



Approved

**WorkSource Atlanta
Local Workforce Development Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 3, 2020**

Board Members Present
(Quorum Present)

Chris Ahrenkiel, Selig Enterprises
Diane Allen, Georgia Department of Labor
Bernadette Amerein, Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
Charlye Batten-Miller, Jackmont Hospitality
Randy Beall, Atlanta & North GA Building and Construction Trades Council
Dave Cole, IBM
Patricia Horton, Coaching and Consulting Services, LLC
Nancy A. Flake Johnson, Urban League of Greater Atlanta, Inc.
Rokeya Jones, Microsoft
Mike Kenig, Holder Construction
Amy Lancaster-King, Metro Atlanta Chamber
Joseph Lillyblad, Georgia Power
Kenny Mullins, IBEW, Local 613
Dr. Albenny Price, Atlanta Public Schools
Beverly Riddick, UPS
Dr. Victoria Seals, Atlanta Technical College
Mark Templeton, IUOE, Local 926
Rashida Winfrey, Mosaic Advisors

Board Members Excused

Terri Block, Bank of America

Board Members Absent

Mary Parker, All N One Security Systems

WSA Staff

Katerina Taylor, Executive Director
Ruth Alvarez-Moon, WIOA Performance Analyst
Phyllis Bryant, Executive Assistant to Executive Director
Ralph Dickerson, IT Specialist
LaSharn Harris, Finance Coordinator
Tammy Lipsey, Sr. Manager of Performance and Operations
Tolton Pace, Manager of Community Engagement
Marcos Pope, Director of Finance
Antrell Tyson, Director of Policy and Legislation
Tammy Williams, Career Specialist
Sonia Wilson-Westmoreland, Director of Operations

Service Providers

Roscell Hall, One-Stop Manager, In the Door
Robert Gordon, In the Door
Lynn Hamilton, Regional Director, Equus

Guests

Thomas Williams, Kaiser Permanente
Marty Wommack, Conduit Connections
Steven Wommack, Conduit Connections
Sandeep Gill, Literacy Action
Kevin Spearman, Literacy Action
Kyle Kessler, Center for Civic Innovation
Joel Alvarado, Ohio River South

I. Call to Order

- i. The meeting was called to order by Chair Patricia Horton at 11:03 a.m.

II. Roll Call

- i. Chair Horton conducted roll call. Board members present and absent are listed above.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

- i. A motion was made by Board Member Chris Ahrenkiel to approve the adoption of the agenda and seconded by Board Member Dr. Victoria Seals. The motion to adopt the agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2020

- i. A motion was made by Board Member Dr. Victoria Seals to approve the minutes and seconded by Board Member Diane Allen. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously by voice vote.

V. Public Comment

- i. Chair Horton asked if the public wanted to address the Board.
 - Marty Womack, President & CEO of Conduit Connections introduced himself.
 - Kevin Spearman - Literacy Action introduced himself.
 - Sandeep Gill – Literacy Action introduced herself.

VI. Welcome Remarks

- i. Executive Director Katerina Taylor welcomed Board members, staff, and visitors.
- ii. **Invest Atlanta Integration** – The white paper has been sent for your review. We will schedule another meeting in October to fully dissect and discuss the paper.
- iii. **Contracts** – Both the In the Door and ResCare (Equus) contracts have been legislated.
- iv. **Current Work** – Overall, for the City of Atlanta, our email usage and Microsoft Teams activity has increased significantly due to staff meeting on a regular basis. There are over 500 employees that are teleworking and 1000 essential employees in the City of Atlanta. The team has done a great job in meeting the needs of our customers.
- v. **Systems Change for Economic Development** – We are working on a regional strategy with the other local workforce boards to present to TCSG. The website is atlworks.org.
- vi. **Org Chart** - The goal is to continue to grow the team. We are looking to hire a Business Services employee and a Communications Director.

VII. Action Items

Regional Plan:

- i. We have been spending some time with the other local workforce boards as well as the consulting firm Accenture on the Regional Plan for 2020-2023. This is a draft plan and is due to TCSG on October 1, 2020. TCSG will come back to us with any edits or updates before its finalized. There's a lot of good synergy between the local boards.
- ii. A motion was made by Board Member Nancy Johnson to approve the draft Regional Plan and seconded by Board Member Amy Lancaster-King. The motion to approve the draft Regional Plan was approved unanimously by voice vote.

VIII. WSA Presentations/Discussions

TechHire Grant: The award amount was \$4,000,000.00. The amount expended was \$327,824.38 leaving a remaining amount of \$3,672,175.62. On July 2, 2020, we received response from DOL-ETA that our extension request was denied. Staff is working expeditiously to submit the close out package.

DW NEG Grant: This is a 2-year grant that expires on March 31, 2022 for Dislocated Workers impacted by COVID-19. TCSG received \$12 Million for employment and training services. WSA was awarded \$550,000.

Homeless Grant: The grant period is March 1, 2018-June 30, 2020. The award amount was \$397,180 and it has been expended. There were 62 participants placed on a WEx.

In-School Youth Program: WSA partnered with the City's Department of Parks and Recreation and Metro Atlanta WorkSource Georgia and Atlanta CareerRise to offer paid summer activities for (37) in-school youth.

50/50 Waiver: USDOL approved an additional year for this waiver.

Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs: WSA and The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (Welcoming Atlanta) started a community outreach project to gain more program participation from the Latino community.

State Policy Updates: The State Board voted to increase the amount that they reserve for their rapid response.

IX. Reports

Financial Update: We didn't have any recapture for program year 2018-2019 and are in the process of closing those grants out. Due to COVID, we were able to make some adjustments and have been very creative as to how we pursue Work Experience options. We are in the process of legislating PY 21 funds.

Equus Workforce Solutions (Formerly ResCare) Performance Update: We are in the process of rebranding and will continue with great service. All services are being done virtually. The staff continues to provide career services through Webex and have been doing an outstanding job with their case management. The City of Atlanta leads the State of Georgia with 86 enrollments.

One-Stop Operator Update: We're providing 1:1 support to clients with resume assistance and interviewing skills via video conference. We're working closely with our partners to provide

customer assistance and workshops.

X. Adjournment

Chair Horton adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.