

**ATLANTA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**NEXTGEN COMMITTEE**  
*November 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes*

**Members Present**

Mr. Eddie Barnett	Ms. Angela Myers-Jenkins
Ms. Brenda Beverly	Ms. Angelia O'Neal – Vice Chair
Ms. Juli Gilyard	Ms. Stephanie Rooks
Ms. Myndi Kuhlmann	

**Members Absent**

Mr. Charles Bivins	Ms. Dorothy Herzberg
Ms. Rosalind Brooks	Mr. Chris Moder
Ms. Amanda Bryant	Mr. Trey Ragsdale
Ms. Liz Campbell	Ms. Rossany Rios
Ms. Mandy Chapman	Mr. Stephen Schultheis – Chair

**Guests**

Ms. Deborah Anglin – HEARTS	Ms. Tammy Miller – TBA
Ms. Sonia Carruthers – Acting Chair	Ms. Emma Reynolds-Middleton
Mr. Nic Dunn - POC	Ms. Chanel Roker
Mr. Jacinto Hall - CPACS	Mr. Justin Swartzwelder - CPACS
Mr. Robert Hughes	
Ms. Nanya Joseph - TBA	
Ms. Kathi Korczk-Schaefer - Cherokee FOCUS	

**ARC Staff**

Ms. Candice Coppin - NextGen Program	Ms. Marsharee O'Connor - NextGen Program
Ms. Denise Dixon - NextGen Program	Ms. Brittney Oquendo - NextGen Program
Mr. Robert LeBeau – WorkSource Atlanta Regional Director	

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The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams video conferencing.

Ms. Sonia Carruthers called the meeting to order at 12:03PM

## **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. Ms. Brittney Oquendo called the attendance.
- D. NextGen Director, Ms. Marsharee O'Connor presented the updates to the NextGen Program.

## **NEXTGEN COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED:**

1. Mr. Stephanie Rooks made the following motion:

***MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from August 18, 2021.***

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

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

- A. **NextGen Program Funding and Performance Update** – Ms. Sonia Carruthers introduced Ms. Marsharee O'Connor and Mr. Robert LeBeau to present updates on the NextGen program funding and PY20 NextGen Performance. Mr. LeBeau discussed PY2021 budget updates for Fayette, Rockdale and Cherokee county. Ms. O'Connor presented the Nextgen Activity for PY21 customer visits and PY21 1st Quarter Performance (7/1/2021-09/30/2021).
- B. **Special Projects Update** - Ms. O'Connor introduced Ms. Candice Coppin to present updates on NGSPs program training. Ms. Coppin discussed Career Compass Academy, the virtual Work Experience 4-week program, currently in the 4th cohort. This is an unpaid work experience that is offering \$200 weekly stipends. The State regulators are deciding more on what the requirements of the program will include for the next sessions. NexGen has created a Virtual Trainee Agreement for this Virtual Work-Experience. All current participants must sign this agreement, Directors and Program Leads will receive this agreement for participants to sign so we are following the state. Ms. Coppin discussed the PY 21 monitoring schedule to flow into the third quarter. Also, reviewed the webinar trainings and materials provided to new and existing NextGen Service Providers, for two weeks from August 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.
- C. **NextGen Program Status Updates & Activities (Delivering services through COVID-19)** – The NGSPs gave updates about their programs, services, and operations starting from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

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## **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 for each Taskforce to submit via email their mission statements and action items to update the NextGen Committee Operational Guidance before the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **OTHER DISCUSSIONS:**

#### **A. PY 2021 NextGen Committee (NGC) Meeting Schedule & Location –**

- February 09, 2022
- May 11, 2022

Meeting locations have not been determined due to Covid-19.

#### **B. NextGen Committee Membership and Recruitment –** Ms. O'Connor mentioned the current Committee members term ended on June 30, 2021. Membership renewals for a two-year term effective July 1, 2021, and Committee recommendation are requested prior to November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also, membership orientation will be scheduled for new and existing members at a later date.

#### **C. Next Board Meeting Date –** The Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board (ARWDB) will meet via Microsoft Teams on February 09, 2022.

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The next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 09, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57PM

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