

ARWDB COMMITTEE MEETING
December 6, 2023 Meeting Summary

Members Present

Mr. Trey Ragsdale
Ms. Tangelia Jones
Mr. Kent Mason
Mr. Murphy Talmadge
Ms. Angel Rollins
Mr. Jonathan Turner
Ms. Angelia O’Neal
Mr. Randy Hayes
Mr. James Jackson III
Ms. Margie Ensley
Ms. Deirdra Cox
Ms. Bridgette McDonald

Members Absent

Ms. Mandy Chapman
Ms. Tamika Wright
Mr. Jamal Jessie
Ms. Sonia Carruthers
Mr. Aundra Walthall
Ms. Stephanie Rooks
Mr. Robert Duffield
Mr. Larry Vincent

ARWDB Board Co-Chairman, Randy Hayes, called the Committee meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

1. **Welcome**

Rob LeBeau, ARC, welcomed everyone to the year-end meeting.

Quorum was not initially met however after a few minutes spent discussing the minutes from the August 23 meeting, additional members arrived, and quorum was met.

2. **Executive Committee Report**

Trey Ragsdale, Vice Chair, gave a brief summary of the Executive Committee meeting.

3. **Consent Agenda**

No comments/revisions were suggested for August 23, 2023 meeting summary. Murphy Talmadge made a motion which was seconded by James Jackson. The minutes were adopted.

4. **Action Items**

- Approve the updated Rapid Response Policy – Lisa Davis explained that the revised policy had updated wording from the TCSG boiler plate policy. Trey Ragsdale made the motion and James Jackson seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- Approve the updated Living Wage Rate – Henry Charlot discussed the process for updating the wage rate for Work Based Learning contracts. Based on the most recent MIT Living Wage Calculator values the recommended rate was \$18.50 for new WBL

contracts. Trey Ragsdale made the motion and Murphy Talmadge seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

5. ARWDB Reports

One Stop Manager's Report

- Marchelle Worthey, Interim One Stop Manager, gave the report.
- The Talent Council Meeting had 38 attendees.
- One Stop Center usage for October was 403 in person while phone calls were 369.

6. Next Gen Committee

Met in November and discussed quarterly performance measures which were all met.

7. Business Service Task Force

Task Force met and discussed several carryover IWT projects and the Living Wage Rate recommendation.

8. Career Services Task Force

Did not meet.

9. Directors Report

- October unemployment rate for Georgia is 3.4% while the national average is 3.9%
- WIOA funding has been reduced 29% over a five-year period so ARWDB is looking for ways to find diversified funding streams.
- Rob has sent a survey to 50 WDBs across the country inquiring on what mechanisms they utilize for funding.
- The mobile career lab is back on the street and a schedule is being developed.

10. Customer Testimonials

This year's customer testimonials were introduced and each spoke about their experiences with WorkSource Atlanta Regional:

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| • Representing Adults | Veronica James |
| • Representing Next Gen/Youth | Sulmita Calel |
| • Representing Business | Silon |

11. Next full board meeting will be March 27, 2024 at ARC.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 p.m.