

MINUTES

Little Rock Workforce Development Board
Full Board Meeting
December 7, 2017

PRESENT

Members Present: Bryan Day, Kristi Barr, Bentley Wallace, James McCarther, Susan P. North, David Stephens, Larry Schleicher, Teresa Knapp Gordon, Cindy Varner, Robin Hunt

LRWDB CEO: Mayor Mark Stodola

LRWDB Staff: W.J. Monagle, Janet Davis, Marie Boyce

Arbor Education & Training: Sheena Fluker

LRWDB Attorney: Steve Riggs

AR Department of Workforce Services: Tanya Plunkett

UALR: Mike Crow, D LaFollette, R Muller, K Tyner, B Roberts, M Lopez, K Wright, J Stevenson, K Leach

Guests: Linda Kindy, Lloyd Huskey, David Adcock, Maggie Strickland

Call TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Bryan Day called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The audience was welcomed and reminded that the meeting was being recorded for assistance in preparing the minutes. Roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Upon a motion by Bentley Wallace, duly seconded by James McCarther, it was unanimously **RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting as presented.

LOCAL AND STATE POLICIES

Upon a motion by James McCarther, duly seconded by Kristi Barr, it was unanimously **RESOLVED:** To adopt the State of Arkansas WIOA Policies that were presented at the last meeting.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO LRWDB MEMBER

Linda Kindy was recognized for her services to the Board.

PRESENTATION OF UALR CAPSTONE PROJECT FOR LRWDB

UALR students earning their Master of Public Administration at the UALR School of Public Affairs presented their graduate level capstone project entitled "Promoting Collaboration in Little Rock's Workforce Development System – A Plan for the Little Rock Workforce Development Board", a research report coordinated between the LRWDB and Dr. Michael Crow of UALR. The students responsible for creating the report were D LaFollette, R Muller, K Tyner, B Roberts, K Wright, J Stevenson, K Leach and M Lopez (who presented the report on behalf of the team.) The report compared Little Rock to four other cities retaining similar characteristics. The report affirmed that the LRWDB is a respected and trusted community partner to act as a "convener" around many workforce development issues. The report recommended that it should pursue that reputation by increasing and refining its convener role within the community. The report further recommended that the LRWDB should facilitate the creation of a regional advisory board, and that it should consider adopting elements of the collective impact approach to collaboration in Central Arkansas. There were many questions and much discussion elicited from the report. It will be published on the LRWDB website, www.lrworkforce.com

WIOA SERVICE PROVIDER/ONE STOP OPERATOR'S REPORT

Sheena Fluker presented Rescare Workforce Services report for November 2017 (Exhibit I).

LRWDB CHAIR'S REPORT

Infrastructure Funding Agreement

Upon a motion by Bentley Wallace, duly seconded by James McCarther, it was unanimously **RESOLVED:** To authorize Director W.J. Monagle, with guidance from Chairman Day, to act on behalf of the Board and negotiate the Infrastructure Funding Agreement for the Arkansas Workforce Center at Little Rock.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Activity Report

Director Monagle presented the Executive Director's Report dated December 7, 2017 (Exhibit II)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - ADJOURN

Chairman Day announced that the next meeting will be held on February 22, 2018. Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was unanimously **RESOLVED:** To adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

APPROVED