

# Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley

## **Board Meeting**

Thursday, August 17, 2017  
Center for Regional Services  
Board Room  
3991 East 29<sup>th</sup> St, Bryan, TX

## **Minutes**

Nick Gilley	Private Sector
Sharon Flores	Regional Public Assistance
Nester Leamon	Private Sector
Frank Perez	Secondary Education
Angie Alaniz	Regional Post-Secondary Education
Dr. Mary Hensley	Literacy
Diamantina Montalvo	Public Employment
Bill Parten	Adult Basic Education
Ann Chapman	Private Sector
Donna Taylor	Private Sector
Ann Boney	CBO
Doug Weedon	Vocational Rehabilitation
Chris Dyer	Private Sector
Liz Dickey	CBO
Bert Miller	Private Sector
Sal Zaccagnino	Economic Development

### **Excused**

Clark Gandy, Melinda Berlan, Robert Orzabal, Tashia Dickerson, Dianne Ryder, Jared Patout

### **Guests**

Shunta Williams, Ambyr Weidner, Becky Collet, Robert Reyna, Vernieca Watts, Judge Mike Sutherland, Judge C E McDaniel, TJ Robie, Robert Gonzales

### **Staff**

Tom Wilkinson, Michael Parks, Trish Buck, Bo Moncivais, Vonda Morrison, Karen Sanders, Barbara Clemmons, Rachael Robertson, Jodi Cobler, Kristen Goodson, Sharon Maass, Shawna Rendon, Lidia Hawryluk, Vicki Wilkins

#### **I. Call meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order by Secretary Nick Gilley at 12:10 PM.

#### **II. Introductions / Conflict of Interest / Mileage Forms**

Forms were made available to Board Members.

#### **III. Review of June 2017 Minutes**

June 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. Discussed Child Care and WIOA out of school issues.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

Mr. Nick Gilley introduced the two new WSBV Board members who are Sal Zaccagnino representing Economic Development and Diamantina Montalvo representing Regional Public Employment. Mr. Tom Wilkinson introduced two of the BVCOG CEO's which were Judge C. E. "Butch" McDaniel of Madison county and Judge Mike Sutherland of Burleson county.

Mr. Nick Gilley explained the Planning committee met earlier and discussed the items on the Consent Agenda. Ms. Angie Alaniz abstained from Item A. Item A carried with a motion from Ann Boney and was seconded by Ms. Liz Dickey. The motion carried.

Items B through D were abstained by Ms. Dia Mantalvo. Items B through D had a motion from Chancellor Mary Hensley to be accepted as presented. Mayor Bill Parten seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chancellor Mary Hensley motioned to accept Items E through I as presented to the board. Mayor Bert Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **VI. Executive Directors Report**

1. Mr. Tom Wilkinson opened by reporting on the Texas Workforce Board Association meeting. He discussed the problems with performance measures and the new WIOA and Child Care rules. The Executive Directors asked TWC to allow each Board to forecast and control their own Child Care money. TWC hopefully will act on this decision by October 01, 2017. Mr. Wilkinson reminded the Board that September 21, 2017 is the WSBV/BVAHC annual meeting at noon recognizing BVAHC's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Also Mr. Wilkinson stated that BVCOG is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 with Comptroller Hagar being the speaker. The WSBVB members are all invited to both meetings. Ms. Wilkins will see that BVCOG invitations are sent to all members.
2. Mr. Wilkinson reported that the Teacher Externship and Summer Earn and Learn Program was a great success. Ms. Ann Boney inquired if every slot for the teacher externship program was filled and did every school district participate? Ms. Trish Buck reported that there were 31 teachers, 21 employers and 5 ISDs that participated in the program. Ms. Rachael Robertson was asked to give a recap of the Teacher Externship program and preceded with a brief synopsis. Ms. Buck pointed out that to the rear of each packet were endorsements, feedbacks and success stories regarding the programs. Ms. Jodi Cobler gave a brief report on the Summer Earn and Learn program. Mr. Wilkinson explained Vocational Rehabilitation is now a part of TWC and they will be moving in to the BVCOG building in the near future. This is a challenging population to place in employment but has a tremendous amount of skills and talent. The employers will be mentioned at the luncheon and will be recognized in the newspaper. Ms. Ann Boney asked if the 31 is how many started the program and the 26 is those who actually completed the program. Ms. Rachael Robertson answered with a yes.

3. Mr. Wilkinson asked Ms. Buck to give an update on the Burleson, Grimes and Leon counties initiatives. A brief KBTX news broadcast was played for the Board of the Burleson county initiative. Ms. Buck announced this was a vision of Judge Mike Sutherland. Judge Sutherland explained Caldwell has agreed to provide transportation to those in school and out of school wanting to participate in this program at the RELLIS campus. Ms. Ann Boney gave a thank you to all those who participated and made this vision possible. Not all students are college candidates. The youth need to have a trade to help find a job and broaden their horizons. Ms. Buck explained that the three ISD's are coming together and making a unique difference to the community and youth.

For the Grimes county initiative Mayor Bert Miller from Navasota described the initiative as a curriculum to attract customers into a Manufacturing Certification of 40 hours. Ms. Buck explained that the Small Business Skilled Development funds may be utilized for this program for incumbent workers, while the general public can private pay. The group that is behind this initiative in Grimes County is trying to develop scholarships. Blinn will do the training in Navasota.

Ms. Buck announced the other Initiative is with Leon County on September 27, 2017 if the schools will participate. Ms. Trish Buck and Vonda Morrison will meet with the Middle and High School Principals, Superintendents, Curriculum Directors and Counselors to share information on the labor market and hand out information to help do career planning with the youth.

4. There is an initiative TWC is doing statewide called Careers in Industry for the last week of September. The Board staff had previously planned to participate with the October 18, 2017 8th Grade Job Fair. There are over 3,000 8th graders participating.

Mr. Wilkinson is passing around a Grimes County newspaper article where the Board made the news. Mr. Wilkinson shared that a local elected official Judge Sutherland three years ago took the initiative and spoke with his community and a difference is being made. Ms. Ann Chapman offered assistance to getting Leon county employers involved.

Another initiative is the development of videos to be distributed to middle/high school to be used in the classroom to educate students on occupations in 3 industries (health care, manufacturing and information technology). Ms. Trish Buck informed the Board there would be interviews with employers and these interviews would be included on the videos. The videos would highlight the good jobs in which a post-secondary education/training would be beneficial but a college degree is not required.

Ms. Ann Chapman stated the students need to keep a clean driving record and to stay off drugs. Ms. Buck totally agreed and that is some of the statements the employers need to mention in their videos.

Mr. Wilkinson spoke of Blinn College receiving funding for the Electricians Apprenticeship expansion.

## **VII. Executive Committee**

- A. Recommend Ratification of FY18 Board Officer Election Results.

Mr. Nick Gilley advised the Board that earlier today the Executive committee met and Recommended Ratification of the FY 18 WSBV Board Members Election results. Ballots

were 23 for Robert Orzabal for Chair, Nick Gilley for Secretary and Dianne Ryder for Vice-Chair. Ms. Buck announced two WSBV members terms expired. Mr. Nick Gilley requested a motion to ratify the results. Ms. Ann Chapman motioned for the votes to be ratified as presented to the Board. Mr. Nester Leamon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **VIII. Planning Committee Report**

- A. Mr. Nick Gilley informed the Board that at the Planning committee meeting the performance was reviewed. Mr. Nick Gilley introduced Ms. Trish Buck to give an overview of the performance reports with emphasis on the areas that are not being met. Ms. Trish Buck mentioned that on TANF those getting off and staying in child care there has been an 18% increase. In our PRS children there has been a 36% increase so far for this year. The dashboard at your place setting shows the Board not meeting the Q2 Post Exit from 7/20/15 through 6/20/16.

AEL received additional funding last year to serve additional people which were not served and this has been rolled over into FY18 and those not being met last year will be the first individuals to be helped this FY18. The Local Goals were discussed and Ms. Buck pointed out that the Veterans service report was in their packets. No questions were voiced at this time.

- B. Ms. Trish Buck also noted the Monitoring reports were in each Board packet and asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the monitoring. None were presented.

### **IX. Finance Committee**

Mr. Nick Gilley mentioned the Finance Committee met earlier in the month on August 10, 2017 and discussed the Budget in great detail. The Committee recommends the Board approve the FY18 Budget as presented to the Board which was in your Board packet and at your place setting. Mr. Tom Wilkinson asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Budget for FY18. Mr. Bert Miller motioned to accept the FY18 Budget as presented. Ms. Liz Dickey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Chris Dyer announced that Mr. Tom Wilkinson has received an award from the Arts Council the Arts Council of Brazos Valley Distinguished Art Leadership Award. Mr. Dyer went on to mention various details concerning this award and why Mr. Wilkinson was chosen.

Mr. Nick Gilley acknowledged Chancellor Hensley who announced that the ground breaking for the RELLIS Campus would be August 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Mr. Wilkinson stated this is Blinn's 5<sup>th</sup> campus. This campus is for the expansion of trades such as Construction, Science, Welding, Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, and HVAC.

Ms. Ann Chapman mentioned she was on a National Committee and asked if Mr. Tom Wilkinson would be a resource person for people across the country. Ms. Chapman is speaking to them about the Teacher Externship Program thru meetings and conference calls. Mr. Wilkinson explained he would be happy to be the contact person and he would refer them to specific individuals who could help in the areas they are pursuing.

### **X. Meeting was adjourned at 12:59 PM.**