

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board

January 16, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the NR/MR WDA Consortium Board was held on January 16, 2019 at the Wytheville Meeting Center, Wytheville VA. Those in attendance were as follows:

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Jay Williams – Giles, Chair Lauren Yoder – Floyd Brenda Sutherland - Grayson Mary Biggs – Montgomery Andy McCreedy – Pulaski Joe Hale - Wythe Robert Gropman – Radford City	Marty Holliday Beverly Suthers Ronnie Martin Della Wheeler Jenny Bolte	Mike Miller – Chair WDB MaryAnn Gilmer – Goodwill of the Valleys, Inc. Melanie Blosser – Goodwill of the Valleys, Inc. Will Byrd - People Inc.

At 10:00 am, Chair Williams called the meeting to order with a moment of reflection and then led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Williams asked Ms. Suthers to call the roll. A quorum was present.

Ms. Sutherland made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented, with a second from Ms. Biggs

Moving on with Agenda Chair Williams opened the floor to public comment. Hearing none, he proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

In the absence of the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Hale made a recommendation from the committee to presented the following candidates:

- Chair, Jay Williams
- Vice-Chair, Kenneth Belton

With no other nominations, the floor was closed, with a unanimous vote.

The following Workforce Development Board Nominations were presented for approval. Ms. Holiday explained that these were required seats that must be filled

- Apprenticeship Representative – La’Keisah Bowen
- CTE Representative – Barry Hollandsworth
- Smyth County Business Representative – Jeff Dunnack

Ms. Biggs made the motion to accept the listed WDB nominations, with a second from Mr. Gropman. Motion was passed.

Mr. Hale stated he hoped to present a name for the WDB representing Wythe County Business by the next Board meeting.

Mr. Miller updated the Board on the WDB activities speaking mostly about the Strategic Plan Update.

Ms. Holliday preceded to update the Board on the Executive Summary and Informational items. She stated that although she has a strong working relationship with Federal Representatives, she would like to work on building relationships with State Representatives. She would like to coordinate with Area I on hosting a Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner or Mixer and invite the State Representatives. Mr. McCready suggested smaller targeted areas and pull everyone together. Preferably a breakfast. A brief discussion followed. It was agreed that the Jurisdictions would work on setting this up and sending the invitations to the State Representatives.

Ms. Holliday then proceeded to review the updated Strategic Plan Timeline and highlight the changes that had been made to the Plan. All changes/additions could be seen in red. A brief discussion followed. Ms. Biggs made a motion to accept the draft Strategic Plan as written with a second from Mr. Hale.

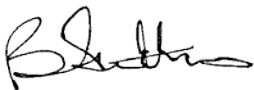
Mr. Byrd, updated the Board on the One Stop Operations and the Success Story.

Ms. Holliday updated the Board on the Go VA Region 2 Grant and Ms. Bolte updated the Board on the Pathways Grant.

Chair Williams opened the floor for Board member time, being none, he highlighted Board Travel, the next meeting on March 30, 2010 at the Wytheville Meeting Center at 10:00 am.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 with a second from Mr. McCready. and called for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Suthers".

Beverly W. Suthers
Workforce Operations Coordinator