UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD DISABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
December 5, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Present:
- Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair
- Ms. Lisa Thomas, Committee Member
- Ms. Anne Brock Trail, Committee Member
- Ms. Dana Hudgins, UWB

Welcome and Introductions
The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair. Ms. Thomas welcomed committee members.

Disabilities Committee Event Update
Ms. Thomas asked Ms. Dana Hudgins, UWB Associate Director, to provide an update on the November 15th training session sponsored by the committee. Ms. Hudgins shared that 30 local SC Works staff and partners attended the training. ABLE SC provided the training and focused on disabilities etiquette. Surveys were conducted at the end and those in attendance rated the training positively. Many asked for a longer session and found the information helpful. Ms. Anne Brock-Trail asked if it was possible to continue the training at future quarterly meetings. Ms. Hudgins will speak to partners and to ABLE SC to obtain a price. The training provided on the 15th only cost the Upstate Workforce Board roughly $200. ABLE SC was able to utilize a United Way grant to reduce the expense. Their normal hourly rate for such training is around $400/hour. With no further discussion, the committee moved to the next agenda item.

Disabilities Committee Advisory Group
Ms. Thomas asked Ms. Hudgins to update the committee on the advisory group being formed. Ms. Hudgins reminded the committee that 3 populations were targeted to serve on the advisory board: employers, education partners and agency partners. Ms. Hudgins shared the list of the 10 members identified. Of the 10 members, 8 have confirmed participation. Ms. Hudgins will send a formal invitation in early January. The committee confirmed the date of January 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. A location is still to be determined.

Adjourn
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2024.