



Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting

Thursday, April 17, 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 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
 Private Sector – Brazos
 Private Sector – Brazos

Attendance

Excused
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 In-Person
 Excused
 In Person
 In Person

Guest Attendees

Dora Lopez	SERCO	In-Person
Gayle Mann	SERCO	In-Person
Deidra Simmons	SERCO	In-Person
Latresia Williams	SERCO	In-Person
Andrea De La Garza	SERCO	In-Person
Ambyr Weidner	Region 6	Zoom
Becky Collet	Region 6	Zoom
Lupe Schneider	Region 6	Zoom
Mary Walker	MCISD-AEL	In-Person

Staff Attendance

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

I. Presiding Officer

In the absence of all Board Chairpersons and the Secretary, the Board, by general consent, selected Jared Patout to serve as Chairperson pro tem and preside over the meeting.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board Meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by Jared Patout.

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.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

IV. Public Comment

V. Consider for Approval: Previous Board Meeting Minutes

- A. Board Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2025, were presented by Jared Patout. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Roby Somerford and seconded by Ms. Ann Boney. Motion carried.

VI. Executive Report

Mr. Michael Parks reassured the Board that funding remains level and stable at this time. He reported that the state is currently experiencing a data reporting issue; however, our staff will be self-recording data as a temporary supplement. Additionally, new youth-focused initiatives will be launched soon to increase spending and engagement under that contract. Discussion followed.

VII. Monthly Reporting of Services

A. Financial Reporting of Workforce Services

Ms. Michelle Eckert presented the Workforce Financial Report, reflecting expenditures through February 29, 2025. She reported that there are currently twenty-three active contracts, with three identified as underspent and one as overspent. The total contract budget is \$25,758,463.25, with \$17,409,862.37 remaining. Ms. Eckert also noted that four contracts have only four months remaining; all are on target except for the WIOA Youth contract. The floor was then opened for discussion.

B. Program Director Report

Ms. Vonda Morrison provided an overview of the contracted performance measures for October, November, and December. She noted that significant changes will be reflected in upcoming reports, as seven new measures will be added. Ms. Morrison also announced upcoming events and reviewed AEL (Adult Education and Literacy) performance. Additionally, it was reported that 4,156 youth have been outreached as part of the new Work Experience Program initiative. The floor was then opened for discussion.

VIII. Regular Meeting Agenda

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

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Babel Notice Policy.
A motion to accept item A was made by Ms. Ann Boney and seconded by Mr. Silas Garrett.
Motion carried.
- B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding The Self-Sufficiency Wage Levels Policy
A motion was made by Mr. Silas Garrett to approve the Self-Sufficiency Wage Levels Policy with the amendment to set the level at 200%. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ann Boney.
Motion carried.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Vendor Contract Between WSBVB and Premiere Training School
A motion to accept item C was made by Mr. Silas Garrett and seconded by Mr. Bill Parten.
Motion carried.

IX. Executive (Closed) Session

X. Non- Action Items

- A. Roll Call Follow-up

XI. Meeting adjourned

Jared Patout adjourned the meeting at 12:48 pm