



Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 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>
Amy Jurica	Private Sector - Burleson	In-Person
Andy York	CBO - Brazos	In-Person
Angie Alaniz	Post-Secondary Education Representative – Brazos Valley Region	Unexcused
Ann Boney	CBO-Brazos	In-Person
Ann Chapman	Burleson	Zoom
Allison Best	Nucor Corporation	Zoom
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	Zoom
Christopher Densley	Private Sector – Child Care Representative - Brazos	In-Person
Crystal Crowell	Vocational Rehabilitation Representative - Brazos	Zoom
Dianne Ryder	Vice-Chair-Private Sector-Leon	Zoom
Elena Fortaneli	Private Sector – Madison	In-Person
Frank Perez	Grimes	In-Person
Jared Patout	Grimes	In-Person
John Brieden III	Private Sector – Washington	In-Person
Josh Isenhour	Private Sector - Brazos	Excused
Liz Dickey	CBO – Brazos	In-Person
Mary Hensley	Literacy Representative – Washington	In-Person
Mary Valadez	Public Sector – Public Assistance Regional	In-Person
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

Guest Attendees

Dora Lopez	SERCO Operations Manager	In-Person
Gayle Mann	SERCO	In-Person
Latresia Williams	SERCO Project Director	In-Person
Kristina Polk	SERCO	In-Person
Ambyr Weidner	Region 6	In-Person
Florencia Benavides	Region 6	In-Person
Kelly Carline	Region 6	In-Person
Julieanne McWhorter	Region 6	In-Person
Toney Ramirez	TVC	In-Person
Marcus Bollinger	TVC	In-Person
Julie Brooks	BVCOG	In-Person

Staff Attendance

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Members were able to join 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

New staff Casey Parra, Board Staff and Marcus Bollinger, Texas Veterans Commission were introduced to the board.

III. Public Comment

IV. Consider for Approval Previous Board Meeting Minutes

- A.** Board Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2024, were presented by Chairman Robert Orzabal. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Roby Somerford and seconded by Mr. Bert Miller. Motion carried.
- B.** Ratification of Motions from November 21, 2024 Board Meeting was presented by Chairman Orzabal. A motion to approve the ratification of items A-F was made by Ms. Ann Boney and Seconded by Mr. Bill Parden. 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 November 30, 2024. At that time there were thirty active contracts with contract budgets totaling \$41,220,334.78. Ms. Eckert shared that five contracts had one month 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

Ms. Vonda Morrison reviewed the comparative 2024 end of year performance report as well as the breakdown of the individual performance for Brazos Valley. Ms. Morrison reviewed Pre-Apprenticeship and AEL performance as well as the Bord Goals. The floor was then opened for discussion.

C. Executive Report

Mr. Michael Parks provided updates on the ongoing office renovations taking place in SERCO's staff workspace. Mr. Parks discussed the progressive collaboration between the Workforce Innovation Network (WIN) and the Texas Association of Workforce Boards (TAWB). Discussion Followed.

VI. Regular Meeting Agenda

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

- A. Recommend Approval of Lease of Space for the Madisonville, Workforce Office
Motion to accept item A was made by Ms. Mary Hensley and seconded by Mr. Silas Garrett. Motion carried.

- B. Recommend Approval to Participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Training Third Party Partnership Initiative

Motion to accept item B was made by Ms. Liz Dickey and seconded by Mr. Bill Ard.
Motion carried. Abstained by Mary Valadez.

- C. During the discussion of Recommendation Approval of the Revision of Prohibited Technologies Policy, Mr. Andy York proposed revised wording for the first sentence, changing it from: “This policy is to prohibit technologies identified by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) regarding the use and access of apps or tools on all Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley (WSBV) devices.” to: “This policy directs WSBV to comply with directives for prohibited technologies issued by Federal, State, or TWC regarding, but not limited to, the use and access of apps or tools on all WSBV devices.”

A Motion to accept item C with the revised wording was made by Ms. Amy Jurica and seconded by Mr. Bert Miller.
Motion carried.

VII. Let’s Talk Performance

SERCO staff gave a presentation on Workforce Performance and highlighting how each measure is calculated. Discussion followed.

VIII. Executive (Closed) Session

IX. No- Action Items

Roll Call Follow-up

X. Meeting adjourned

Chair Orzabal adjourned the meeting at 1:32 pm