

**ATLANTA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
NEXTGEN COMMITTEE**

*October 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes*

**Members Present**

Ms. Nicole Horne	Ms. Stephanie Rooks
Mr. Robert Hughes	Mr. Larry Vincent – Co-Chair
Mr. Chris Moder	
Mr. Trey Ragsdale	
Ms. Rossany Rios – Rep.	

**Members Absent**

Ms. Liz Campbell	Ms. Angelia O’Neal – Chair
Ms. Mandy Chapman	
Mr. Jamal Jessie	
Ms. Tangela Jones	
Ms. Juli Gilyard	
Ms. Myndi Hoffman – Kuhlmann	

**Guests**

Ms. Ethel Craig – HEARTS	Ms. Alexandria Off - HEARTS
Mr. Derrick Drisson – My Limitless Growth, LLC	Ms. Emma Reynolds-Middleton - Soft Skills Zone
Mr. Kadeem Dunwell – Young Entrepreneurs of Atlanta	
Ms. Deja Johnson - POC	

**ARC Staff**

Ms. Candice Coppin - NextGen Program	Ms. Marsharee O’Connor - NextGen Program
Ms. Denise Dixon - NextGen Program	Ms. Brittney Oquendo - NextGen Program

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The meeting was held at Gwinnett Technical College

Mr. Larry Vincent called the meeting to order at 12:07PM

## **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](mailto:MO'Connor@atlantaregional.org).
- B. There was one action taken at the meeting.
- C. Mr. Larry Vincent asked for any public comments.
- D. NextGen Director, Ms. Marsharee O'Connor presented the updates to the NextGen Program.

## **NEXTGEN COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED:**

1. Mr. Trey Ragsdale made the following motion:

***MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from July 26, 2023.***

The motion was seconded by Ms. Stephanie Rooks and unanimously approved.

## **NEXTGEN PROGRAM PERFORMANCE. PLANNING, AND SERVICES:**

- A. **NextGen Program Funding and Performance Update** – Mr. Larry Vincent introduced Ms. Marsharee O'Connor to present updates PY22 Participant tracking and final performance numbers for PY22 state performance.
- B. **Special Projects Update** – No special projects updates reported.
- C. **NextGen Program Status Updates & Activities (Delivering services through COVID-19)**  
Ms. O'Neal 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

Ms. O'Connor requested taskforce members to discuss group action items and determine to keep or change current taskforce goals and objectives.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

**A. PY 2023 NextGen Committee (NGC) Meeting Schedule & Location –**

- February 21, 2024- The Atlanta Regional Commission

**B. Next Board Meeting Date** – The Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board (ARWDB) will meet in-person at The Atlanta Regional Commission October 25, 2023.

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The next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01PM