

MINUTES
Youth Standing Committee Meeting of the
WEST CENTRAL ARKANSAS LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
December 7, 2022

The Youth Standing Committee of the West Central Local Workforce Development Board convened its meeting through electronic means on December 7, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted via TEAMS platform and a telephone line for members, non-members and the public. Chair Alan Nolan presided with the following members voicing their presence: Alan Nolan, Greg Black, Darla Crump, Stephanie Lipsmeyer, Mike Hawthorne, Neil Golden, and Johnnie Harris.

Staff present: Margaret Dearmon, Jill Hendricks, Dolly Robinson, Martha Boyer, Kathleen Garrett.

Chair Opening Comments: Chair Alan Nolan called the meeting to order at 10:03a.m. after staff conducted a roll call to determine a quorum.

Agenda Item 1 – Action: Youth Work Experience Policy – Mr. Nolan asked for discussion concerning the Work Experience Funding & Duration Limits. He stated his concern that the current 6-month duration is not long enough. Discussion followed. Darla Crump made a **motion** to allow up to, but not to exceed, one year unless under special circumstances which if implemented will add a 3-month extension. The motion was seconded by Neil Golden and motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Mr. Nolan asked if any clarification was needed on the Youth Incentive Policy. After some discussion everyone seemed to have clear direction.

Members of the committee addressed concerns over the lack of interest from the Adult Education services. Allen will investigate some of the issues that may be the cause of this decline including the new validation requirements.

Margaret Dearmon stated the Youth Standing Committee is performing all their functions well except for a few of the 14 program elements which will need to be addressed in a corrective action plan.

Adjournment:

Darla Crump made a **motion** to adjourn; this was seconded by Neil Golden and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.



Alan Nolan, Chairman

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