

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board

INFORMATIONAL MINUTES

March 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Biggs called to order the regular meeting of the NRMR Workforce Development Area Consortium Board at 10:01 am on March 15, 2023 at Wytheville Community College.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Chair Biggs lead the Board in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of reflection. She then asked the members to introduce themselves as there were a few new members.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Holliday conducted a roll call. The following persons were present. A quorum was present.

Board Members In Person

Montgomery County – Mary Biggs, Chair
Bland County - Cameron Burton
Floyd County – Joe Turman
Grayson County – Michael Hash
Pulaski County – Laura Walters
Washington County – Charlie Hargis
Bristol City – Michael Pollard
Galax City – Mike Larrowe

Guests

Gwen Johnson, Goodwill
Leo Molina, Jr. - Goodwill
Beth – People Inc.
Linda Millsap – Floyd County

Staff

Marty Holliday
Renee Sturgill
Jenny Bolte
Kimber Simmons

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Biggs opened the floor to public comment. Hearing none, she proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Walters made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. Mr. Turman seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Biggs turned the meeting over to Ms. Holliday. Ms. Holliday presented the slate of officers brought by the Nomination Committee: Chair – Mary Biggs (PDC 4) and Vice Chair – Lori Deel (PDC 3). Ms. Holliday reminded the members that the chair and vice chair had to be from different planning districts. She asked for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she called for a vote. It was a unanimous decision. Ms. Holliday returned the meeting to Chair Biggs.

SHORT-TERM DISABILITY FOR EMPLOYEES

Ms. Holliday gave an update on the situation with short-term disability (historical and current), explaining that the current situation was a self-pay and not something that the Board could. She presented several scenarios that were available to the Board and the cost of each. Ms. Burton made the motion that Ms. Holliday continue to evaluate Short-term Disability and make the selection best suited, keeping the cost below \$15,000 per year. Mr. Hargis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW RIVER/MOUNT ROGERS WORKFORCE FOUNDATION UPDATE

Ms. Holliday asked the Board to review the documents regarding the proposed foundation. A discussion followed with input from Board members. Ms. Holliday will make the suggested changes and send the documents to legal counsel for review before the May 17th meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUMMARY

Ms. Holliday shared the ROI report (which was better than normal), updated on the Workforce System reorganization and went over Goal #1 Strategies and Action Items.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD UPDATE

Mr. Miller noted that the Workforce Board was up for recertification and that Ms. Holliday was pulling together the necessary documents. Ms. Holliday told the members that she was given a short waiver for the due date to be May 18 (after the May meeting) and not May 1.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Ms. Carico provided the One-Stop Operator report and People Inc's program updates. Mr. Molina provided Goodwill's program updates. Ms. Simmons provided her Business Services report. Ms. Bolte provided Board Grant updates.

NEXT MEETING

Chair Biggs reviewed the travel reimbursement and meeting schedule. The next meeting would be the Joint Board Meeting on May 17, 2023 at 10 am at the Wytheville Meeting Center.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marty Holliday
Executive Director