

Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Board
March 14, 2023 – 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 March 14, 2023. The meeting was conducted in-person and remotely utilizing Teams and teleconference. One-Stop Committee Chair, Rory Gulick, presided with the following members voicing their presence: Becky Ives, Adija Banks, Ophelia Strickland, John Mack, Phoebe Bailey, Barbara Hamilton, Tamara Bowers, Kevin Smith, Don White, Diann Epps, LaVennier Brown, Whitney Peterson, Cory Walker, Wendy Harman, Ivory Curry, Tamara Bowers. Southwest Staff attended: Annette Hughey, Lori White, Lisa Stamper, Reese Broadnax, Sherry Bailey, and Shelda Garland. Guests attended: Parnell Vann – Mayor of Magnolia, April Ambrose – Workforce Director for Arkansas Advanced Energy Apprenticeship Program, Paul Harness – Coca Cola Safety Driver Instructor

Welcome: One-Stop Committee Chair, Rory Gulick, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Action Item #1 – Approval of November 8, 2022 minutes: Mr. White made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Ives seconded. Via a voice vote, the minutes were approved.

Action Item #2 – Approval of the Executive Committee’s nomination for Board Chair and Vice-Chair: Mr. Gulick announced the resignation of Ms. Waters, and the nominations of Ms. Peterson and Ms. Banks for Board Chair and Vice-Chair. Ms. Ives made a motion to approve the nominations and Mr. Curry seconded. Via a voice vote, the nominations were approved, and Ms. Peterson and Ms. Banks were voted in as Chair and Vice-Chair. Ms. Peterson presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Action Item #3 – Approval of Multifunction Agreement: Ms. Garland gave a summary of the Agreement and its purpose. Mr. Gulick made a motion to approve the Agreement and Ms. Hamilton seconded. Via a voice vote, the Agreement was approved.

Action Item #4 – Approval of Conflict of Interest Policy: Ms. Garland gave a summary of the Policy and its purpose. Ms. Hamilton made a motion to approve the Policy and Ms. Ives seconded. Via a voice vote, the Policy was approved.

Action Item #5 – Approval of Business Services Policy: Ms. Garland gave a summary of the Policy and its purpose. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the policy and Ms. Hamilton seconded. Via a voice vote, the Policy was approved.

Staff Reports

Ms. Garland, Ms. Bailey, 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 June 13, 2023.

Adjournment

Chair, Whitney Peterson, called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith made the motion and Ms. Hamilton seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

SWAWDB Chair

Date