WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, LWDA-20

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 2, 2018

The Local Workforce Development Board met on August 2, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at Don's Seafood Restaurant, Denham Springs, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mack Hurst.

WELCOME
Chair Hurst welcomed the following new board members:
-Errick Baldwin, representing the public sector for Adult Education. Mr. Baldwin replaced Ms. Janet Tassin upon her retirement.
-Mr. Rene Ragas, Our Lady of Angels Hospital, representing the Washington Parish private sector.
-Megan Warde, representing LWC. Ms. Warde replaced Ms. Gayle Fisher.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Joseph Ardoin Jr., Errick Baldwin, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Jo Hano, Anthony Howell, Mack Hurst, Craig Kaiser, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Rene' Ragas, Ronnie Rossier, Skip Smart, William Wainwright and Megan Warde.

MEMBERS ABSENT
Mary Broussard, Christy Corne, Jon Craft, Brian Dowden, Lisa Dugas, Julie Gaudin, Lucinda Liuzza, and Glenda Shaheen.

VISITORS PRESENT
None

WIOA STAFF
Tina Roper and Charlotte Ferrara.

PUBLIC INPUT
None

MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2018 MEETING
The May 17, 2018, meeting minutes were presented. Motion was made by Joseph Ardoin Jr, seconded by Ronnie Rossier, to accept the May 17, 2018 minutes as presented.
Votes were as follows:

Yeas: Joseph Ardoin Jr., Errick Baldwin, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Jo Hano, Anthony Howell, Mack Hurst, Craig Kaiser, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Rene' Ragas, Ronnie Rossier, Skip Smart, William Wainwright and Megan Warde.

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Nays: None

Absent: Mary Broussard, Christy Corne, Jon Craft, Brian Dowden, Lisa Dugas, Julie Gaudin, Lucinda Liuzza, and Glenda Shaheen.

Abstained: None

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF YOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Tina Roper reviewed the Request for Proposals for youth services stating that two proposals were received, reviewed and scored by a committee of WIOA staff. The two proposals received were Northshore Technical Community College-YouthBuild and Quad Community Action Agency-YouthBuild. She reviewed the findings for each proposal and stated that each met the criteria to be awarded the contract agreement for carpentry. Ms. Roper asked the board to consider extending the amount of bid award from $75,000.00 each to $100,000 each and to extend the number of students to be served from 12 to 16. Additional youth funding that was granted to LWDA 20 through LWC to allow for such an increase.

Motion was made by Smart, seconded by Dedon to accept the NTCC-YouthBuild and QCAA-YouthBuild proposals with staff scheduling meetings with each agency to review/correct the areas of concern found in the review, to extend the award amount from $75,000.00 to $100,000.00 and to extend the number of participants to be served from 12 to 16. Votes were as followed:

Yeas: Joseph Ardoin Jr., Errick Baldwin, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Jo Hano, Anthony Howell, Mack Hurst, Craig Kaiser, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Rene' Ragas, Ronnie Rossier, Skip Smart, William Wainwright and Megan Warde.

Nays: None

Absent: Mary Broussard, Christy Corne, Jon Craft, Brian Dowden, Lisa Dugas, Julie Gaudin, Lucinda Liuzza, and Glenda Shaheen.

Abstained: William Wainwright

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

William Wainwright presented the July 31, 2018 Nominating Committee report. Mr. Wainwright noted that the current officers were contacted and stated they would like to continue in their current positions held for the 2018-2019 year.

Mr. Wainwright opened the floor for other nominations. With none being noted, Mr. Wainwright asked for a motion recommending current officers stand for the 2018-2019 year.

A motion was made by Jason Dedon, seconded by Ronnie Rossier, to have the current officer remain in positions for the 2018-2019 year. Votes were as follows:

Yeas: Joseph Ardoin Jr., Errick Baldwin, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Jo Hano, Anthony Howell, Mack Hurst, Craig Kaiser, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Rene' Ragas, Ronnie Rossier, Skip Smart, William Wainwright and Megan Warde.

Nays: None

Absent: Mary Broussard, Christy Corne, Jon Craft, Brian Dowden, Lisa Dugas, Julie Gaudin, Lucinda Liuzza, and Glenda Shaheen.

Abstained: None

BOARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Roper reviewed and discussed the following:

- Expenditures/Budget

  Expenditures as presented up-to-date
  LWDA 20 received nearly $1 Million more this year.

- Additional Funding

Usage of additional funding in the following areas:

Possibility of hiring part-time retired teachers to assist participates in obtaining HiSets
No intentions of hiring permanent personnel with the additional funds.
Upgrade technology in offices
Pushout funds in training area.

Staff Training on proper determinations of participant's qualification for use of Dislocated Worker funding. Veterans now eligible for Dislocated Worker funding.

- Performance Measures

Currently determining comparisons between 2017-2018 to 2018-2019 and against State measurements. Tracking employment verifications has proven to be especially difficult in the occupation of truck drivers.

- Launch of new LWDA 20 Branding and Webpage

Ms. Roper presented the new branding of "GeauxJobs" with handouts. Each member viewed the webpage through an email that was sent to them during the meeting. Members' views of branding were positive.

- Staff Changes

Washington Parish Office – Ms Roper stated that Site Supervisor Tammy Crain resigned and Hope Whitfield, who is currently a TPG WIOA Counselor would be promoted to that position.

A motion was made by Joseph Ardoin, seconded by Jason Dedon, to accept the Board Director's report. Votes were as follows:

Yeas: Joseph Ardoin Jr., Errick Baldwin, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Jo Hano, Anthony Howell, Mack Hurst, Craig Kaiser, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Rene' Ragas, Ronnie Rossier, Skip Smart, William Wainwright and Megan Warde.

Nays: None

Absent: Mary Broussard, Christy Corne, Jon Craft, Brian Dowden, Lisa Dugas, Julie Gaudin, Lucinda Liuzza, and Glenda Shaheen.

Abstained: None

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Chair Hurst thanked Board Members for their confidence to allow him to remain as Chairperson for another year. He thanked the members for their attendance and that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 15, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Anthony Howell, seconded by Skip Smart, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.
Votes were as follows:

Yeas: Joseph Ardoin Jr., Errick Baldwin, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Jo Hano, Anthony Howell, Mack Hurst, Craig Kaiser, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Rene' Ragas, Ronnie Rossier, Skip Smart, William Wainwright and Megan Warde.

Nays: None

Absent: Mary Broussard, Christy Corne, Jon Craft, Brian Dowden, Lisa Dugas, Julie Gaudin, Lucinda Liuzza, and Glenda Shaheen.

Abstained: None

APPROVED:

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Mack Hurst, Chairperson