

MINUTES

Little Rock Workforce Development Board
Full Board Meeting – Room 150 LRWFC & Zoom
February 15, 2024 @ 12:00pm

PRESENT

Members Present: Kristi Barr, Grace Sandlin (proxy for Sharon Cantrell), Kathy Fulks, Jo Keegan, Larry Schleicher, Darlene Owens, Jonathan Graham, David Stephens, Shannon Fiori, Kristen Lancaster (proxy for Tammy Wheaton)

LRWDB Staff: W.J. Monagle, Tanisha Lawson

LRWDB Attorney: Randall Bynum

Equus Workforce Solutions: Sheena Fluker, Cherisa Price-Wells

Guests: Becky Parkerson, Carmen Edwards (CAPDD), Shannon Frieri, Dollie Fountain, Stephanie James (PCSSD), Tracy Jackson (HR Director – Costus Corp.)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/WELCOMES: Kathy Fulks called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm and ask the attendees on Zoom to put their name and organization in the chat box, so that they would be counted for attending the meeting. A roll call was issued, and it was determined that a quorum was present with 10 members. The audience was welcomed and reminded that the meeting was being recorded for assistance in preparing the minutes.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes from October 19, 2023 were reviewed and approved. A Motion was made to approve the minutes by Jo Keegan and seconded by Darlene Owens.

RESOLVED: board members unanimously were in favor of approval of the October 2023 Minutes.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE REPORT:

Executive Director Monagle announced to the board members that an RFP will sent out from the ADWS Adult Education division. They are requesting proposals from organizations that can provide adult education services. They would like to see how closely the applications and submissions align with LRWDB's Local Plan. The submissions will be received March 4th and will need to be returned by March 11th. He added that a metrics will be provided by ADWS, and we need a few volunteers from the board to review the submissions. Board members Kathy Fulks and Jo Keegan volunteered to assist with the reviewal process. He spoke about the State Combined Plan being in the process of having public comments and noted that LRWDB will need to incorporate any public comments into our local plan.

Director Monagle and CAPDD Director of Workforce Programs Administration, Carmen Edwards, gave an overview to the new board members about the collaboration with the Central Arkansas Planning Development District (CAPDD) regarding the PY24-27 Regional Plan.

One-Stop Partners Advisory Committee – no updates

Youth Services Committee – no updates

Services to Persons with Disabilities Committee – no updates

WIOA SERVICE PROVIDER/ONE STOP OPERATOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Sheena Fluker, Project Director, was present gave an update on what was accomplished since the last board meeting. She asked attendees to refer to the report attached to the meeting packet. Adult/Dislocated Worker enrollments are 32/60, Youth enrollments are 15/30, and Foster/Homeless Youth enrollments are at 14/10. Mrs. Fluker stated that the measures set for Youth Occupational Skills Training is at 1/5 and Adult Occupational Skills Training is at 18/30. She spoke about the Rock City Re-entry Pathway Home 3 program. There are 115 participants enrolled currently in the program. There are currently 17 participants in the UA-PTC Future Fit class that began on January 8, 2024, and 8 participants are in the Goodwill Forklift class. She also shared the participant success story of Jasmine Willis (WIOA Youth) with the board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Director Monagle spoke about the informal request for approval from ADWS to accept \$19,178.34 for settlement of the PY19 Monitoring Report. Director Monagle provided a synopsis of the Executive Director's report (see attached report for details). He congratulated Mrs. Fluker and her team on the great accolades they have accomplished with the Pathway Home 3 grant. And notified the board that the LRWDB will be applying for the Pathway Home 5 grant. He provided an overview of the financial reports that were provided in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made and duly seconded, unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting of the LRWDB was adjourned at 1:27 pm.

Approved by:



4-25-24

LRWDB Chair

Date