

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 5, 2020

TO: NextGen Committee Members

FROM: Chuck Little, Chair
WorkSource Atlanta Regional
Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board (ARWDB) NextGen Committee
By Marsharee O'Connor, ARC Staff

RE: NextGen Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 2020

The next previously-scheduled meeting of the WorkSource Atlanta Regional, ARWDB NextGen Committee for program year 2019 (PY19) is Wednesday, February 12th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. **Lunch will be available at 11:45 AM, and the meeting will start at 12:00 PM sharp.**

The NextGen Committee meeting will be **hosted by Parents Educating Parents & Professionals (PEPP, Inc) at 4600 Timber Ridge Dr, Douglasville, GA 30135.**

Please go to the following web address for additional NextGen Committee information and for NOTES from the last and all NextGen Committee (previously called Youth Committee) meetings: <http://atlantaregional.org/youth-committee/>. While you are on the ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION website please feel free to browse through other information about the region and your communities.

AGENDA items will include:

1. Old Business and NextGen Committee Action
2. Presentation
3. NextGen Program Planning and Services
4. NextGen Committee Planning Activities
5. PY19 Meeting Schedule and Locations

If you would like to make Agenda suggestions, have any questions or would like to discuss issues and ideas, feel free to e-mail NextGen Committee Chair Chuck Little at little@atlantaelectrical.org or ARC staff/NextGen Program Director Marsharee O'Connor; moconnor@atlantaregional.org. Marsharee's cell phone number: (470) 532-6262. She is available at any time.

Please RSVP for the NextGen Committee meeting by 12:00 PM on Monday, February 10, 2020 by replying to the Announcement email or the calendar invite. So that we may plan for lunches, it is vital that you let us know if you are planning to attend, and if you wish to invite guests.

MEETING AGENDA

NextGen Committee (NGC)
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
11:45am – 2:00pm
(Meeting will call to order at 12:00pm)

Meeting Location: 4600 Timber Ridge Dr, Douglasville, GA 30135

The purpose of the ARWDB NGC is to provide expertise in youth and young adult policy and assist the ARWDB in developing and recommending employment and training strategies, broadening the employment and training focus in the community to incorporate a youth/young adult development perspective; establishing linkages with other organizations in the local area and taking into account a range of issues that can have an impact on the success of youth and young adults in the labor market and providing policy guidance and exercising oversight.

A. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

B. **OLD BUSINESS AND NEXTGEN COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED**

- Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 6, 2019

C. **PRESENTATION**

- Chanel Roker, Founder & CEO, TruTransit, LLC. – Transportation services offered by TruTransit to help schools and organizations

D. **NEXTGEN PROGRAM PLANNING AND SERVICES**

- NextGen Program Funding Update
- Discretionary Grant – Social Welfare Program Initiative (SWPI) Update
- NextGen Program Status Updates & Activities

E. **NEXTGEN COMMITTEE PLANNING ACTIVITIES**

- Taskforce:
 1. Program Oversight & Guidance Taskforce
 2. Strategic Planning Taskforce
 3. Economic Development Taskforce
 4. Resource Leveraging Taskforce

F. **OTHER DISCUSSIONS**

- PY19 Meeting Schedules and Locations
 - ✓ Meeting Schedule Change Recommendation
- Other

ATLANTA REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD NEXTGEN COMMITTEE

November 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Ms. Brenda Beverly	Ms. Juli Gilyard
Mr. Charlton Bivins	Mr. Chris Moder – Co-Chair
Ms. Rosalind Brooks	Mr. Ben Lanier - TCSG
Ms. Amanda Bryant	Ms. Dhakiyya Lewis – DHS/DFCS
Ms. Lisa Collins	Mr. Chuck Little – Chair
Ms. LeDam Doan	Ms. Stephanie Rooks – ARWDB

Members Absent

Mr. Eddie Barnett	Ms. Elsa Pena-Guzman
Ms. Maria Guzman	Mr. Shane Persuad
Ms. Dorothy Herzberg	Mr. Ron Scroggy
Ms. Myndi Kuhlmann	Ms. Ann Shira
Ms. Angela Myers-Jenkins	

Guests

Deborah Anglin - HNH	Esmeralda Lopez – Cherokee FOCUS
Allen Brown – Marriott Foundation for People with Disabilities	Joan McNeil - TBA
Barbara Coleman – Connecting Henry	Tammy Miller – TBA
Eustacia Evans - ResCare	Cherie Olivis - TCSG
Christine Grigsby – ResCare	Linda Shepard - PEPP
Jacinto Hall – CPACS	Le’Stacia Warren – Eckerd Connects
Nanya Joseph - TBA	James Wilburn – CCPS
Kathi Korczk-Schaefer – Cherokee FOCUS	

ARC Staff

Denise Dixon – NextGen Program	Marsharee O’Connor – NextGen Program
Candice Coppin – NextGen Program	Brittney Oquendo – NextGen & Finance

The meeting was held at The Bridge Academy.

