

Minutes of the Local Workforce Development Board #40

Quarterly Meeting
First Pioneer Federal Credit Union
2235 S. College Rd
Lafayette, LA

Wednesday, September 17, 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

The Local Workforce Development Board #40 Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Tessa Brown, Chairperson.

Roll Call

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

Present

Tessa Brown	Nathan Carbo
Bob Manuel	James Foster
Janette Lyquette	Jennifer Stelly
Suzanne Kidder	Amy Thibodeaux
William LaBar	James Trahan
Jason LeMaire	Chad Williams
Michael Pritchard	Hilda Wiltz

Absent

Halli Kennerson	April Porterfield
Dr. Bobbie Decuir	Kevin Richard
Aaron Loupe	Mike Tarantino
Crystal Romein	Ricardo Williams
Taylor Richard	

Quorum: Yes

Guest in Attendance

Brenda Foulcard	AWS Staff
Garrick Brown	AWS Staff
Philip Streva	AWS Staff
Brain Leday	AWS Staff

Guest in Attendance

Germaine Simpson	SOLAcc
Deanna Tolliver	Eckerd

2. Action Items

Action items reviewed and voted on include the March 19, 2025 Board Meetings Minutes, the May 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, the Policy 8-2 Incentives and Stipends retroactive to June 1, 2025, the Bully Policy, the Communication Policy, the Budget Modifications, the FY25 budget revisions and the PY25& FY26 budget starting October 1, 2025 with an end date of June 30, 2026. Amy made a motion to separate the action items into non-fiscal and fiscal items for voting. Seconded by Hilda Wiltz. Items 1 through 5 Bob Manuel moved, and Hilda Wiltz seconded. Items 6 & 7 Bob Manuel moved, and Hilda Wiltz seconded. All Action Items were accepted. With no opposition or abstentions, all members were in favor, and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Discussion Items

- Board Discussion- The bylaws were presented for discussion. Because of its lack of 2/3 attendance, the revised bylaws would be presented at a special call meeting. It was also discussed the urgency for attendance and committee participation.
- Summer Academy: A presentation was provided showcasing the 2025 Summer Academy and the 2025 Medical Pro Boot Camp.
- Dislocated Worker — Brenda Foulcard led a discussion regarding the WARN letter regarding massive layoffs. She stated that AWS will assist Rapid Response and partners with this transition.

4. One-Stop Committee

- The one-stop committee meeting report was presented by Jason LeMaire. Germaine Simpson provided an overview of the One-Stop Operator Report. Deanna Tolliver provided an overview of the Service Provider Report.

5. Finance Committee

- Financial reports were presented to the board for review and discussion.

6. Public Comments

- There were no comments at this time.

7. Uncoming 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.

8. Next Meeting Date Announced

- Board will be voting on the 2026 Board Members Calendar for the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.


Tessa Brown – Chairperson


Brenda Foulcard – Recording Secretary