



ARWDB COMMITTEE MEETING

December 7, 2022 Meeting Summary

Members Present

Ms. Sonia Carruthers
Mr. Randy Hayes
Mr. James Jackson III
Mr. Kent Mason
Ms. Angelia O'Neal
Mr. Trey Ragsdale
Mr. Aundra Walthall
Ms. Mandy Chapman
Mr. Jamal Jessie
Ms. Margie Ensley

Members Absent

Mr. Larry Vincent
Ms. Yolanda Virden
Ms. Stephanie Rooks
Mr. Murphy Talmadge
Ms. Lee Hunter
Ms. Liz Campbell
Ms. Tangela Jones
Mr. Robert Duffield
Mr. Mike Alexander

ARWDB Board Co-Chairman, Randy Hayes, called the Committee meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

1. Consent Agenda

Approve meeting notes from August 24, 2022

A motion was made by James Jackson and seconded by Trey Ragsdale to approve. Vote was unanimous.

2. Action Items

- Approve the Updated Local and Regional Workforce Plans

A motion to approve was made by Kent Mason and seconded by Mandy Chapman. The vote was unanimous.

- Approve an Update to the Living Wage Policy

A motion to approve was made by Trey Ragsdale and seconded by Aundra Walthall. The vote was unanimous.

- Approve Board Committee and Advisory Group Structure

The recommendation is to move from four Committees to two Committees and two Advisory Groups. The reason being Advisory Group requirements are less stringent and can meet only when needed. The two Committees will be Executive and NextGen.

A motion to approve was made by Kent Mason and seconded by Aundra Walthall. The vote was unanimous.

3. ARWDB Reports

One Stop Manager's Report

- Rob LeBeau introduced the new One Stop Manager, Ursula Amey-Reid who has over 20 years' experience in the Workforce field

- 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.