



## Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 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

Unexcused  
In Person  
Zoom  
In Person  
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Excused  
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Unexcused  
In-Person  
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In Person

## Guest Attendees

Dora Lopez	SERCO
Gayle Mann	SERCO
Latrecia Williams	SERCO
Deidra Simmons	SERCO
Brenda Burns	SERCO
Juana Cedillo	SERCO
Marcus Bollinger	TVC
Sharra Grissett	Buffalo EDC
Jen Selsted	Oldham Goodwin
Lupe Schneider	Region 6
Terri Leisten	Dynamic Workforce Solutions
Ambyr Weidner	Region 6

## Staff Attendance

Roger Sheridan, Vonda Morrison, Barbara Clemons, Karen Sanders, Sandra Perez, Summer Knight, Ydalia Rosas, Janet Davis, Tiffany Love, Sarah DeLeon  
Zoom: Michelle Beckdol, Jodi Cobler

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by Chair Robert Orzabal.

Board 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**

Announcement of 2025 Annual Award Recipients

## **III. Public Comment**

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

- A. Board Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2025, were presented by Chair Robert Orzabal. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. John Brieden and seconded by Mr. Michael Anderson. Motion carried.

## **V. Monthly Reporting of Services**

### **A. Executive Directors Report**

Mr. Roger Sheridan reported that two hiring events were held. The Bryan event welcomed 146 job seekers and 27 employers, with Commissioner Joe Esparza in attendance. The Brenham event hosted 109 job seekers and 27 employers. He also provided a TAWB update, noting that the budget has been approved and is now fully functioning again. Additionally, Brazos Valley Gives raised over \$8,000 for Meals on Wheels. Senior Christmas received over \$7,000 through Brazos Valley Gives, contributing to a total of more than \$20,000 raised overall for the program.

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

Ms. Michelle Beckdol presented the Workforce financial report through September 2025. She reported that we received 15 new contracts, 6 have expired, and we are expecting additional funds for AEL. There are 4 contracts underspent, all ending in 2025 with all other contracts on target. The remaining balance for all contracts totals \$27,637,319.83. The floor was open for discussion.

### **C. Program Director Report**

Ms. Vonda Morrison reported that Brazos Valley is number 2 in the state in TWC's overall end of the year state performance report, number 4 in the state for Median Earnings Q2 Post Exit Youth, and number 1 in the state for Employed Q2 Post Exit Youth.

The floor was open for discussion.

## **VI. Regular Meeting Agenda**

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

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Amendment to SERCO's Budget to Deliver Child Care Services for FY26  
A Motion to accept item A was made by Mr. Bert Miller and seconded by Mr. Josh Isenhour with Bill Ard Abstaining.  
Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Amendment to SERCO's Budget to Deliver Workforce Center Services and Business Services for FY 26  
A motion to accept item B as written was made by Mr. Jared Patout and seconded by Mr. Josh Isenhour with Bill Ard Abstaining.  
Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding FY 2026 Child Care Quality Expenditure Plan  
A motion to accept item C as written was made by Mr. Bert Miller and seconded by Mr. Silas Garrett.  
Motion carried.
- D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Amendment to AEL Contract with Madisonville Consolidated Independent School District Adult Education & Literacy Program Contract for FY 25-26  
A motion to accept item D was made by Mr. Silas Garrett and seconded by Ms. Elena Forteneli with Bill Parten Abstaining.  
Motion carried.
- E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Amendment to AEL Contract with Region 6 Education Service Center Adult Education & Literacy Program Contract for FY 25-26  
A motion to accept item E as written was made by Mr. Silas Garrett and seconded by Mr. Roby Somerford with Bill Parten Abstaining.  
Motion carried.
- F. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Adoption of Workforce Development Board Policies and Budgets in Open Meetings  
A motion to accept item F as written was made by Mr. Silas Garrett and seconded by Ms. Ann Boney.  
Motion carried.

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

## **VIII. Meeting adjourned**

Chair Orzabal adjourned the meeting at 12:59 pm

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