

**Western Arkansas Workforce Development Board Meeting
Mercy Hospital, Sicard Room
7301 Rogers Ave., Fort Smith, AR
June 26, 2018**

Call to Order: Miles Crawford called the meeting of the Western Arkansas Workforce Development Board Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Dana Byrum, John Craig, Miles Crawford, Doug Kinslow, Rachel Mize, Cathy Nesbit, Teresa Nichols, Tom Bonkofsky, Bill Stuckey

The following members were present by proxy: *Gary Udouj proxy for Nanci Caillouet & Debbie Faubus-Kendrick, Carman Hensley proxy for Martha Holt, Regina Olson proxy for Bruce Sikes*

Others present were: Tom Anderson (AWDB Chair), Arnell Willis (AWDB director), Kim Bartlett, Ashley Garris, Rebecca Edwards, Olan James, Vanessa Caldwell, Judy Skerbitz, Shari Dominguey, Stacy Willinger, Tonya Washington, and Dennis Williamson.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Doug Kinslow motioned to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting as presented. Dana Byrum seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Tom Anderson – Arkansas State Workforce Board Chair & Arnell Willis – ASWB director spoke on 4 key points. Email of key points attached.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – Miles Crawford – One-stop committee informed EC that one-stop and services would need RFP this year and suggested to move forward with RFP. Motion was made to follow recommendation by Bill Stuckey and 2nd by John Craig. Board unanimously approved the motion.

New updated board policies were recommended to EC. The committee approved the critical policy updates. No board discussion and so moved to accept as approved.

Disabilities Committee – Dana Byrum – She discussed the minutes of the meeting from May 16th. She also provided a draft one sheet partner services handout and asked board members for input on additional providers and services to be included.

Open Items

Infrastructure Cost Sharing Agreement (IFA) update by Dennis still need 2 signatures. DSB & ARS.

Partner key indicators still need to be determined for all partners for local area performance measuring. It was offered that the board needs a performance committee. Doug Kinslow made a motion to create a performance committee and Cathy Nesbit 2nd. Board approved unanimously.

Sector partnership success story of the creation and action performed on behalf of the manufacturing partnership created. Gary Udouj shared with the board 3 pre-apprenticeship classes had been held around the region with 26 attendees. 17 graduates were offered opportunities after interviews that came from the 6 companies involved.

New Business

PY18 board budget was presented for approval. Dana Byrum motioned to approve and Bill Stuckey 2nd. Board passed unanimously.

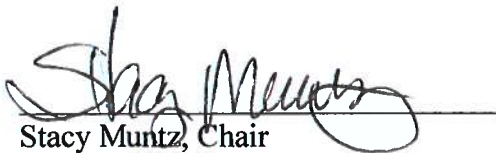
ARWorks presentation by Tom Bonkofsky was an overview of program being led by DWS.

PY17 monitoring update presented by Dennis. Field work was complete unofficial exit interview suggested no serious unresolved issues for Western Arkansas area. No determination when exit interview would take place.

Other Business:

No other business.

Adjourn: Doug Kinslow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Stuckey seconded, motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.


Stacy Muntz, Chair