



UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD DISABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
September 13, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Present:

- Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair
- Ms. Lisa Thomas, Committee Member
- Ms. Anne Brock-Trail, Committee Member
- Mr. Dave Wheeler, Committee Member
- Ms. Dana Wood, UWB

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair. Ms. Thomas welcomed committee members attending in person and virtually.

Upcoming Disabilities Committee Event

Ms. Thomas informed the committee that the Bryant Center, in partnership with the Middle Tyger Area Council of OneSpartanburg, is hosting a breakfast on September 29, 2022 for the local business community. The purpose of the event is to increase awareness of available resources regarding disability employment. Ms. Thomas shared a sample agenda for the event. Featured speakers will include Ms. Ann Angermeier (Welcome), Ms. Jennie Thomas (introduction of VR staff), Ms. Lisa Hall (Business Development Specialist), Ms. Dana Wood (Disability Resource Website), Ms. Anne Brock-Trail (Work Opportunity Tax Credit), Mr. Dave Wheeler (ABLE SC Resources) and Ms. Miranda Craig (SCVRD Training Centers). Ms. Dana Wood, UWB Associate Director, asked about attendance expectations for the event. Ms. Thomas responded that the goal is between 50-75 business representatives. There was some brief discussion to ensure that there will be no overlap on topics. It was also recommended that a survey be sent after the event to gather ideas for future topics/events. Ms. Wood thanked Ms. Thomas for the opportunity to partner on the event.

Driving Simulator

Ms. Wood shared that Spartanburg County has not made a decision regarding the request for a driving simulator. She informed the committee that County Council is still reviewing recommendations.

Other Business

Ms. Wood shared that the committee does have approximately \$1,000 to spend this program year to support the work of the committee. Feedback from the September 29, 2022 event will help guide the committee on next steps. The goal is for a possible event in the spring of 2023.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2022.