

Minutes of the Local Workforce Development Board #40
Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, November 1, 2023
10:00 AM

I. Call to Order

The Local Workforce Development Board #40 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Tessa Brown, Chairperson.

Roll Call

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

Present

Tessa Brown	Stacey Perrodin
Christina Johnstone	Dianna Potter
James Foster	Michael Pritchard
Crystal Romein	Nathan Carbo
Suzanne Kidder	James Trahan
Chad Williams	April Porterfield
Lauren Trahan	Jason Lemaire
Jennifer Stelley	

Absent

Judy Bruno	Halli Kennerson
Bobbie Decuir	Mike Tarantino
Amy Thibodeaux	Craig Mathews
Aaron Loupe	Dawnia Willis

Quorum: Yes

Guest in Attendance

Brenda Foulcard	AWS Staff	Kedrian Kunkel	Eckerd
Garrick Brown	AWS Staff	Germaine Simpson	SLCC
Rita Patterson	AWS Staff	Andre' Perez	SLCC
Larry Richard – Iberia Parish President	via Zoom		

2. Swearing In New Member

- Lauren Trahan, Executive Director of the Nehemiah Project of Acadiana was sworn in as the newest Board Member of the LWDB #40 Board of Directors.

3. Consent Items

- The minutes from August 2, 2023, were presented.
- The minutes from the Special Call meeting held via Zoom Conference Call.
- The new quarterly meeting dates for 2024 were presented.
- Policy 4.6 regarding the Career Scholarships was presented. This policy outlines American Job Center directives regarding Career Scholarships for WIOA-eligible adults, dislocated workers, and youth participants.
- A motion was made by Jason Lemaire and seconded by Jennifer Stelly that the Consent Items be approved. With no opposition or abstentions, all members were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. Discussion Items

- Presented by Brenda Foulcard, Workforce Director
- AWS received the Subsequent Designation Letter from the Workforce Investment Council. The letter reflects the performance of the agency.
- Data from PY 2020 and 2021 Monitoring reports was used to determine the performance.
- PY 2019 Monitoring Report performance period stated that LWDA 40 did not provide documentation in support of the expenditures in the drawdowns.
- It was determined that LWDA 40 expended \$52,147.97 for services provided to the eight (8) participants during the July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, period of performance.
- Participants were determined eligible either as Adult, Dislocated Worker, or Youth grants, however, services provided were charged to a non-eligible funding stream for each, and therefore, issued a determination letter. A Noncompliance resolution is pending review.
- LWDA 40 submitted a Disallowed Appeal which disputes the amount of disallowed cost. However, SLCC will be responsible for \$12,454.80 in disallowed costs.
- PY 20 Monitoring Report was received which covered the July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, period of performance for WIOA.
- As a result, there were no fiscal compliance findings that were identified.
- Ms. Foulcard informed the Board that the Workforce Commission Legislator Report is available for review and recommends that the board take the opportunity to do so.
- A new aspect of the Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting is a Corporate Presentation from companies that provide an overview of their services, whether there are jobs available, hiring practices, and if best practices are utilized.
- Ms. Dianna Potter with CGI Technologies provided an overview of the company. CGI was founded in 1976 and has 46 years of excellence. CGI has 400 locations in 40 countries and 5,500 clients benefiting from their services. They provided services in industries that include banking, communications, energy and Utilities, Health and Life Sciences as well as the Government. Other industries include insurance, manufacturing, retail and consumer services, transport and logistics, and space. CGI Technologies is a part of the Global Delivery System. They have partnered with the University of Louisiana, LEDA, One Acadiana, and Downtown Lafayette Unlimited. CGI has achieved its goal of hiring 400 people within this region.

5. Reports

One-Stop Committee Report

- The report was presented by Jason LeMaire, One-Stop Committee Chair.
- Mr. LeMaire provided an overview of the report in the packet and encouraged interested board members to attend meetings.

- Garrick Brown, Operations Administrator, provided an overview of the updates in the career scholarship policy.
- Germaine Simpson, One-Stop Operator, stated that PY 23 quarter 1 center visits increased by over 1,000 visits compared to PY 22 quarter 1. Additionally,
- Keidrian Kunkel with Eckerd Connects stated they are working with the board staff on a new summer youth model for year-round service. Eckerd has developed a plan to improve the performance reported in PY 22.


Tessa Brown, Chairperson


Rita F. Patterson, Recording Secretary