

North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board Meeting
December 12, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.
UACCB Independence Hall – Batesville, AR
Minutes

Members Present: Ben Baxter, Regina Burkett, Gayle Cooper, Raye Ann Hager, Alvin Hearyman, Garry Lawrence, Tim London, Dr. Keith McClanahan, Sherry Organ, Jada Ragland, Jamie Rayford, and Pam Williams

Member Represented by Proxy: Angela Ryland, Darline Tucker

Others Present: Karla Rush, Elizabeth Smith, Bree DeShazo, Byron Southerland, Wendy Howard, Sharon Shields, Mitzi Hargan, Vince Saylor, Angela Goodwin, Jan Smith, Donetta Bradford, Andrea Lee, Shannon Johnson, Lynn Poff, Carrie McIntosh, Judy Duncan, and Lisa Earls

A meeting of the North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Board Chair Pam Williams on December 12, 2018. Board Chair Williams called for an approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Garry Lawrence and seconded by Dr. Keith McClanahan, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Byron Southerland gave a financial report including each funding stream and how much funding was left in each program.

Elizabeth Smith updated the board on the progress of the Business Services and outreach plan including a Sharp County job fair hosted by WIOA that was scheduled for January. Ms. Smith informed the board there are plans to have several more events like these in the future.

Donetta Bradford updated the board on participant counts, supportive services, and individual training accounts.

Angela Goodwin updated the board on the NEG 29 program, which covers April/May 2017 storm damage. She informed them that the number of laborers enrolled was less than originally anticipated and that a portion of available funds may not be used by the deadline of March 31, 2019.

In other business, Ms. Goodwin updated the board on the submission of the Infrastructure Funding Agreement to the state. The original submission had been rejected due to expected expense changes in Searcy. She informed them that since the Newport office is an affiliate, only the present partners have to share in the cost, which includes WIOA and DWS.

Ms. Goodwin then notified the board of the increase of Arkansas minimum wage, which will increase the hourly pay of those on work experience from \$9.00 to \$9.75 effective January 1, 2019.

With no further business, Dr. Keith McClanahan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Garry Lawrence seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

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