

**Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Board**  
**September 17, 2024 – 11:30 a.m.**  
**University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana, Hempstead Hall**

**Members Present:** The Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Board convened a full Board meeting through electronic means on June 11, 2024. The meeting was conducted in-person and remotely utilizing Teams and teleconference. Whitney Peterson, LaVennier Brown, Rory Gulick, Barbara Hamilton, Phoebe Bailey, Voniece French, Della Wooley, John Mack, Becky Ives, Ivory Curry, Andrea Britt, Tracie Lee, Kevin Smith, Christine Holt, Ophelia Strickland, Cory Walker, Shaun Clark, Chris Donaldson, Diann Epps. Southwest Staff attended: Renee Dycus, Annette Hughey, Lori White, Christina Tate, Lisa Stamper, Donna Harper, Reese Broadnax, Sherry Bailey, Tawana Staten, Donna Harper, Jay Click, Katie Hardy, and Shelda Garland; Special Guests: Director Cody Waits, Pam Warren, Camille Powell, Don Still, Jerry Crane, LaDonna Fusilier, State Rep. Carol Dalton

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

**Action Item #1 – Approval of September 17, 2024, minutes:** Mr. Mack made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Gulick seconded. Via a voice vote, the minutes were approved.

**Action Item #2 – Approval of updates/revisions to the ITA Policy:** Ms. Garland discussed the updates made to the ITA Policy. Mr. Gulick made a motion to approve the transfer and Mr. Walker seconded. Via a voice vote, the updates were approved.

**Action Item #2 – Approval of the Amendments to the One Stop Operator Agreement:** Ms. Garland discussed the Amendments to the OSO Agreement. Ms. Bailey made a motion to approve the amendments, and Mr. Gulick seconded. Via a voice vote, the amendments were approved.

**Committee Reports**

LaVennier Brown gave the Disability Committee Report, Phoebe Bailey gave the Youth Committee Report, and Rory Gulick gave the One-Stop Committee Report.

**Staff Reports**

Ms. Stamper – Staff Accountant, Ms. Bailey – OSO, Ms. White – WIOA Program Manager, and Ms. Hughey – Business Services, gave updates on the WIOA Program and Business Services activities.

**Partner Updates**


Barbara Hamilton – SAU-Tech Adult Ed and Ms. Smith – Employment Services gave updates for core partner programs.


**Other Business**

- The next meeting date was scheduled for 12.10.24.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:35 pm.

  
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Whitney Peterson, SWAWDB Chair

  
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