

Minutes of the Local Workforce Development Board #40

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

Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 9:06 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

Tessa Brown	Suzanne Kidder
Suzanne Kidder	William LeBar
James Foster	Lauren Trahan
Michael Pritchard	Hilda Wiltz
Jason LeMaire	Stacy Perrodin
April Porterfield	Mike Tarentino
Amy Thibodeaux	Lauren Trahan
Chad Williams	Ricardo Williams
Crystal Romain	

Absent

Dr. Bobbie DeCuir	James Trahan
Hali Kennerson	Nathan Carbo
Aaton Loupe	Jennifer Stelly
Kevin Richard	Taylor Richard

Quorum: Yes

Guest in Attendance

Brenda Foulcard	AWS Staff
Rita Patterson	AWS Staff
Phillip Streva	AWS Staff
Kyler Killmer	AWS Staff
Germaine Simpson	SOLAcc
Deanna Tolliver	Eckerd
Joy Latiolais	LWC
Bruce Gaudin	Law Firm
Andre Perez	SOLAcc
Ryan LaGrange	LEDA

2. Action Items

2.1 Approval of Minutes, March 19, 2025, Motion by Lauren Trahan and Seconded by Hilda Wiltz. Motion Carried

2.2 Approval of LWDA 40 Local Plan, Motion by Hilda Wiltz, and seconded by Jason

LeMaire, Motion Carried

- 2.3 Approval of Stipend Policy, motion by Michael Pritchard to forward it to the One Stop Committee, and revisit at the next board meeting. Second by Jason LeMaire. Motion Carried
- 2.4 Approval By-Laws Amendment, it was motioned by Amy Thibodeaux to begin submitting revisions of sections with a red line version to the board for review and approval. Seconded by Jason Lemaire. Motion Carried

3. Discussion Items

- A presentation was made by Tessa Brown, Chairperson, concerning the importance of the board's roles and responsibilities.
- The Youth Summer Academy program is scheduled for June 1, 2025. The participants will engage in one week of professional development, three weeks of work-based learning, and one residential week to engage in medical, leadership, teambuilding and academics at LSU.
- Updated information was shared concerning Louisiana HB bill 624.

4. One-Stop Report

- Germaine Simpson presented the report for the One-Stop Committee.
- She indicated data for the number of visits to the centers, how many veterans and individuals, etc., during the period of July 1, 2024-March 30, 2025. The numbers were in comparison to the same period of 2024.
- There was a total of 18,182 individuals that visited the American Job Centers.
- Referring to the report in the packet, she referenced that there were several reasons for the visits to the centers.
- Deanna Tolliver presented the success story and an update on program services referring to the One-Stop Packet.

Finance Committee

- Presented by Brenda Foulcard. She indicated that the Finance Committee did not meet. However, she referenced information in the packet.
- She presented the budget amendment and a contract modification to the full board.

Youth Committee

- Presented by Laran Trahan. She stated a youth committee meeting was held on April 28, 2025. She gave updates on ongoing initiatives, future events, and member recruitment.

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.

7. Next Meeting Date Announced

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 pm.



Tessa Brown -- Chairperson



Rita Patterson -- Recording Secretary