Mr. Chuck Little called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S) & 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 Marsharee O'Connor via email at MO'Connor@atlantaregional.org.
- B. Tammy Miller introduces The Bridge Academy, our host for today's meeting. The Bridge Academy is a SACS Accredited school that services the NextGen Program's WIOA in-school youth, ages 16-21, in all seven (7) ARWDB counties. They are housed at Club-E, 3707 Main Street, College Park, GA 30337. www.thebridgeacademy.us
- C. Introductions of the meeting attendees were made around the room.

REQUIRES COMMITTEE ACTION(S):

1. Ms. Dorothy Herzberg made the following motion:

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from August 14, 2019.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Cherie Olivis and unanimously approved.

NEXTGEN COMMITTEE PLANNING AND SERVICES:

- A. **Purpose of the NextGen Committee** – Ms. Marsharee O'Connor declares she would like to implement the regular practice of reading the Purpose of the NextGen Committee, at every committee meeting. This purpose can be found in committee member manuals and at the top of the meeting agenda. Ms. O'Connor explains that the Purpose states why the committee is in service and how reading it regularly will help embed it in the committee members. All meeting attendees commence to reading the Purpose out loud:

The purpose of the ARWDB NGC is to provide expertise in youth and young adult policy and assist the ARWDB in developing and recommending employment and training strategies, broadening the employment and training focus in the community to incorporate a youth/young adult development perspective; establishing linkages with other organizations in the local area and taking into account a range of issues that can have an impact on the success of youth and young adults in the labor market and providing policy guidance and exercising oversight.

Ms. O'Connor went on to read the NGC Mission Statement as well.

- B. **PY19 NextGen Funding Update** - Haydn Brathwaite reported that WorkSource Atlanta Regional/ARC recently received \$400,000 in additional funds from the State, but Ms. O'Connor explains that during PY19 budgeting, though there was a decrease in funding from the State, the NGSPs received an increase in funding in their budgets - funds of which came from ARC's budget for costs. Therefore, the additional funding will go towards internal operations at ARC. Ms. O'Connor then announces that ARC just received word yesterday from TCSG regarding available youth funds. However, we do not know how much is regional.org

available or the process to receive the funds. Ms. O'Connor will inform the committee of any updates.

- C. **Discretionary Grant – Social Welfare Program Initiative (SWPI) Update** – Ms. O'Connor starts with an overview of the SWPI project, she gives a quick update of the number of participants enrolled, then hands it off to Ms. Candice Coppin for further updates. The project has been sub-contracted back to Goodwill of North Georgia and Project Outsource Connects. It is scheduled to continue through December 2019 with a pending approval from TCSG to extend the project to June 2020.
- D. **NextGen Program Status Updates & Activities** – Ms. O'Connor asks that NGSPs quickly give an overview of challenges and opportunities within their programs, particularly challenges they would like addressed by the committee.

NEXTGEN COMMITTEE PLANNING ACTIVITIES:

- A. **Schedule Orientation for new NGC members** – Mr. Little announces that another NGC member orientation will be held for anyone that missed the one in February 2019. Ms. O'Connor explains that the committee member term officially starts at the beginning of the program year and lasts on a two-year cycle, so those that did not attend in February would need to schedule orientation before then end of the program year, including potential members.
- B. **Career Assessment RFP** - Mr. Little mentions YouScience, who presented at the last NGC meeting and how they survey interest, as well as aptitudes. However, YouScience is not the only tool that includes both interest and aptitude, so we have to go through the legal procurement process. Mr. Little and Ms. O'Connor would like to roll out an official RFP to allow assessment companies to apply for services with the NextGen Program. ARC staff is still evaluating the RFP process and will continue to update the committee.
- C. **Taskforce Breakout Sessions** – The meeting concludes in breakout sessions for the NGC taskforce:
 - 1. Program Oversight & Guidance Taskforce
 - 2. Strategic Planning Taskforce
 - 3. Economic Development Taskforce
 - 4. Resource Leveraging Taskforce

As an assignment, Mr. Little asks the committee to develop a Mission Statement for the NextGen Committee, as well as a mission statement for each taskforce.

