

# New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board

## March 20, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the NR/MR WDA Consortium Board was held on March 20, 2019 at the DARS Conference Room, Wytheville VA. Those in attendance were as follows:

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Jay Williams – Giles, Chair Rex Hill – Carroll Lauren Yoder – Floyd Kenneth Belton - Grayson Mary Biggs – Montgomery Travis Haynes – Galax City Robert Gropman – Radford City	Marty Holliday Beverly Suthers Della Wheeler Jenny Bolte David Martin	Mike Miller – Chair WDB MaryAnn Gilmer – Goodwill of the Valleys, Inc. Beth Carico - People Inc.

At 10:00 am, Chair Williams called the meeting to order with a moment of reflection.

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

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

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

Ms. Holliday recapped staff salaries and proposed raises. Eight staff members would receive a 3% raise, with 2 staff receiving a 1.5% raise. Mr. Gropman made a recommendation for 2% raise instead of 3%. Ms. Biggs made a motion to accept the raises as originally presented with a second from Mr. Hill. A called vote was made: Carroll – yes, Floyd – yes, Galax – yes, Giles – yes, Grayson – yes, Montgomery – yes, Radford – no. Motion was passed.

The following Workforce Development Board Nominations were presented for approval.  
Brooks Dawson, Pulaski County Business Rep

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

Mr. Miller updated the Board on the WDB activities speaking about the Annual Administrative Compliance Review for PY18 results. There were only four findings which were all very minor and one finding had already been resolved before the final report was released.

Ms. Holliday preceded to update the Board on the Executive Summary and Informational items. So far we have served 20 incumbent workers through the Go Virginia Region 2 grant.

Ms. Holliday stated that we have now contracted with ACT to complete the CRC testing. Staff are waiting for training on using the system and a staff member will be trained to be a "Profiler" for business for the Work Ready Communities. A brief discussion followed.

Ms. Carico, updated the Board on the One Stop Operations and Youth the Youth Special Project. Ms. Gilmer shared the Success Story and updated the Board on their Youth Special Project.

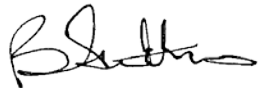
Ms. Bolte updated the Board on the Pathways Grant.

Chair Williams opened the floor for Board member time. Mr. Gropman asked Ms. Holliday how the region was doing concerning business growth, retention, and expansion. A brief discussion followed.

Chair Williams proceeded to highlight Board Travel, the next meeting on May 15, 2019 at the Wytheville Meeting Center at 10:00 am.

Ms. Biggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Belton. and called for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:17 am. The Board proceed to the Wytheville One-Stop for Branding Open House.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Suthers', written in a cursive style.

Beverly W. Suthers  
Workforce Operations Coordinator