



Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2025 -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 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
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Attendance

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Guest Attendees

Dora Lopez
 Gayle Mann
 Latresia Williams
 Kristina Polk
 Ambyr Weidner
 Becky Collet
 Marcus Bollinger
 Lupe Schneider
 Harlie Bolz
 Eli Lemmonds

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 TVC
 Region 6
 Health For All
 Health For All

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Staff Attendance

Michael Parks, Roger Sheridan, Barbara Clemmons, Erica Hightower, Karen Sanders, Sandera Perez, Summer Knight, Dolly Rosas, Janet Davis, Tiffany Love, Casey Parra, Zoom: Michelle Eckert, Jodi Cobler

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Liz Dickey introduced Heath for All interns Harlie Bolz and Eli Lemmonds.

III. Public Comment

IV. Consider for Approval: Previous Board Meeting Minutes

- A. Board Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2025, were presented by Chairman Robert Orzabal. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Ms. Ann Boney and seconded by Mr. Silas Garrett. Motion carried.

V. Board Overview

A. Financial Reporting of Workforce Services

Ms. Michelle Eckert provided an overview of the Brazos Valley Workforce financial report through December 31, 2024. Five contracts ended on December 31, 2024, with four out of five being fully expended. At that time there were fifteen active contracts with contract budgets totaling \$41,032,641.25. Ms. Eckert shared that one contract has two months remaining with seventeen contracts on target and additional funds awarded to two of those contracts. The floor was then opened for discussion.

B. Program Director Report

Mr. Michael Parks presented Ms. Vonda Morrison's reports, discussing the WIOA caseloads over the past four months. He stated that the team is performing well overall. No specific concerns were raised at this time. It was noted that Vonda would be able to provide more detailed information if she were present. The floor was then opened for discussion.

C. Executive Report

Mr. Michael Parks provided updates on the new TXC3 childcare software. He reported that while there are still ongoing issues with the system, our board is managing these challenges more effectively than most other boards. During his presentation, Mr. Parks invited Mr. Marcus Bollinger to provide updates on veterans' services. Mr. Bollinger reported that the first annual Veterans' Resource Fair was a success, with over 59 disability claims processed, 230 veterans in attendance, and participation from over 70 vendors.

VI. Regular Meeting Agenda

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

- A. Recommend Approval for the Renewal of the Monterey Mushroom Memorandum of Understanding

A Motion to accept item A was made by Mr. Silas Garrett and seconded by Mr. Roby Somerford. Ms. Elena Fortaneli abstaining
Motion carried.

- B. Recommend Approval of 2025- 2028 Integrated Plan

A Motion to accept item B was made by Mr. Silas Garrett and seconded by Mr. Bill Parten.
Motion carried.

- C. Recommend Approval of the Reasonable Accommodation Policy

A Motion to accept item C was made by Mr. Jared Patout and seconded by Mr. Josh Isenhour.
Motion carried.

VII. Let's Talk Performance Follow-up

SERCO staff answered questions regarding the previous month's performance presentation.

VIII. Executive (Closed) Session

IX. No- Action Items

Roll Call Follow-up

It was noted to the board that the March meeting has been moved to the 27th.

X. Meeting adjourned

Chair Orzabal adjourned the meeting at 12:39 pm