Each taskforce reports their discussions to the committee. Ms. O'Connor tasks the groups to continue phone conferencing or meeting face-to-face to discuss next steps, prior to the next NGC meeting. She asks that, once they receive the template via email, taskforce members add the notes to the template and send them back to her.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

- B. Deborah Anglin with Hearts to Nourish Hope announces that they are starting a pilot program for drone certification through FAA. There are many jobs opening up for flying drones in real estate, construction, entertainment, logistics and more. Ms. Anglin is trying to

have the program added to the ETPL and would like to involve other NGSPs servicing Fayette, Clayton, and Henry County.

- A. The mobile welding unit has been approved by the ARWDB and will be available to all NGSPs when the unit is completed.
- B. Taskforce Attendance – Lead members may only miss one committee meeting a year and regular members cannot miss more than two meetings.
- C. **PY2019 NextGen Committee (NGC) Meeting Schedule & Location –**

The next NGC meeting (Feb. 12) is scheduled to be held at Parents Educating Parents & Professionals (PEPP), 8355 Cherokee Blvd, Suite 100, Douglasville, GA 30134

The meeting on May 13 will be held at Atlanta Regional Commission.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE
NextGen Committee (NGC)
 Program Year 2019 (PY19)

Meeting Location:

Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)
International Tower
229 Peachtree Street NE., Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30303

❖ *Meetings are usually held at the ARC office. However, the meeting location may change to other appropriate sites. If there is a change in meeting location, advance notification will be provided.*

DATE	TIME	CONFERENCE ROOM / LOCATION
August 14, 2019 (Wednesday)	11:45 am – 2:00 pm	Electrical Training Center/Apprenticeship School, 6601 Bay Circle, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
November 6, 2019 (Wednesday)	11:45 am – 2:00 pm	The Bridge Academy (TBA) Club-E – 3707 Main Street College Park, GA 30337
February 12, 2020 (Wednesday)	11:45 am – 2:00 pm	<i>Parents Educating Parents & Professional (PEPP, Inc.)</i> 4600 Timber Ridge Dr, Douglasville, GA 30135 (Hosting location, not PEPP's physical address)
May 13, 2020 (Wednesday)	11:45 am – 2:00 pm	<i>Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)</i> Harry West Room 1 & 2

NOTE: Committee meetings follow the program year (PY) schedule (July 1st to June 30th).

Meeting dates are scheduled prior to ARWDB meetings as to ensure Committee recommendations are included in the actions that require board approval.



**Adult
Education**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 21, 2020

Technical College System of Georgia Announces Credit-Based Pilot to Earn High School Equivalency

Atlanta, GA—The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) has announced the Career Plus High School Equivalency (HSE) pilot, an exciting new program for out-of-school youth and adults without a high school diploma to earn a state-issued high school equivalency credential in Georgia.

The Career Plus HSE pilot will allow students to combine previously earned credits from high school, completed portions of the GED® exam, and technical college credit to earn a high school equivalency credential from a participating adult education provider. The program is designed to provide students with the flexibility to fill gaps from previous high school or adult education classes with technical college courses designed specifically for the pilot.

Since 1946, passing the GED® exam was the only way to earn a high school equivalency credential in Georgia. In 2014, many other states began offering alternatives such as additional standardized tests and credit-based pathways to provide more options for their students.

“Adult education is an important part of TCSG’s mission and it’s become increasingly important to provide these students with the skills needed for success in today’s marketplace,” said TCSG Commissioner, Greg Dozier. “By providing Adult Education students with a variety of options to earn a high school equivalency credential, we are helping them realize their full potential while developing a skilled workforce for Georgia.”

Beginning in early 2020, five of Georgia's technical colleges will participate in the inaugural Career Plus HSE pilot: Albany Technical College, Athens Technical College, Central Georgia Technical College, Columbus Technical College, and Savannah Technical College.

In addition to the Career Plus HSE pilot, TCSG's Office of Adult Education will also begin offering a second standardized test—the HiSET®. The HiSET® is a nationally-recognized standardized test developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) that is aligned with the College and Career Ready Standards for Adult Education. Twenty-three states already offer the HiSET® as an option to earn a high school equivalency credential. Students can prepare for both the GED® and HiSET® by attending free exam prep classes at one of TCSG's 31 adult education providers throughout the state.

“Georgia has long been recognized as a leader in Adult Education and I'm encouraged that we are providing innovative and flexible opportunities that will increase the number of Georgians with a high school equivalency credential,” said Assistant Commissioner of Adult Education, Dr. Cayanna Good. “We understand that busy, hardworking adults require flexibility in the pursuit of their educational goals. I'm hopeful that, through the Career Plus HSE pilot and by offering an additional testing option, we will meet the needs of our students and the workforce needs of our state.”