

Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley

Board Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2017
Center for Regional Services
Board Room
3991 East 29th St, Bryan, TX

Minutes

Nick Gilley	Private Sector
Robert Orzabal	Private Sector
Sharon Flores	Regional Public Assistance
Nester Leamon	Private Sector
Doug Weedon	Regional Vocational Rehabilitation
Frank Perez	Secondary Education
Angie Alaniz	Regional Brazos Valley Education
Liz Dickey	CBO
Bob Malaise	Economic Development
Dr. Mary Hensley	Literacy
Chris Dyer	CBO
Clark Gandy	Labor
Ann Boney	CBO
Bert Miller	Private Sector
Bill Parten	Adult Basic Education
Shunta Williams	Public Employment
Marsha Skinner	Private Sector
Melinda Berlan	Private Sector

Excused

Ann Chapman, Donna Taylor, Dianne Ryder, Jared Patout and Michael Costa

Guests

Roberto Gonzalez, Manuel Ugues, Kristi Hayman and Becky Collett

Staff

Tom Wilkinson, Trish Buck, Vonda Morrison, Karen Sanders, Barbara Clemmons, Rachael Robertson, Jodi Cobler, Kristen Goodson, Sharon Maass, Shawna Rendon and Vicki Wilkins

- I. Call meeting to Order**
Meeting called to order by Chair Robert Orzabal at 12:08 PM.
- II. Introductions / Conflict of Interest / Mileage Forms**
Forms were made available to Board Members.
- III. Review of April 2017 Minutes**
Minutes were accepted as presented.

IV. Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented by Ms. Trish Buck with emphasis on those measures not being met.

One strategy to improve spending in WIOA Out-of-School Youth is to hire interns to help recruit Out-of-School Youth.

V. Consent Agenda

Robert Orzabal stated that the Planning Committee discussed the Consent Agenda items and was recommending them for approval. No one asked for any item to be removed for discussion.

Mr. Parten will be abstaining from Item E Recommend Approval of Contract Negotiations and Renewal with Madisonville CISD FY 18 AEL Contract up to \$45,000.00.

Mr. Orzabal stated at this items A through D were recommended for approval. Mr. Nester Leamon motioned to approve the recommendations A through D as presented. Ms. Marsha Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Orzabal called for approval of Item E with Mr. Bill Parten abstaining had a motion to approve by Mr. Nester Leamon and seconded by Mr. Frank Perez. The motion carried.

VI. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Wilkinson informed the Board of the Information Technology Round Table where employer feedback indicated that their needs for a labor force would be met by individuals who had experience at a help desk or who'd built their own computer. The employers indicated with an employee that they could be trained further using Blinn College certificate level training.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that Elizabeth Sobel-Blum from the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank spoke at the Community Business Leaders Partnership semiannual meeting about building regional labor force pipelines using banking community development funding. Handouts were made available for those who were not present at the meeting.

Mr. Tom Wilkinson explained Mrs. Buck and Chair Robert Orzabal had attended the Texas Association of Workforce Board Annual meeting. Mrs. Buck and Chair Robert Orzabal voiced their recollection of the information that was provided and how it relates to the Board.

1. Mr. Wilkinson presented the update on the RELLIS committee meeting. This is a one of a kind campus with designated purposes, conceptual ideas, stimulating ideas and suggestions to invite industry to guide the training provided by Blinn and TAMU. Not all training for employees requires a degree. RELLIS is an acronym which stands for the core values of Texas A & M University.
2. Mr. Wilkinson announced the Independence Day Job Fair would be on July 5, 2017 from 10:00 AM. until 2:00 PM. This focuses on helping individuals find jobs.

3. Mr. Wilkinson announced the Child Care Conference which is July 7-8, 2017 and will be at the Brazos Expo Center on Saturday and Sunday. Board members are invited to stop by and see what goes on to improve the quality of our child care providers.
4. Mr. Wilkinson explained the June meeting will have the Board officer's nominations. The only requirement is that the Chair must be from a private business. There will be no meeting in July at this point and time.

VII. Planning Committee Report

- A. Mr. Nick Gilley announced Ms. Trish Buck would review the performance. Mrs. Buck reported on performance for the Center, AEL, Texas Veteran's Coalition and the Local Board goals. Emphasis was given to those areas that are not being met. Mrs. Buck mentioned that the annual TWC AEL monitoring had just occurred and while there were some minor findings, overall the subcontractors and finance departments had done an excellent job.

Mr. Tom Wilkinson introduced Ms. Becky Collett from Region VI which was present. Ms. Collett was asked to mention the summer classes they have going on and to explain the ICR (Intensive College Readiness) Program Transitions class starting in Brenham. Ms. Collett explained what the transitions class is.

- B. Ms. Buck explained the monitoring reports were in the Board packet and if there were no questions or concerns they would stand as presented.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.