

**North Central Arkansas  
Workforce Development Board  
September 14, 2022  
Minutes**

The North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board convened at White River Planning and Development District on September 14, 2022 beginning at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted in person, with a phone option, and there was no quorum. The Board meeting took place after the committee meetings, which were held at 10:30 a.m. Board Chair Gayle Cooper presided with the following members present:

Shayne Gaither	Zach Harber
Marcus Orf	Gina Wells
PaTricia Cargill-Zelasko	Raye Ann Hager
Stacy Gunderman	Jill Dockins

The following members were not present:

Karen Coltharp	Pat Dunegan
Alvin Hearyman	Robin Hunt
Garry Lawrence	Renee' Martin
Laura McGuire	Amber Neal
Wiley Osborn	Jamie Rayford
Chad Vincent	


No one attended by phone.

Others Present:

Staff includes; Byron Southerland, Janet Smith, Taylor Smith, Wendy Howard, Tamika Speed, Keydra Looney, Bree DeShazo and Elizabeth Smith. Guests include; Chad Brown (Executive Director of the Arkansas Workforce Board), Dr. Zach Perrine (Vice Chancellor, University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville), Greg Wallis (Circuit Clerk for Independence County), Judy Fulbright (TANF for ADWS), Elizabeth Smith (JAG Coordinator for UACCB) and Lindsey Michelle Carter (WIOA Participant and a guest speaker).

Since there was, no quorum the group discussed the agenda items but did not vote on them. Lindsey Michelle Carter gave her testimony about her experience before and during her participation in WIOA. Lindsey disclosed that she was a foster child who experienced many hardships in life including being in the justice system for several felonies. Lindsey also conversed how she has turned her life around and is now completing work experience at the College she is attending for her Business Degree. Lindsey stated that none of this would be possible without the help from WIOA.

After further discussion from the board about the agenda items, Chairman Cooper ended the meeting around noon.

  
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Gayle Cooper – Board Chair

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