

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE 10 COUNTY  
MIDDLE GEORGIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA  
December 14, 2021**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the 10 County Middle Georgia Workforce Development Area was held at 10:00AM, at Lane Packing, at 50 Lane Road, Fort Valley, Georgia, on December 14, 2021. The following members were present:

<b>Meeting Attendance Record</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>County/City</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Henry Craig	Baldwin	X Virtually	
Commissioner Omar Dickey	Crawford	X Virtually	
Timothy Andrews	Houston	X	
Commissioner Chris Weidner	Jones	X	
Commissioner Greg Tapley	Monroe		X
Commissioner Martin Moseley	Peach	X	
Commissioner Jenna Mashburn	Pulaski	X	
Commissioner Billy Webster	Putnam	X Virtually	
Commissioner Ken Fowler	Twiggs		X
Commissioner John Williams	Wilkinson		X
Mayor John Reid	Eatonton	X	
Mayor Joyce Denson	Toombsboro	X	

**Guest in Attendance**

April Hodges, Peach County Commissioners Office

Chairman Chris Weidner chaired and called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. There was a quorum present.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Tim Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Martin Moseley to approve the agenda as written. There were no opposing votes and the motion carried by voice vote.

**MINUTES**

1. *Approval of the October 26, 2021, Minutes of the Executive Committee of the 10-County Middle Georgia Workforce Development Area*

A motion was made by Tim Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Martin Mosely to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 meetings as written. There were no opposing votes and the motion carried by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. *Approval of Barcado Syles WDB Nomination* – Darrell Stillings provided copies of and discussed the WDB nomination for Barcado Syles, of Fort Valley State University, to replace LuWanna Williams as the higher education representative.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin Moseley and seconded by Tim Andrews to approve the nomination of Barcado Styles, of Fort Valley State University, to serve as the Higher Education Representative on the Workforce Development Board as presented. There were no opposing votes and the motion carried by voice vote.

2. *Success Story from Catrina Spivey, LPN CGTC* - Darrell Stillings reported that Catrina Spivey unfortunately could not attend, however, he read a letter of success message from a Jones County High School student who is participating in the youth internship program. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the internship program and gave high remarks on what she has gained from the program.
3. *In-School Youth Internship Program Update* - Darrell Stillings provided and discussed a written summary on the internship program activities in each county. He reported that students have already received their schedules and for the majority of the students it has proven very difficult to get their schedules changed to allow them to participate. However, working closely with the schools has allowed everybody to gain a better understanding of the opportunity for the students. Plans are to go ahead and identify the students that are eligible and then next year they can participate all year in the program. He also reported that in Houston County a student with a career path of welding has been hired by a local welder to do an internship. There is also an internship lined up for a student in Crawford County. Mayor Denson and Commissioner Moseley added that they are struggling with having enough firemen. Mayor Denson would like to see a pathway starting in 11<sup>th</sup> grade to introduce students to a career as a fireman. Darrell Stillings added that Georgia College offers a chance to become a fireman at no cost to students at the college level. Mayor Denson also suggested a journalism class with an internship with a newspaper or media outlet. Darrell added he is looking at broadcasting in Jones County.
4. *Business Services/NEG Update* – Vann Davis provided copies of and discussed the NEG Update dated December 7, 2021. He pointed out that services have been provided to 83 participants throughout the service area under the NEG grant with 14 participating in Temporary Work Experience and 69 participating in a variety of Occupational Skills training. Recruitment efforts for both participants and worksites are still ongoing. He also reported that there are active OJT agreements in place with GiGa, and Interfor and there's an active incumbent worker training agreement with Monroe County Board of Commissioners for Paramedic Training. Also, an incumbent worker training agreement is in place with Buzzell Plumbing Heating and Air for HVAC technician apprenticeship and there are six participants in the cohort. Efforts are ongoing with various companies in the area for OJT, IWT and Work Experience opportunities.
5. *Expenditure Report* – Kerry Scarboro, MGCI Accountant, provided copies of the Expenditure Report dated October 31, 2021. She reported that first NEG grant should be fully expended this month and should start spending second NEG grant. She reported that PY 21 Adult and FY 21 DLW grants are fully expended and spending has started in FY 22Adult, PY 21 DLW and PY 20 Youth. She has no concerns at this time.

- **Approval to Accept 200,000 In Additional Adult & Dislocated Worker Funds** - Darrell Stillings provided copies of the notice of approval received from the State for an additional \$100,000 in both the Adult and Dislocated Worker Grants and requested approval to accept both grants. He

explained that these are excess funds the State has and the grants will expire June 30, 2022. The grant awards have not been received yet but are expected to be received next week.

A motion was made Mayor Joyce Denson and seconded by Mayor John Reid to accept the \$100,000 additional funds in both the Adult and DLW grants. There were no opposing votes and the motion carried by voice vote.

## 6. Activity Reports

- *PY 2021 Enrollment Report* – Terrell Mitchell provided copies of and discussed the enrollment report dated November 23, 2021. She reported on all funding stream enrollments, which resulted in a total of 454 participants being served and 382 are carryovers. There have been 72 new enrollments since July 2021 and 29 have been added since October meeting.
- *PY 2020 Final Performance Report* - Terrell Mitchell provided copies of and discussed the Final Performance Report dated November 23, 2021. She reported that all measures were exceeded.
- *PY 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Performance Report* - Terrell Mitchell provided copies of and discussed the enrollment report dated November 23, 2021. She reported all measures are currently being met except the Measurable Skills Gain measure for all grants but we have until June 30, 2022 for measures to be added once participants obtain them.

## MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

## MATTERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. *Next Meeting* –The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2022, at 10AM, and Chairman Weidner agreed to host it in Jones County.
2. *WDB Attendance Report* – **The WDB meeting was cancelled and there was no report available.**

## ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and a motion was made by Tim Andrews and seconded by Mayor John Reid to adjourn at 10:39 AM. There were no opposing votes and the motion carried by voice vote.