



Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2026 -12:00 PM

Center for Regional Services

Board Room/Via: ZOOM

3991 East 29th 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 Densley
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
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Attendance

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Guest Attendees

Gayle Mann
Latreasia Williams
Deidra Simmons
Dora Lopez
Juana Cedillo
Bo Moncivais
Marcus Bollinger
Carly Woods
Jesse Simpson
Lupe Schneider

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BVCOG
TVC
Region 6
Region 6
Region 6

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Staff Attendance

Terri Klouda, Vonda Morrison, Barbara Clemmons, Karen Sanders, Sandra Perez, Summer Knight, Ydalia Rosas, Janet Davis, Tiffany Love, Sarah DeLeon, Schronda Burns, Michelle Beckdol
Zoom: Jodi Cobler

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm by Chair Robert Orzabal.

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.

Board Members must declare any possible Conflict of Interest and then abstain from discussing and voting on that issue; abstentions will be recorded in the meeting minutes.

II. Consider for Approval: Previous Board Meeting Minutes

- A. Board Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2026, and March 19, 2026, were presented by Chair Robert Orzabal.

A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Mr. John Brieden and seconded by Mr. Silas Garrett.

Motion carried.

III. Monthly Reporting of Services

A. Executive Directors Report

Ms. Terri Klouda informed the Board that Frank, Vonda, and herself attended the National Association of Workforce Boards Forum in Las Vegas which showed State Representation.

B. Financial Reporting of Workforce Services

Ms. Michelle Beckdol presented the Workforce financial report through February 2026. She reported that we currently have 23 active contracts with 7 underspent. Ms. Beckdol stated that there has been no rapid response or trade activity.

The floor was open for discussion.

C. Program Director Report

Ms. Morrison reviewed the Monthly Service Reports and highlighted the AEL Extravaganza, which promoted literacy. She noted that 88 veterans were served in Brazos County, demonstrating our commitment to serving veterans in the community. Ms. Morrison also indicated that upcoming events were featured in the Employment Services Report.

The floor was then open for discussion.

IV. Regular Meeting Agenda

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

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Commercial Space for Lease in Centerville, Texas

Board members unanimously agreed to revise the wording of Item A from “Centerville” to “Leon County” The item will be brought back at the next meeting for consideration.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Commercial Space for Lease in Navasota, Texas

A motion to accept item B as written was made by Mr. Bill Parten and seconded by Mr. Michael Anderson with Frank Perez, Jared Patout, and Bert Miller Abstaining.

Motion carried.

C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Program Compliance Monitoring Services

A motion to accept item C as written was made by Mr. Bert Miller and seconded by Ms. Liz Dickey.

Motion carried, with one opposing vote.

D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Procurement of Independent Fiscal Monitoring Services

A motion to amend the wording from “will have four additional renewals” to “may have four additional renewals” was made by Ms. Mary Hensley and seconded by Ms. Elena Fortaneli. Motion carried.

A motion to accept item D with the revision was made by Mr. Bill Parten and seconded by Mr. Jared Patout.

Motion carried, with one opposing vote.

E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Incident Reporting Policy Involving Texas

A motion to accept item E as written was made by Mr. Silas Garrett and seconded by Mr. Bert Miller with Bill Ard Abstainng.

Motion carried.

F. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Discrimination Complaints Policy

A motion to accept item F as written was made by Mr. Bert Miller and seconded by Mr. Silas Garrett.

Motion carried.

G. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Texas Rising Star Early Learning Program Policy

A motion to accept item G as written was made by Ms. Amy Jurica and seconded by Ms. Elena Fortaneli with Frank Perez Abstaining.

Motion carried.

H. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Local Board Goals 1&2 FY 2026 through 2027

A motion to accept item H as written was made by Mr. Bert Miller and seconded by Mr. Josh Isenhour.

Motion carried.

I. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Local Board Goals 3&4 FY 2026 through 2027

A motion to accept item I as written was made by Mr. Michael Anderson and seconded by Mr. Silas Garrett.

Motion carried.

V. Meeting adjourned

Chair Orzabal adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm