



## Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2025 -12:00 PM

Center for Regional Services

Board Room/Via: ZOOM

3991 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Bryan, TX 77802

### MINUTES

#### Member

Amy Jurica  
Andy York  
Angie Alaniz  
Ann Boney  
Ann Chapman  
Allison Best  
Bert Miller  
Bill Ard  
Bill Parten  
Billy Wilson  
Christopher Densey  
Crystal Crowell  
Dianne Ryder  
Elena Fortaneli  
Frank Perez  
Jared Patout  
John Brieden III  
Josh Isenhour  
Liz Dickey  
Mary Hensley  
Mary Valadez  
Melinda Berlan  
Michael Anderson  
Nester Leamon  
Robert Orzabal  
Roby Somerford  
Silas Garrett

#### Representing

Private Sector - Burleson  
CBO - Brazos  
Post-Secondary Education Representative – Brazos Valley Region  
CBO-Brazos  
Burleson  
Nucor Corporation  
Private Sector - Grimes  
TWC – Public Employment – Brazos Valley Region  
Adult Basic & Continuing Education – Madison  
Garrett Mechanical  
Private Sector – Child Care Representative - Brazos  
Vocational Rehabilitation Representative - Brazos  
Vice-Chair-Private Sector-Leon  
Private Sector – Madison  
Grimes  
Grimes  
Private Sector – Washington  
Private Sector - Brazos  
CBO – Brazos  
Literacy Representative – Washington  
Public Sector – Public Assistance Regional  
Private Sector – Robertson  
Public Sector - Economic Development – Leon  
Private Sector-Robertson  
Private Sector - Brazos  
Private Sector – Brazos  
Private Sector – Brazos

#### Attendance

In Person  
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#### Guest Attendees

Dora Lopez	SERCO	In-Person
Gayle Mann	SERCO	In-Person
Latrecia Williams	SERCO	In-Person
Deidra Simmons	SERCO	In-Person
Brenda Burns	SERCO	In-Person
Collette Champagne	SERCO	In-Person
Kristina Polk	SERCO	In-Person
Ambyr Weidner	Region 6	In-Person
Becky Collet	Region 6	In-Person
Lupe Schneider	Region 6	Zoom
Kelly Carnline	Region 6	In-Person
Marcus Bollinger	TVC	In-Person
Tony Ramirez	TVC	In-Person
Jessica Buerger	TVC	In-Person

#### Staff Attendance

Michael Parks, Roger Sheridan, Vonda Morrison, Barbara Clemmons, Karen Sanders,  
Summer Knight, Ydalia Rosas, Tiffany Love, Jodi Cobler, Janet Dudding  
Zoom: Michelle Beckdol

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Vice Chair Dianne Ryder.

Members were able to attend the meeting via Zoom or call in by location (346) 248-7799 (Houston) Meeting ID: 883 1132 4013 with passcode: 381455. Board members accessing zoom utilized the chat function to confirm attendance and verified phone numbers of those that called in and acknowledged as attending.

## **II. INTRODUCTIONS**

The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) team was introduced, including Marcus Bollinger, Tony Ramirez, and Jessica Buerger.

## **III. Public Comment**

## **IV. Consider for Approval: Previous Board Meeting Minutes**

- A.** Board Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2025, were presented by Vice Chair Dianne Ryder. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Roby Somerford and seconded by Mr. Silas Garrett. Motion carried.

## **V. Executive Report**

Mr. Michael Parks announced the upcoming Independence Day Hiring Event, scheduled for Tuesday, July 1st. Congratulations were extended to the Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) team for successfully graduating the first Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class.

## **VI. Monthly Reporting of Services**

### **A. Financial Reporting of Workforce Services**

Ms. Michelle Beckdol presented the Workforce financial report through April 2025. She reported that the AEL contract, which ends on June 30, was awarded an additional \$10,277. Six contracts are currently slightly underspent. The previous WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker contracts have been fully expended, and expenditures have begun under the new contracts.

The floor was then opened for discussion.

### **B. Program Director Report**

Ms. Vonda Morrison reported that performance data is available for February, March, and April, noting that the report has undergone formatting changes. Data for May, June, and July is expected to be available by the next board meeting.

On the Board Comparison Report for Employers Receiving Texas Talent Assistance, the Brazos Valley is ranked 4th among all workforce boards. A special thank you was extended to the Business Services Team for their dedication and hard work in helping to achieve this milestone.

The new Monthly Service Report is now broken down by county and includes the number of employers and job seekers served. Additionally, the Employment Services Report highlights 52 active worksite agreements, where job seekers are placed and wages are paid by Workforce Solutions.

Mr. Michael Parks encouraged board members to reach out if they are aware of any businesses that may be interested in participating in the worksite agreement program, so staff can follow up and establish connections. He also announced that TWC has approved a new \$1 million Skills Development Grant, with more details to come in future meetings. The floor was then opened for discussion.

## **VII. Regular Meeting Agenda**

The following recommendations for approval were presented, discussed, and voted on:

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Updates to the Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board By-Laws.  
A Motion to accept item A was made by Mr. Silas Garrett and seconded by Mr. Roby Somerford  
Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Renewal of MCISD contract for FY 26.  
A motion to accept item B with the clarification that the award will be issued as a six-month contract was made by Mr. John Brieden and seconded by Mr. Silas Garrett with Bill Parten Abstaining. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Renewal of Region 6 contract for FY 26A A  
A motion to accept item C with the clarification that the award will be issued as a six-month contract was made by Mr. Silas Garrett and seconded by Mr. John Brieden.  
Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Lease of Space for the Centerville Workforce Office  
A motion to accept item D was made by Mr. Silas Garrett and seconded by Mr. Josh Isenhour.  
Motion carried.

## **VIII. Executive (Closed) Session**

### **IX. Non- Action Items**

- A. TWC Key Messages & Talking Points (June 2025)
- B. Acronyms
- C. Announcements & Other Business
- D. Board Meeting Evaluation Forms-Handout
- E. Travel Voucher – Handout
- F. Final Roll Call

### **X. Meeting adjourned**

Vice Chair Ryder adjourned the meeting at 12:31 pm