LOWER SAVANNAH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 07 2023 @ 2:00 PM

Barnwell County Library
40 Burr Street
Barnwell, SC 29812

LSWDB Members in attendance:	Gary Jones, Tommy Boyleston, Tameka Johnson, Demeterius Smith, Kenisha Grimes, Tiiu Goode, Audrey Grimball, Will Reynolds
LSWDB Members excused:	Darainey Hudson, Dr. Forest Mahan, Kim Williams-Griffin, Nancy Foster, Dr. Dorian Newton, Jeanette Murray, Pat Black Jr, Dr. Renee Ritter
LSCOG/WD Staff in attendance:	André Anderson, Wendy Mahuron, Sally Sharpe, Nelson Nwachukwu, Sydney Goff
Guests/Visitors:	Dennis Hall (Eckerd Connects), Charlie Furtick (Eckerd Connects), and Renee Alexander (Eckerd)

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tommy Boyleston called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Boyleston welcomed all attendees and guests.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Anderson conducted roll call. A quorum was not present. Mr. Anderson then stated relevant voting items would be emailed out to the Board for their consideration.

REPORT OF YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING – January 12, 2023

Sally Sharpe provided a Youth Committee update:

- Dr Renee Ritter began the meeting at 10 AM
- Dennis Hall provided a success story on Tierra Keitt. Ms. Keitt completed her initial work experience serving customers at the Orangeburg SC Works Center. Tierra demonstrated a strong work ethic during the work experience as she worked as an Administrative Assistant. Ms. Keitt is currently enrolled at the Latrice D. Ferguson School of Nursing. Once she completes the LDF School of Nursing, she plans on being neonatal nurse working with kids.
- Joni McDaniel, the Regional Workforce Advisor with the SC DOC serving Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg Counites provided a Youth Committee Member Focus. In this she gave an overview of her role and duties in the LSWDA as the Regional Workforce Advisor. She talked about initiatives at both state and local levels to bring and bridge businesses/employers to the educational system and students.
- Sally Sharpe reported the Orangeburg Power-Up Event was scheduled for March 14, 2023, at South Carolina State University (SCSU) from 9AM-12PM and the Aiken Power-Up Event was scheduled for March 16, 2023, at USC-Aiken from 4-7 PM

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- Nelson Nwachukwu shared information about a Virtual Job Fair that will occur on Thursday, February 2, 2023, from 10:00AM – 1:00PM.

FUNDS TRANSFER FROM DISLOCATED WORKER (DW) TO ADULT

Mr. Anderson briefed the Board on the Local Workforce Development Area's need to transfer DW funding to the Adult funding stream in the amount of $275,000. (This item has been approved via email vote -please see attached).

ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER REQUESTS

The local Workforce Board approves all local training providers. We currently have a training provider seeking approval for the Lower Savannah Region. It is as follows:

- Valley Coach and Logistics Commercial Driver Training School (Class A and Class B) (These items have been approved via email vote -please see attached).

SPECIALIZED REPORTS FOR BOARD

Were provided by:

- Financial Overview - Andre Anderson – Workforce Development Administrator
- Introduction of Sydney Goff – New WIOA Financial Coordinator
- Center Reports - Charlie Furtick – SC Works Center Operator
- Business Services - Wendy Mahuron – Business Services Manager

ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Anderson provided updates to the board on several topics. They were as follows:

- Big Picture Report (2nd Quarter PY22) – reviewed and questions answered
- Statewide Education and Workforce Development Act – informed the Board that workforce changes were coming to South Carolina through new consolidation legislation (Bill was included in Board meeting packet)
- Engage, Build and Serve Grant
  - $210,148 – informed the Board that the local area had been awarded these funds by the state through a discretionary grant process
- Workforce Assessment Testing to resume (WIN)
- Mobile Unit Outreach Calendar – included in the Board packet
- Current Workforce Vacancy
  - Rural Business Engagement position -informed the board that an offer of employment had been made to fill this vacant position

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andre Anderson for

Gary Jones
Lower Savannah Workforce Development Board SECRETARY

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