

Minutes of the Local Workforce Development Board #40

Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

11:30 AM

I. Call to Order

The Local Workforce Development Board #40 Meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Jason LeMaire, One-Stop Committee Chair.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Jason LeMaire, One-Stop Committee Chair, led all members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Rita Patterson conducted the roll call. The attendance was as follows:

Present

Tessa Brown	Bob Manual	Brenda Thibeaux
James Foster	Mike Ortego	
Christina Johnstone	Dianna Potter	
Suzanne Kidder	Michael Pritchard	
Jason LeMaire	Jennifer Stelly	

Absent

Judy Bruno	Norman Rene'
Craig Matthews	Crystal Romain
April Porterfield	Amy Thibodeaux

New Members Sworn-In

Dr. Bobbie DeCuir	James Trahan
Halli Kennerson	Chad Williams
Aaron Loupe	

Quorum: Yes

Guest in Attendance

Bruce Gaudin	Attorney	Kyler Kilmer	AWS Staff
Brenda Foulcard	AWS Staff	Colandra Authorlee	AWS Staff
Keidrian Kunkel	Eckerd	Germaine Simpson	SLCC
Stephen Broussard	AWS Staff	Lauren Trahan	Nehemiah Project
Phillip Streva	AWS Staff	Andre Perez	SLCC
Garrick Brown	AWS Staff	Claudette Nickerson	AWS
Rita Patterson	AWS Staff		

IV. Consent Items

The Minutes of November 2, 2022, Board Meeting were provided for review. Jason LeMaire called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2nd meeting. James Trahan made a motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2022. The motion was seconded by Michael Pritchard. With no opposition or abstentions, all members were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

V. Discussion Items

Brenda Foulcard, Workforce Development Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the pilot programs associated with Acadiana Workforce Solutions. Brenda Foulcard, Workforce Development Director highlighted that have been approved and proposed.

- **Approved programs include:**
 - Dual HS Programs
 - Summer Academy partners with ULL to provide 200 children with a work experience program.
 - Retool Program – designed to provide opportunities in high demand/high wage career pathways. Approximately 56 participants will be fully trained in industries such as HVAC, Fiber Optics, Electrical and Plumbing.
 - EMT Program
- **Proposed programs include:**
 - Nurse Expansion – Partnering with Ochsner, the grant recipient, to provide participants with training and education, tuition, and supportive services.
 - Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)
 - Entrepreneurship Program – ULL LEED program and Eckerd Connect donated a snowball stand to be utilized for on-the-job learning and serve as a n introduction to starting their own business.

VI. One-Stop Committee Reports

Germaine Simpson presented the One-Stop Contractors Report

- Information regarding the One-Stop Center Visits was reviewed. The information that was reported for the period of July 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.
- A total of 5,869 individuals, collectively, visited the centers in the 8 parishes.

Kedrian Kunkel presented the Program Contractors Report.

- An overview of Program Services that were provided for the period of July 1 – December 31, 2022. She indicated that there were 117 adults, 14 dislocated workers, and 69 out-of-school youth enrolled in services.
- No in-school youths were enrolled during this time period because they are being reserved for the summer youth program.
- She also indicated that there were 304 performance outcomes for the current year.
- Members ask if success stories could be presented at each meeting.

Michael Pritchard presented the Business Services Report

- He indicated and referred to the list of business outreach for the months of November and December 2022.
- This included events attended such as job fairs, Rotary Club meetings, and meetings with business owners to discuss WIOA business programs and job opportunities.
- Members were also referred to the list of approved meeting dates for the One-Stop Committee and members were encouraged to attend.

Jennifer Stelly made a motion to approve the One-Stop Committee's report. The motion was seconded by Mike Ortego. With no opposition or abstentions, all members were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

VI. **Finance Committee Report**

Benda Foulcard presented the report for the Finance Committee.

- The Finance Committee did not conduct a meeting for the month of December 2022. However, a financial report was compiled and presented to the board.
- Ms. Foulcard shared with the board as of December 2022, approximately 2.5 million dollars had been spent.
- The Board was informed of the upcoming marketing strategy that will be taking place to promote AWS's programs. Marketing activities will include advertising, television, and radio spots.
- **Mike Ortego made a motion to approve the Finance Committee's report. The motion was seconded by Michael Pritchard. With no opposition or abstentions, all members were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.**

VIII. **By-Laws Committee Report**

- There was no report from the By-Laws Committee.

IX. **Upcoming Events/Updates**

There were no upcoming events to report.

X. **New Business**

There was no new business to report.

XI. **Other Business**

There was no other business to report.

XII. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

XIII. **Adjournment**

Jason LeMaire entertained a motion for adjournment by James Foster and the motion was seconded by Michael Pritchard. With no opposition or abstentions, all members were in favor and the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Mr. Jason Lemaire, LWDB #40, One-Stop Committee Chair

Rita Patterson, LWDB #40 Recording Secretary