

**North Central Arkansas
Workforce Development Board
March 9, 2022
Minutes**

The North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board convened at White River Planning and Development District on March 9 2022, beginning at 10:33 a.m. The meeting was conducted in person and through Zoom but there was no quorum. Board Chair Gayle Cooper presided with the following members present: Pat Dunegan, Shayne Gaither, Zach Harber, Robin Hunt, Garry Lawrence, Marcus Orf and Gina Wells. Those attending by Zoom include Amber Neal and Latasha Robinson.

Others Present: Angela Goodwin, Byron Southerland, Bree DeShazo, Janet Smith, Taylor Smith, Wendy Howard, and guest speaker Dr. Brian Shonk. Cynthia Lauren joined us via Zoom as a guest.

Since there was no quorum, items on the agenda were discussed with no action. Angela Good introduced the new WIOA One-Stop Manager, Taylor Smith, and asked her to report on the activities she was completing as the manager. Taylor discussed the quarterly report of individuals within the centers as well as the businesses she is currently working with.

Dr. Brian Shonk, the Chancellor at UACCB, was the guest speaker. Dr. Shonk spoke about the relationship between the University of Arkansas Community College of Batesville and North Central WIOA. Dr. Shonk emphasized how the two parties went from a partnership to a relationship. He talked about the difference that this change has made in the lives of the students at UACCB and within the Batesville community. Marcus Orf, Ozarka Community College, added that he too has seen the benefits in his community of the WIOA program helping students.

Angela Goodwin discussed the Local Plan and how each of the board members had a section, they were to review. No major changes were entered into the plan, just minor tables that needed updated. Mrs. Goodwin also spoke about the standing committees and what needs to happen for the Board to be in compliance with the State and Federal rules.

Having no further business to discuss, Board Chair Gayle Cooper adjourned the meeting at 11:45 p.m.



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The North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board convened via email on March 9, 2022 to vote on the issues that were meant for the March Board meeting but there was no quorum. An email was sent to the full Board asking them to vote on the issues that were attached to the email.

There were 19 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 discussion questions. Those that voted yes are as follows: Marcus Orf, Patricia Cargill-Zelasko, Jamie Rayford, Raye Ann Hager, Julie Bonds, Robin Hunt, Stacy Gunderman, Zach Harber, Laura McGuire, Pat Dunegan, Sheila Phillips, Karen Coltharp, Amber Neal, Latasha Wakefield, Renee Martin, Becky Warren, Wiley Osborn, Alvin Hearyman, and Gina Wells.



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