

LWIA 12 Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board Meeting
Held at: 313 W. Cedar Street, Dyersburg, TN 38024
April 28, 2015

Board Members Present:

Jerry Bailey	Quincy Barlow	LaMar Bartlett	Alonzo Beard
Bobby Blaylock	Karen Bowyer	Kay Castellaw	Yvette Dixon
Brad Hurley	Mary Jones	Ed Ledden	Pam Merritt
Ted Piazza	John Penn Ridgeway	Alvin Smothers	John Snead
Steve Williams	Jimmy Williamson	Sandra Woods	

Local Elected Officials:

Jake Bynum Denny Johnson Benny McGuire Gary Reasons Chris Young

Youth Council Members Present:

Ronnie Gunnels Ruthene Ezell Mike Whitson Sherry Fowler Rita Alexander

State Staff:

Mark Chandler Gwen Leonard

Guest:

Norma Gerrell Nancy Blaylock Mike Krause

Staff Members Present:

Jennifer Bane	LeAnn Lundberg	Pam Merritt	Ginger Powell	Margaret Prater
Kim Quinton	Laura Speer	Connie Stewart	Cynthia Webb	

Board Members Present by Conference Call:

Jennifer Starks Charlotte Turner

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Jimmy Williamson recognized there was a quorum and called the meeting to order. All guests and attendees welcomed.

2. REVIEW & APPROVAL: (handouts)

Mayor Denny Johnson made a motion to approve the January 27, 2015 Board minutes and the March 18, 2015 Executive Committee minutes as submitted. Mayor Benny McGuire seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

3. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: (handouts)

Ronnie Gunnels, Youth Council member, reported on Mid-Year Report and the Out of School Youth Services Matrix handout. He stated that Youth Services had received over \$29,000. The Peer Tutoring services will no longer be funded. The Youth Council is

looking at new ways to provide for Out of School Youth. There was discussion on updates for Dual Enrollments and Peer Tutoring.

4. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES- NAWB Attendees and other

Yvette Dixon- update on rules and regs.

Sandra Woods- update on jobs for people 55+ years old.

Alvin Smothers- update on Youth and Partnerships

Dr. Karen Bowyer- update on New Innovations and Old Workforce vs. New Workforce.

Ronnie Gunnels- update on Guidelines and UI mirroring Jobs4TN.

5. GOVERNOR HASLAM'S DRIVE TO 55-

Mike Krause, Executive Director spoke on the Drive to 55 power point presentation. He answered questions and talked about Dual Enrollments, TN Promise, and TN Reconnect. Statistics were shown as to what happens to kids that don't go to college.

6. QUARTERLY BOARD UPDATES- (handouts)

Margaret Prater, Vice President of Workforce Development, discussed the handouts:

WIOA Implementation- Next Steps

- Status of Initial Designation of Local Area
- Proposed Regulations
- Board Restructure
- Articles of Amendment to the Charter-Name change from Career Training Network to Northwest TN Workforce Board

A motion was made by Mayor Gary Reasons to approve the 11 County Local Workforce Development Area Designation and Dyersburg State Community College acting as Fiscal Agent and Administrative Entity upon the Governor's approval of a request for a continued waiver of training prohibition. The motion was seconded by Mayor Denny Johnson. All were in favor and the motion was passed by affirmative vote. Dr. Karen Bowyers abstained from discussion of the motion and the vote.

7. PROGRAM UPDATES: (handouts)

Due to time restraints there were no Program Updates except from Ginger Powell, Director of Business Services, who reviewed her handouts. Everyone received handouts from all directors.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Williamson.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Quinton
Executive Secretary