STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD GENERAL SESSION
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 20, 2021
Virtual Platform - Zoom

GROUP MEMBERS AND ATTENDANCE:

Attendance	Member	Attendance	Member
	Governor Brian Kemp	√	Kellie Brownlow
√	Chairman Wendell Dallas		Kevin Jackson Jr.
	Alan Schuetze	√	Logan Leslie
√	Ames Barnett	√	Marcia Dixon
	Bart Gobeil		Mark Butler
√	Cayanna Good		Mike Long
√	Chris Tobiasson	√	Mike Roby
√	Chris Wells		Oren Hall "Buddy" Harden
√	Chuck Little		Phil Sutton
√	Dell Keith	√	Randy Beall
	Downing Barber		Randy Toms
	Eric Hughes	√	Robyn Crittenden
√	Evelyn Olenick	√	Sam Dasher
	Frank Ginn	√	Sam McCachern
	Frank "Chunk" Newman	√	Stuart Countess
	Greg Dozier	√	Susan Andrews
√	James Wilburn	√	Theresa Fisher
√	Jay Cunningham	√	Tom Cook
√	Jerald Mitchell	√	Tyrone Oliver
√	Joe Yarbrough		
√	Karen Viera		

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chairman Wendell Dallas called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The State Workforce Development Board (SWDB) had a quorum. Chairman Dallas announced the following staff changes:

- Jamie Jordan has accepted a position with Accenture and will be leaving OWD at the end of May.
- OWD shifted two divisions over to Britney Walsh (formerly Britney Singer). Her title is now the Programs and Compliance Director and she will be managing the compliance, programs, and strategic populations team.

Welcome
Chairman Wendell Dallas welcomed everyone to the May 20, 2021, State Workforce Development Board meeting. The meeting was conducted using the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes
Chairman Wendell Dallas called for a motion to approve the May 20, 2021 agenda, Dell Keith motioned and Susan Andrews seconded. The meeting's agenda was approved. Chairman Dallas called for a motion to approve the February 18, 2021 meeting minutes. James Wilburn motioned, Tyrone Oliver seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously. There was an amendment to the February 18, 2021, presented by Karen Viera. Chairman Dallas called for a motion to approve the amendment to the February 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Karen Viera motioned, Jerald Mitchell seconded.

There were no questions asked.

SWDB Committees
Karen Viera provided the Adult and Dislocated Worker Committee update. The Adult & Dislocated Worker Committee did not hold a meeting. The decision was made to cancel the committee meeting to avoid any schedule conflicts and due to OWD staff changes. Jamie Jordan provided a brief update on the COVID Dislocated Worker grant.

Dr. Susan Andrews provided the Youth Committee update. The Youth Committee did have a quorum. Dr. Andrews announced that Jennifer Houston from WorkSource Central Savannah River Area provided a highlighted presentation of the drive-thru job and resource fair conducted in her area. She also provided a brief overview of the Youth Resource Guide which was presented at the Youth Committee meeting by Rossany Rios. There were no action items presented during the Youth Committee meeting.

Dr. James Wilburn provided the Performance and Accountability Committee update. The Performance and Accountability Committee did have a quorum. Dr. Wilburn explained that Steven Wilson provided a shortened data presentation for the group. He also provided highlights of the presentation by WorkSource Fulton's workforce director Brett Lacy which was offered at SETA. There was also a discussion about the upcoming changes to the ETPL waiver during the committee meeting. There were no action items presented during the Performance and Accountability Committee meeting.

Ames Barnett provided the Financial Oversight Committee update. The Financial Oversight Committee did not have a quorum. Mr. Barnett explained that the Financial Oversight Committee heard from Kristin Laarhoven about the proposed budget. Mrs. Laarhoven provided a brief overview of the budget.

Chairman Dallas called for a motion to approve the budget. Ames Barnett motioned, Kellie Brownlow seconded. The budget was approved. No additional questions were asked.

Chairman Dallas provided the Executive Committee update. He explained that due to the staffing changes and restructuring of the org chart, there were changes made to OWD's SWDB Committee liaisons roles. Cherie Olivis (OWD Programs Manager) will no longer be the OWD Youth Committee liaison. She will now be the OWD SWDB Adult and Dislocated Worker Committee liaison. Rossany Rios (OWD Strategic Populations Manager) will now be the OWD SWDB Youth Committee liaison.

Chairman Dallas, announced the appointment of two new State Workforce Development Board members:

Sam McCachern – President/CEO at Thomas & Hutton (Savannah, GA)

Logan Leslie – Founder, CEO at Nothern Rock, Inc. & Co-Founder, Partner for Bison Strategic (Metro Atlanta)

There were no questions asked.

COVID-19 and the Impact on the Healthcare Industry/Nursing Workforce

Evelyn Olenick (SWDB Member), SVP & Chief Nursing Officer, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital provided a presentation on COVID-19 and the Impact on the Healthcare Industry/Nursing Workforce. Dr. Olenick began her presentation with an overview of the Phoebe Putney Healthcare System and its service area. She explained that a significant amount of the nursing industry is nearing retirement age and there is a projected shortage of physicians which will increase the need for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (the nursing field has also experienced a shortage as well). Dr. Olenick also spoke about the recent investments in the nursing education field within the state of Georgia highlighting several colleges and universities who have worked together. She closed by discussing the Strategic Areas of Focus for the Area Health Education Center - Southwest Georgia Nursing Summit.

There were no questions asked.

PY19 Monitoring Summary

Britney Walsh, Programs and Compliance Director for OWD provided the PY19 Monitoring Summary. She began by providing an overview of the monitoring process. Mrs. Walsh discussed highlights from the finance, compliance, and programs team. She also detailed the challenges and opportunities experienced during this monitoring season considering the transition to a virtual platform. The challenges and opportunities included: technology barriers, varied setup of LWDAs, time management, and communication. Overall there were 14 Financial findings, 53 Programmatic findings, and 11 Compliance findings.

No questions were asked.

Adjourn Meeting

Chairman Dallas thanked everyone for their attendance. No questions were asked.