

Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Board
June 13, 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 June 14, 2023. The meeting was conducted in-person and remotely utilizing Teams and teleconference. Whitney Peterson, Board Chair, presided with the following members voicing their presence: Becky Ives, Julie Roberson, Diann Epps, Adija Banks (Proxy Cayla Alfred), Shaun Clark, Ophelia Strickland, Don White, Pam Willis, John Mack, Barbara Hamilton, Rory Gulick, Don White, LaVennier Brown, Cory Walker, Wendy Harman, Chris Donaldson, Ivory Curry. Southwest Staff attended: Renee Dycus, Annette Hughey, Lori White, Lisa Stamper, Reese Broadnax, Sherry Bailey, and Shelda Garland. Guests attended: Jasmine McCrary – ADWS Regional Advisor, Stephanie Blair – ADWS Deputy Asst. Dir., Chad Brown – Arkansas Workforce Development Board Executive Dir.

Welcome: Board Chair, Whitney Peterson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Action Item #1 – Approval of March 14, 2023 minutes: Mr. Donaldson made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. White seconded. Via a voice vote, the minutes were approved.

Action Item #2 – Approval of the Board Bylaws Revisions: Ms. Garland discussed the revised sections, within the bylaws, on proxies and ballots. Mr. Gulick made a motion to approve the revisions and Ms. Hamilton seconded. Via a voice vote, the Board Bylaws revisions were approved.

Committee Reports

Mr. Gulick and Ms. Brown gave updates for the One-Stop and Disability committees.

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 and Ms. Brown gave updates for Adult Education and Rehabilitation Services.

Other Business

The next meeting date was announced for September 12, 2023.

Adjournment

Chair, Whitney Peterson, called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Curry made the motion and Ms. Epps seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.



SWAWDB Chair

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