



ARWDB COMMITTEE MEETING
August 24, 2022 Meeting Summary

Members Present

Ms. Liz Campbell
Ms. Sonia Carruthers
Mr. Robert Duffield
Mr. Adam Forrand
Mr. Randy Hayes
Ms. Lee Hunter
Mr. James Jackson III
Mr. Kent Mason
Ms. Angelia O'Neal
Mr. Trey Ragsdale
Mr. Murphy Talmadge
Mr. Larry Vincent
Ms. Yolanda Virden

Members Absent

Ms. Mandy Chapman
Ms. Margie Ensley
Mr. Jamal Jessie
Ms. Stephanie Rooks
Mr. Richard Sylvia
Dr. Eric Tack
Mr. Aundra Walthall

ARWDB Board Co-Chairman, Randy Hayes, called the Committee meeting to order at 10:44 a.m.

1. **ARC Leadership Team and Priorities, Mike Alexander**

Mr. Alexander spoke about the past roughly six months under the new Executive Director Anna Roach and how her focus has been on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding opportunities, and what will be the impact on workforce preparedness. Most of these will be construction projects and up to 40,000 construction jobs each year could be generated.

Mike also mentioned the restructuring that Ms. Roach has implemented as being similar to a classic business model.

2. **Action Items**

- Approve meeting notes from May 25, 2022
A motion to approve was made by Robert Duffield and seconded by Adam Forrand. The vote was unanimous.
- Executive Committee actions of the June 17, 2022 meeting did not require a vote.
- Approve draft Local and Regional Workforce Plans for Public Comment
Mr. Rob LeBeau discussed the history of these Plans and how this revision includes primarily updated data; the remainder of the Plans, which were revised

in 2020, have not changed. Once approved, the Plans will be available for public comment. Any comments received will be incorporated into the revised Plans and published.

A motion to approve was made by Larry Vincent and seconded by James Jackson. The vote was unanimous.

3. ARWDB Reports

One Stop Manager's Report

- July Customer Experience survey results are roughly 94%
- One Stop partner meetings continue to draw over 30 partners each month
- Eight hiring events drew 96 attendees

Executive Committee

- Reviewed budget update; amended budget reflects final carryover funds and new allocations
- Voted to approve Local and Regional Plans updates and to publish for public comment
- Discussed board member meeting attendance. Reminder: members need to send an excuse in writing prior to the meeting if they're not able to attend. Three unexcused absences in a row results in removal from the board.
- Also, discussed the need to change Georgia's Open Meetings Act to allow virtual attendance at the workforce board

Next Gen Committee

- Have not had a quorum in 2022
- Service provider monitoring was completed and any necessary corrective actions have begun
- In-person visits have been on the increase and for July that number exceeded virtual visits

Business Service Committee

- Businesses are looking for help in particular with OJT and IWT
- Working with entities in every county
- Attended events in Gwinnett and Clayton counties

Career Services Committee

- The welding unit was discussed and how best to utilize it. May try sending it to technical schools without charging for it but track the costs to get some idea what that might be.

Directors Report

- PY21 ended June 30 and the numbers reflect how much the pandemic affected visitor traffic
- Georgia unemployment rate for July was 2.8% while the national average was 3.5%
- The Fayette Center has transitioned operations to the Fayette library two days a week and so far the number of visits has exceeded those of when the Center was open
- The SCEM project wrapped up last month and made improvements to the process which the numbers haven't proven. The average time in process has gone from 117 days in June 2021 compared with 73 days in June 2022, a 41% decrease
- Also, the number of applications in PY20 was 569 compared to 848 in PY21
- A white paper is being developed which will lay out necessary steps to take in order to be prepared to fill all the IJA generated jobs

4. The next ARWDB Executive Committee meeting will be October 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.