

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board

INFORMATIONAL MINUTES

February 23, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called to order the online ZOOM meeting of the NRMR Workforce Development Board at 10:01 am on February 23, 2022. He introduced Alysha Milligan with TransfrVR and other guests.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Suthers conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Board Members

Mike Miller, Chair	Jon Overton
Jay Williams, Vice-Chair	Bradley Rodriguez
Karen Akers	Jimmy Smith
Howard Bartholomay	Aaron Vaughn
Joy Butler	
Jeff Carter	
Brooks Dawson	
Jeff Dunnack	
Mary Ann Gilmer	
Barry Hollandsworth	
Perry Hughes	
Josh Lewis	
Jordan Loupe	
Timothy McVey	
Shannon Mutter	

Staff

Marty Holliday
Beverly Suthers
Jenny Bolte

Guests

Mary Biggs, CLEO Chair
Phyllis Conner
Elizabeth Carico
Stephanie Hoer
Gwen Johnson
Jon Cash
Phyllis Conner
Christy Lowe
Kathy Malone
Alysha Milligan, Guest Speaker

This was an online ZOOM meeting so there was no business that required voting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Was not voted on.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Hearing none, Chair Miller moved on with the agenda.

GUEST SPEAKER

Chair Miller introduced the guest speaker, Alysha Milligan, with TransfrVR. Ms. Holliday provided background information on the VR equipment that the Board Staff have been using in the region. Ms. Milligan showed how the VR equipment is being used in other States as an enrichment tool. Currently the VR equipment has 180 simulations with more to be added in the future. A brief discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Holiday reviewed the MOU/IFA timeline with the Board. She stated that all partners have seen the MOU. She also stated that the IFA for the Wytheville One-Stop has been signed and uploaded to the Board's secure Synology for the Department of Labor Monitoring.

CONSORTIUM BOARD UPDATE

Ms. Biggs, Consortium Board Chair, informed the Board that appointments would be made by their next meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUMMARY

Ms. Holliday stated that the regular report is in the packet but that she wanted to highlight the following:

- DOL Monitoring: This is the year that Virginia is being monitored by the DOL. Normally, multiple areas in Virginia would be monitored, but this year only the New River/Mount Rogers Area was chosen for monitoring.
- Good Jobs Challenge: This is a very competitive grant all across the nation. Ms. Holliday thanked Ms. Bolte for all the hard work and time she put into writing the grant. News of award will not be until August 2022.
- ROI: The Return on Investment Report for all programs has been uploaded to the website for review. Pathways to the American Dream has come to an end and the final report is also uploaded to the website for review.

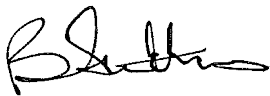
PARTNER REPORTS

Reports for the following partner agencies were given: Adult Education, Ms. Mutter; Career & Technical Education, Mr. Hollandsworth; Community Based Organizations, Ms. Gilmer; Institute of Higher Education, Mr. Hughes; Economic & Community Development, Josh Lewis; Job Corp, Mr. Loupe; Virginia's Employment Services, Ms. Akers; WIOA Title 1 Programs, Ms. Carico and Mr. Cash; Special Grants, Ms. Bolte.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Miller stated the next meeting would be an in-person meeting on April 20, 2022 at the Wytheville Meeting Center at 10:00 am. This meeting will need a quorum. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beverly Suthers,
Workforce Operations Coordinator