



Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting
 Thursday, November 20, 2025 -12:00 PM
 Center for Regional Services
 Board Room/Via: ZOOM
 3991 East 29th Street, Bryan, TX 77802

MINUTES

| <u>Member</u> | <u>Representing</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
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| Amy Jurica | Private Sector - Burleson | Unexcused |
| Andy York | CBO - Brazos | In Person |
| Angie Alaniz | Post-Secondary Education Representative – Brazos Valley Region | Zoom |
| Ann Boney | CBO-Brazos | In Person |
| Ann Chapman | Burleson | Zoom |
| Allison Best | Nucor Corporation | Excused |
| Bert Miller | Private Sector - Grimes | In Person |
| Bill Ard | TWC – Public Employment – Brazos Valley Region | In Person |
| Bill Parten | Adult Basic & Continuing Education – Madison | In Person |
| Billy Wilson | Garrett Mechanical | In Person |
| Christopher Densey | Private Sector – Child Care Representative - Brazos | Zoom |
| Crystal Crowell | Vocational Rehabilitation Representative - Brazos | Excused |
| Dianne Ryder | Vice-Chair-Private Sector-Leon | Zoom |
| Elena Fortaneli | Private Sector – Madison | In Person |
| Frank Perez | Grimes | Excused |
| Jared Patout | Grimes | In Person |
| John Brieden III | Private Sector – Washington | In Person |
| Josh Isenhour | Private Sector - Brazos | In Person |
| Liz Dickey | CBO – Brazos | Zoom |
| Mary Hensley | Literacy Representative – Washington | Zoom |
| Mary Valadez | Public Sector – Public Assistance Regional | Zoom |
| Melinda Berlan | Private Sector – Robertson | Unexcused |
| Michael Anderson | Public Sector - Economic Development – Leon | In-Person |
| Nester Leamon | Private Sector-Robertson | In Person |
| Robert Orzabal | Private Sector - Brazos | In Person |
| Roby Somerford | Private Sector – Brazos | In Person |
| Silas Garrett | Private Sector – Brazos | In Person |
| <u>Guest Attendees</u> | | |
| 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 |
| Juana Cedillo | SERCO | In-Person |
| Marcus Bollinger | TVC | In-Person |
| Sharra Grissett | Buffalo EDC | In-Person |
| Jen Selsted | Oldham Goodwin | In-Person |
| Lupe Schneider | Region 6 | Zoom |
| Terri Leisten | Dynamic Workforce Solutions | Zoom |
| Amyr Weidner | Region 6 | Zoom |

Staff Attendance

Roger Sheridan, Vonda Morrison, Barbara Clemmons, 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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