

# Minutes of the Local Workforce Development Board #40

**Quarterly Meeting**  
First Federal Credit Union  
2235 S. College Road,  
Lafayette, LA 70508

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 10:05 AM**

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**

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| Tessa Brown       | Suzanne Kidder |
| Nathan Carbo      | Aaron Loupe    |
| James Foster      | Lauren Trahan  |
| Michael Pritchard | Hilda Wiltz    |

**Absent**

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| Dr. Bobbie DeCuir | Stacey Perrodin  |
| Halli Kennerson   | Kevin Richard    |
| William LaBar     | Jennifer Stelly  |
| Jason Lemaire     | Chad Williams    |
| Amy Thibodeaux    | Taylor Richard   |
| April Porterfield | Mike Tarentino   |
| Crystal Romein    | Ricardo Williams |

**Quorum:** No

**Guest in Attendance**

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|---------------------|-----------|
| Brenda Foulcard     | AWS Staff |
| Garrick Brown       | AWS Staff |
| Rita Patterson      | AWS Staff |
| Philip Strevia      | AWS Staff |
| Keithen Domingue    | AWS Staff |
| Kyler Killmer       | AWS Staff |
| Claudette Nickerson | AWS Staff |
| Germaine Simpson    | SoLAcc    |

A moment of silence was held in honor of Lauren Womack who was killed in an automobile accident.

2. **Action Items- Because** a quorum was not met, the Action Items listed were not voted on.

- 2025 Board Meeting Dates

### 3. Discussion Items

- Brenda Foulcard, Workforce Director, presented on the **WIOA Reauthorization and the Governor's Task Force**.
- Additional Opportunities: State's Broad Band Grant and Ticket to Work
- A mental health pilot program for WIOA's youth participants
- The governor's office has a CDL program for minorities in the state's rural areas. SoLAcc is the training provider.
- **Career Ignite Expo** is for all 8th graders in the Lafayette Parish Public School System. It will be held on **January 23, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Employers will be present with interactive activities. We are expecting over 2,000 kids to participate. The Expo will be at Heymann Performing Arts Center.
- **Country Road Inclusion Project**—Presented by Keithen Domingue, Program Manager—The grant has two main goals: outreach and employment. The goal is to reach 5,000 people within a 3-year period and employ 450 or more in the healthcare field. This will cover all eight parishes. Ochsner Medical, Opelousas General Hospital, and Lafayette General Hospital are medical partners.

### 4. One-Stop Report

- Michael Pritchard presented the One-Stop Report. The committee is reviewing the Eligible Training Provider Policy.

### 5. Finance Committee

- Financial report was presented.

### 6. Youth Committee

- Lauren Trahan, Youth Committee Chair, presented the committee report.
- A PowerPoint presentation was presented regarding the Youth Summit in Phoenix, Arizona, showcasing strategies and tools.

### 7. Public Comments

- There were no comments at this time.

### 8. 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.

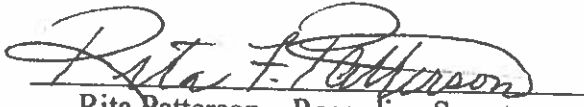
### 9. Next Meeting Date Announced

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

### 10. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

  
Tessa Brown -- Chairperson

  
Rita Patterson -- Recording Secretary