

West Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board

Larry Carr, Chairperson

The meeting of the West Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board meeting was held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce

Members Present: Larry Carr, Darla Crump, Herman Grayer, Lisa Greene, Neal Harrington, Jimmy Hart, Stephanie Lipsmeyer, Alan Nolan, Bryan Smith, and Gary Troutman

Members Absent: Karen Breashears, Taniff Crotts, Kelli Embry, William Neil Golden, Cynthia Gleghorn, Johnny Harris, Jeremy Hughes, Matthew Johnson, Cathy Jones, Tammy Passafiume, Bill Weston

Staff: Margaret Dearmon, David Moore, Cora Easterday, Carrie Pratchard, Dwayne Pratt,

Guests: Kim Darling - UACCM

Dearmon took a roll and turned the floor over to Larry Carr who called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Introduction of New Members

Carr called the meeting to order and welcomed the new board members who were present, Brent Black, President Malvern National Bank, Bryan Smith, Alliance Rubber, and Cynthia Gleghorn (not present).

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the February meeting needed to be approved. Judge Hart made a **motion** to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Lisa Greene and carried unanimously.

Approval of Excused Absences:

Judge Hart made a **motion** to approve the excused absences from February 2023 meeting including Darla Crump and Cynthia Lanphear and April 2023 meeting Taniff Crotts, Tammy Passafiume, Jeremy Hughes, Matthew Johnson, Cynthia Lanphear, Greg Black, Karen Breashears, and Cynthia Gleghorn. Herman Grayer seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Approval of Transfer of Funds:

An overview of the WCAPDD WIOA Adult Program 2021 and 2022 budgets and the Dislocated Worker 2021 and Dislocated Worker 2022 budgets was provided by Carr. After this review, a **motion** was made to approve the transfer of remaining funds in the Dislocated Worker 2021 budget to the Adult Program for 2022 budget by Judge Hart and was seconded by Alan Nolan and carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Carr announced the retirement of Bill Weston as of April 7, 2023 creating an open position. Additionally, there is an open position for Treasurer and Carr will be rotating off the board and his position will be open. Carr stated a committee has been formed to vote on new officers. Kelli Embrey will chair the committee.

Executive Committee Meeting:

Carr reported that the Executive Committee recommended the following changes to By-Laws.

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Workforce Development Activities - Board members participation to satisfy state mandate.

Continuation of Service – Change from DOL monitoring

Carr also stated that the affiliate office in Arkadelphia was denied.

A **motion** was made to ratify the executive committee recommendations by Judge Hart and was seconded by Alan Nolan and carried unanimously.

New Business:

One Stop Operator: After discussion concerning the One-Stop Operator's performance, a **motion** was made to continue to use the same One Stop Operator and allow staff to renegotiate the contract to no more than \$73,000 with the stipulation they will address the issues that the staff will bring to their attention at the renegotiation meeting. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Business Engagement Coordinator Report: Cora Easterday explained the goals and activities of Business Engagement.

Adjournment:

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Judge Hart and seconded by Herman Grayer. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.



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