

Minutes of the Local Workforce Development Board #40

Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 10:05 AM
Acadiana Workforce Development (AWS) Office,
1638 Creswell Lane Ext., Suite Opelousas, LA 70570

1. Call to Order

The Local Workforce Development Board #40 Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Tessa Brown, Chairperson.

Roll Call

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

Present

Tessa Brown	Crytal Romein
Nathan Carbo	Mike Tarantino
James Foster	Amy Thibodeaux
Jason LeMaire	James Trahan
April Porterfield	Lauren Trahan
Michael Pritchard	Ricardo Williams
Taylor Richard	Hilda Wiltz

Absent

Dr. Bobbie DeCuir	Stacey Perrodin
Halli Kennerson	Kevin Richard
William LaBar	Jennifer Stelly
Aaron Loupe	Chad Williams

Quorum: Yes

Guest in Attendance

Brenda Foulcard	AWS Staff	Kedrian Kunkel	Eckerd
Garrick Brown	AWS Staff	Germaine Simpson	SoLAcc
Rita Patterson	AWS Staff	Andre Perez	SoLAcc
Philip Streva	AWS Staff	Ryan LeGrange	LEDA
Adrienne Auzenne	AWS Staff	Victor June	SoLAcc
Emily LeJeune	Eckerd	Wendy Venable	Eckerd
Deanna Tolliver	Eckerd		

2. Action Items

- Items 2.3 through 2.6 were previously reviewed and discussed at a Special Call Meeting of the Board.
- The RFP process was described indicating that it was guided by local policy and the State of Louisiana procurement policy.
- All proposals were reviewed and met the minimal guidelines. The RFP Committee requested to move forward with the proposed RFP submissions.
- Changes were made to the Youth Policy and High Poverty Policy to include the State recommendations to align with their current policy.
- Tessa Brown, Board Chair called for a motion to approve Action Items 2.1 – 2.8. Hilda Wiltz made a motion to approve the action items, and it was seconded by

Michael Pritchard. With no opposition or abstention, all members were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. **Summer Youth Academy**

- A presentation was made by WIOA Youth Intern, Ormani Dean. Ms. Dean shared with the committee the highlights of the summer program

4. **One-Stop Report**

- Mr. Lemaire provided an overview of the report for the meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.
- Germaine Simpson, One-Stop Operator Director, delivered the One-Stop Operator Report. The data reported represents PY 22 and 23. The number of center visits has increased from the previous year.
- Ms. Kunkel, Service Provider staff, provided an overview of the Service Provider report in the committee packet. The youth success story was shared with the committee.
- Mr. Brown provided an overview of the projected PY 23 annual performance.

Finance Committee

- The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.
- The operating expense for the period 7/1/23 to June 30, 2024, was \$4,368,494.98.
- A budget extension was presented to the committee for PY24/FY25 for the period of July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024.
- The preliminary PY24/FY25 was presented to the committee for a period of October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025.
- A budget revision was explained was submitted to the committee for PY23/FY24 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024).

5. **Public Comments**

- There were no comments at this time.

6. **Upcoming Events/Updates/Reminders**


- Board members were reminded to complete the Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training and to provide a copy to the office to be placed in the file.
- Ms. Foulcard informed the members that the financial disclosures should be sent to the state. She reminded members they could be fined if it had not been submitted.

7. **Next Meeting Date Announced**

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

8. **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.



Tessa Brown – Chairperson



Rita Patterson – Recording Secretary