

## **Minutes of the Local Workforce Development Board #40**

**Special Call Meeting**  
Lafayette Parish Library  
301 W. Congress Street  
Lafayette, LA 70501

**Wednesday, November 2025**

**10:00 am**

### **1. Call to Order**

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

### **Roll Call**

Brenda Foulcard conducted the roll call. The attendance was as follows:

#### **Present**

Tessa Brown	April Porterfield
James Foster	Crystal Romain
Suzanne Kidder	James Trahan
Janelle Luquette	Hilda Wiltz
Chad Williams	Jennifer Stelly
Aaron Loupe	

#### **Absent**

Nathan Carbo	Mike Tarentino
William LeBar	Amy Thibodeaux
Aaron Loupe	Ricardo Williams
Kevin Richard	Halli Kennerson
Jason LeMaire	

**Quorum:** No

#### **Guest in Attendance**

Brenda Foulcard	AWS Staff
Garrick Brown	AWS Staff

#### **Guest in Attendance**

Germaine Simpson	One-Stop
Deanna Tolliver	Eckerd
Maggi Bienvenu	One Acadiana
Bruce Gaudin	Gaudin Law Firm
Joy Latiolais	LA Works

### **2. Action Items**

- Action items – Approval of Minutes from the September 17, 2025, meeting. It was moved by Hilda Wiltz and seconded by Chad Williams that the minutes for the September 17, 2025, be accepted. With no opposition or abstention, all members were in favor, and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The second action item was the proposed updated Bylaws. However, because there was not a quorum, therefore, no action was taken, and approval must be tabled until the next quarterly meeting.

- The third action item was the proposed 2026 Board of Directors meeting dates. After discussion, it was decided that that a survey of the board members to change the day, date and time of the meeting. Therefore, no action was taken, approval must be tabled until the survey is completed.

3. **Discussion Items**

- A report about the Government Shutdown was provided by Brenda Foulcard, Workforce Director.
- The shutdown began October 1<sup>st</sup> and froze federal contracts and cause significant financial uncertainty for contractors and families.

4. **Reports**

- One-Stop Committee report was provided by One-Stop Operator/Service Delivery Contractors
- Finance Committee report was provided by Brenda Foulcard.

5. **Public Comments** – There were public comments be offered.

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

- Members were reminded that they are to complete Ethics and Sexual Harassment training for 2025 and submit a copy to the AWS office.
- Members were reminded that the Personal Financial Disclosure was to be completed by May 15, 2025. If the document has been submitted, please send a copy to the AWS office.
- If the disclosure has not been completed, please contact the state Board of Ethics.

7. **Next Meeting Date** – Date and location to be announced

8. **Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

  
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Tessa Brown – Chairperson

  
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Rita Patterson – Recording Secretary