



Upstate Workforce Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2023 - 8:30 a.m. - Thomas E. Hannah YMCA – Community Room

Board Members Present

Ms. Erin Black Ms. Judy Horton
Ms. Anne Brock-Trail Mr. Craig Jacobs
Mr. Josh Cleapor Mr. Jerome Kirkland
Mr. Jay Coffey Mr. Marion Littlejohn
Ms. Betty Guzzo Mr. Nathan Norris
Ms. Jennie Thomas

Board Members Absent

Mr. Wade Ballard Mr. Robbie Faucett
Mr. Bill Brasington Ms. Robyn Hill
Mr. Jim Cook Ms. Cherie Pressley
Ms. Cathy Harter

UWB Staff Present

Ms. Ann Angermeier
Mr. Brent Bishop
Ms. Nikoya Shaw
Ms. Dana Wood

Guests Present

Ms. Nikki Burgess
Ms. Johnnie-Lynn Crosby
Ms. Anna Oswald
Ms. Mary Beth Walters

Welcome

Mr. Craig Jacobs, Board Chair, welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 9, 2023, meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Nathan Norris made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Jerome Kirkland seconded the motion. With no abstentions, the motion carried.**

Johnnie-Lynn Crosby Farewell

Ms. Ann Angermeier, Upstate Workforce Board (UWB) Executive Director, shared with the board that Ms. Johnnie-Lynn Crosby, Regional Director of Business Solutions, has been with SC Works for 20 years. She stated that she is proud of Ms. Crosby's growth and wished her well as she moves into her new position with Transfr. Ms. Angermeier shared that she hopes Ms. Crosby will serve on the board of the Upstate Workforce Futures Corporation, the non-profit of the Upstate Workforce Board. She opened the floor to Ms. Crosby who expressed appreciation to the board.

One Stop – BST Lead

Ms. Angermeier introduced Ms. Mary Beth Walters, the new SC Works Regional Director of Business Solutions. Ms. Dana Wood, UWB Associate Director, shared that this transition requires a new appointment of the BST Lead to meet One Stop Standards and requested for Ms. Walters to be appointed as the new BST Lead. **Ms.**

Betty Guzzo made a motion to appoint Ms. Walters as the new BST Lead. Mr. Jerome Kirkland seconded the motion. With no abstentions, the motion carried.

SC Works Litter Hero Presentation

Ms. Nikki Burgess, SC Works Project Director, gave a presentation on the Litter Hero initiative being led by SC Works. She shared data regarding the program and its benefit to the community and special populations served by SC Works Greater Upstate.

Youth Committee Report

Ms. Erin Black, Committee Chair, reported that the Youth Committee met on February 14, 2023. The committee reviewed the January Youth program budget report. Ms. Wood shared details of the previous modification that the board approved at their last meeting.

At the meeting, Ms. Anna Oswald, ACHIEVE Director, presented the January Dashboard and Just in Time Report and shared a client success story for a student in Cherokee County. Ms. Black reported that CellBotics is moving to a virtual platform that would allow students to participate in that training at a reasonable cost. She noted that funds for this training are already allocated in the budget with no additional funding necessary.

Ms. Black reported that the nomination form for the Youth of the Year award and the rubric for selecting the recipient have been finalized. With no questions, the report concluded.

Disabilities Committee Report

Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair, reported that the Disabilities Committee met on February 21, 2023. She reported that the business community was surveyed for input on the Spring Event. There were 18 respondents to the survey. The survey results were discussed and used to confirm the specific topics and preferred time for the event. Ms. Thomas gave more information on the topics that are being explored for the Spring Event based on the surveys. With no questions, the report was concluded.

Executive Committee Report

Mr. Jacobs, Committee Chair, reported that the Executive Committee met on February 28, 2023 and reviewed the budget. He then presented a budget modification. The proposed modification was presented as a recommendation from the committee. The mod includes the following: transferring \$4,000 from the Computer/Software line to the following line items: Mileage, Vehicle Manpower, Professional Dues, Office Supplies, Workers Compensation, Telephone and Miscellaneous. ***All board members were in favor of the committee's recommendation to approve the line-item transfers as presented. With no abstentions, the motion carried.***

Mr. Jacobs reported that staff and the county attorney are in negotiations with the developers of the Aden Bonded Warehouse (future home of SC Works). With no questions, the report concluded.

Executive Director Update

Ms. Angermeier shared that Mr. Adam Lindsley, SC Works Operations Manager, is leaving at the end of the month. She then shared about a young lady who graduated with her GED and is now on staff with SC Works.

Other Business

Ms. Wood gave a more in-depth overview of the financial research study and shared that the study has officially kicked off. She shared that she would keep the board updated on the progress of the program.

Adjournment

With no other business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Next meeting date: May 15, 2023