



Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 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
 Deidra Simmons
 Brenda Burns
 Collette Champagne
 Ambyr Weidner
 Becky Collet
 Lupe Schneider
 Julieanna Mcwhorter
 Carley Woods
 Kelly Carline
 Marcus Bollinger

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Staff Attendance

Michael Parks, Roger Sheridan, Vonda Morrison, Barbara Clemmons, Karen Sanders,
 Sandra Perez, Summer Knight, Ydalia Rosas, Janet Davis, Tiffany Love, Casey Parra,
 Zoom: Michelle Eckert, Jodi Cobler

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting was called to order at 12:06 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

III. Public Comment

IV. Consider for Approval: Previous Board Meeting Minutes

- A. Board Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2025, were presented by Chairman Robert Orzabal. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Bert Miller and seconded by Mr. Bill Parten. Motion carried.

V. Executive Report

Mr. Michael Parks provided an update on legislative developments and state association activities. He reported that approximately 40 workforce-related bills are currently being tracked. He added that the Texas Association of Workforce Boards (TAWB) remains in a period of transition and is continuing efforts to reorganize and establish structure. Additionally, several departments within BVCOG are currently undergoing audits and addressing findings from the previous year's audit. Discussion followed.

VI. Monthly Reporting of Services

A. Financial Reporting of Workforce Services

Ms. Michelle Eckert presented the Workforce financial report through January 31, 2025. She noted that there are currently twenty-six active contracts, with four under-spent and one over-spent. The total contract budget stands at \$26,871,759.25, with \$19,410,718.78 remaining, which includes a new contract for Employment Services. Ms. Eckert concluded that, overall, contract expenditures appear healthy and are on track for the Workforce Board. The floor was then opened for discussion.

B. Program Director Report

Ms. Vonda Morrison reported that MPR reports are currently unavailable due to a transitional period at TWC; in the meantime, performance will be tracked manually. She provided an overview of the VOS Greeter report findings and noted that the AEL report indicates most performance targets are being exceeded. Ms. Morrison also highlighted several new initiatives, including a collaboration with local libraries and the implementation of Friday Focus which is proving to be successful. The floor was then opened for discussion.

VII. Regular Meeting Agenda

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

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2025-2028 Integrated Plan.
A Motion to accept item A was made by Mr. Jared Patout and seconded by Mr. Bill Parten.
Ms. Elena Fortaneli abstaining
Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding The Market Analysis and Procurement of Lease of Space for the Grimes County, Leon County, Robertson County and Washington County Texas Workforce Center Office Space
A Motion to accept item B was made by Mr. Bert Miller and seconded by Mr. Roby Somerford. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Texas Rising Star Staff Education Requirement
A Motion to accept item C was made by Ms. Ann Boney and seconded by Mr. Billy Wilson.
Motion carried.

VIII. Executive (Closed) Session

IX. Non- Action Items

- A. The board was notified of the adoption of the BVCOG Travel Policy. Although this was a non-action item and did not require a vote, a vote was taken and passed.
- B. Roll Call Follow-up

X. Meeting adjourned

Chair Orzabal adjourned the meeting at 1:01 pm