LOWER SAVANNAH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

LSWDB Members in attendance:	Nancy Foster, Gary Jones, Will Reynolds, Tameka Johnson, Kenisha Grimes, Tiiu Goode, Dr. Renee Ritter, Jeanette Murray, Dee Crawford, Dr. Dorian Newton, Lessie Price
LSWDB Members excused:	Darainey Hudson, Dr. Forest Mahan, Kim Williams-Griffin, Tommy Boyleston, Pat Black Jr, Curtis Randolph, Demeterius Smith
LSWDB Members not present:	Kristie Hutson, Catie McCauley
LSCOG/WD Staff in attendance:	André Anderson, Wendy Mahuron, Sally Sharpe, Nelson Nwachukwu, William Molnar
Guests/Visitors:	Alicia Jimenez (Eckerd Connects), Julian Butts, Chad Crumbaker

CALL TO ORDER

Nancy Foster called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Foster welcomed all attendees and guests.

ROLL CALL

Andre Anderson conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

BOARD APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Foster asked the Workforce Board for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion for approval was made by Ms. Jeanette Murray and seconded by Ms. Tameka Johnson. The meeting agenda was approved without additions/corrections.

BOARD APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – October 24, 2023

Ms. Foster asked the Workforce Board for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 24, 2023. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Gary Jones and seconded by Dr. Dorian Newton. The meeting minutes were approved with no corrections needed.

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR WIOA SERVICE PROVIDER(S) COVERING THE LOWER SAVANNAH REGION

Mr. Anderson discussed the RFP to answer any questions from the WD Board. The service will begin the first of July 2024. A motion for approval for the RFP as written for dispersement for publishing was made by Dr. Renee Ritter and seconded by Mr. Gary Jones.

REPORT OF YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING – January 11, 2024

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Dr. Renee Ritter provided the Board with the Youth Committee update and a recap of the Youth Committee Meeting from January 11th.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Anderson introduced and asked to approve new additions to the Youth Committee.

- Farrah Maner – Allendale County School District Parent/Partner Facilitator
- David Augustine – Barnwell County Career Center Director
- Marlon Creech – Councilman, City of Allendale

A motion for approval was made by Mr. Gary Jones and seconded by Ms. Lessie Price.

GRANT FUNDS TRANSFER APPROVAL REQUEST FROM PY23 WIOA DW FUNDING STREAM TO PY23 WIOA ADULT FUNDING STREAM

Mr. Anderson discussed and asked for approval of funds transfer from DW to Adult request in the amount of $200,000. A motion for approval was made by Ms. Tameka Johnson and seconded by Dr. Renee Ritter.

APPROVAL OF NEW PALMETTO ACADEMIC TRAINING HUB (PATH) TRAINING PROVIDERS FOR THE LOWER SAVANNAH REGION

Mr. Anderson discussed with the board the entities that have submitted applications to be included as a training provider for the region and asked for approval from the board. The organizations are as follows:

- Second Chance Job Center (HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, BCT)
- Field Ready Training Academy (HVAC repair)

A motion for approval was made by Ms. Tameka Johnson and seconded by Dr. Renee Ritter.

SPECIALIZED REPORTS FOR BOARD

Were provided by:

André Anderson – LSWDB Financial Update

- Mr. Anderson provided the board with an update of the LSWDB Financial Outlook as of December 31, 2023.

Charlie Furtick – Center Reports

- Mr. Furtick provided the board an update of the SC Works centers and statistics from each.

Wendy Mahuron – Business Services

- Ms. Mahuron provided the board with Business Service updates including 31 OJT contracts for total PY23 to date with an average wage of $19.64/hr. Also, for the PY23 second quarter, the mobile unit made 31 stops with 220 visitors.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Anderson provided updates to the board on several topics.

- Mr. Anderson provided updates for the Big Picture Report 2nd Quarter including the increased traction at the SC Work Centers and WIOA specific visitors and exceeded mandated measures in all categories for 1st quarter PY23.
- Mr. Anderson provided updates on SRNS Apprenticeships and their growth in the region.
- Mr. Anderson discussed and provided the board with the PY 22 Participant Cost Rate Corrective Action Plan.
- Mr. Anderson provided the board with the Mobile Unit Outreach Calendar for February 2024.
- Mr. Anderson informed the board of the open position for the Regional Training Coordinator.
- Mr. Anderson informed the board with the goal to increase the enrollment in more rural areas in the region by assistance/introductions with Youth Serving Organizations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WDB Meetings April 02, 2024 – Allendale County – TBD

Committee Meetings	Youth	March 14, 2024, 10AM Calhoun County
	SC Works	March 26, 2024, TBD
	Disabilities	May 28, 2024, 2PM- Virtual

OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andre Anderson for

Kristie Hutson
Lower Savannah Workforce Development Board SECRETARY

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