

Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Board
November 8, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
Southwest Arkansas Planning & Development District

Members Present: The Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Board convened a full Board meeting through electronic means on November 8, 2022. The meeting was conducted in-person and remotely utilizing Teams and teleconference. Chair, Tammy Waters, presided with the following members voicing their presence: Becky Ives, Adija Banks, Ophelia Strickland, Pam Willis, John Mack, Rory Gulick, Phoebe Bailey, Barbara Hamilton, Tamara Bowers, Kevin Smith, Don White, Ophelia Strickland, Bentley Wallace, LaVennier Brown. Southwest Staff attended: Renee Dycus, Annette Hughey, Lori White, Lisa Stamper, Reese Broadnax, Sherry Bailey, and Shelda Garland. Guests attended: Parnell Vann – Mayor of Magnolia, Doug Fields – Magnolia County Judge, Paul Harness – Coca Cola Safety Driver Instructor

Welcome: Chair, Tammy Waters, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Action Item #1 – Approval of August 9, 2022 minutes: Rory made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Mack seconded.

Action Item #2 – Approve Follow-up Policy Revisions: Ms. Garland discussed the revisions made to the Follow-up Policy regarding the added follow-up form provided to participants after completion of program participation or after the first day of reported unsubsidized employment participants. Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the revisions and Ms. Bowers seconded.

Action Item #3 – Approve Referral Policy Revisions: Ms. Garland reported the revisions made to the Referral Policy to ensure a menu of services list will be provided to each participant. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the revisions and Mr. Gulick seconded.

Action Item #4 – Approve DLW Transfer: Ms. Stamper reported that the request for the DLW transfer was due to the rate Adult Funds were being spent and the job market participation for DLWs was low. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the revisions and Ms. Strickland seconded.

Action Item #5 – Approve New Training Providers: Ms. Garland reported that the policy was revised to include specifications and criteria used to implement priority of services for veterans. Kevin Smith made a motion to approve the revisions and Dr. Wallace seconded.

Staff Reports

Ms. Garland, Ms. White, and Ms. Stamper gave updates on the WIOA Program and Workforce Center activities.

Partner Updates

Ms. Hamilton, Ms. Bowers, and Ms. Brown gave updates for Adult Education, DWS, and Rehabilitation Services.

Other Business

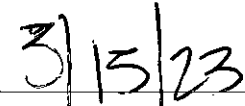
The next meeting date was announced for March 14, 2023.

Adjournment

Chair, Tammy Waters, called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gulick made the motion and Ms. Hamilton seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.



SWAWDB Chair



Date