subsequently introduced Ms. Candice Coppin, who presented the PY24 NextGen Provider Monitoring Snapshots, followed by Ms. Brittney Oquendo, who discussed the PY24 Participant Tracking Report.
- B. **Special Projects Update** – No updates
- C. **NextGen Program Status Updates & Activities** – Mr. Jessie asks that NGSPs gave updates about their programs, services, and operations.

NEXTGEN COMMITTEE PLANNING ACTIVITIES:

Taskforce Updates

- 1. Program Oversight & Guidance Taskforce

2. Strategic Planning Taskforce
3. Economic Development Taskforce
4. Resource Leveraging Taskforce

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

A. CY2025 NextGen Committee (NGC) Meeting Schedule & Location

- August 06, 2025 – Atlanta Regional Commission
- November 12, 2025 – Atlanta Regional Commission

B. NextGen Committee Planning Activities – Mr. Jamal Jessie announced new members Ms. Norma Marquez and Mr. Fred Dawkins of the NextGen Youth Committee.

C. Next Board Meeting Date – The Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board (ARWDB) will meet in-person at The Atlanta Regional Commission May 14, 2025.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 06, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28PM

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