

Central Virginia Workforce Council of Chief Local Elected Officials (CLEOs)



June 16, 2022

4 p.m. at CVPDC conference room

CENTRAL REGION

Members Present: Treney Tweedy (Chair), John Hinkle, Jon Hardie, and Drew Wade

Members Absent: John Sharp

CVWDB Members Present: Dr. Nat Marshall (CVWDB Chair), Andy Crawford (Operations Committee Chair), Dr. Bobby Johnson (Youth Committee Chair)

Staff Present: Traci Blido, Tim Saunders, Alec Brebner, and Keith Cook (Human Kind)

1. Roll Call & Introduction of Members

Treney Tweedy, Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 4:10 p.m. She invited everyone around the table to introduce themselves and welcomed the two new CLEO members, Jon Hardie and Drew Wade.

2. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2021

The Chair asked if there was a motion to approve the October 21, 2021 minutes. Jon Hardie made a motion and John Hinkle seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Director's Report

Traci thanked the officials for serving in this CLEO role and providing overall guidance for implementing the provisions of the WIOA "Act". She described how the CLEO's approve policies, set priorities, and approve budgets and workforce board members, and meet at least twice a year. She said the board will be going through a Workforce Strategic Planning Process this year and encouraged any input or participation.

Traci gave an update on the region's current job openings and said there are 2.3 job openings for every unemployed person. She said our wage gain statewide is 9.6%. In our region, there are 6,118 jobs posted in the workforce job posting system, RTI. The industries with the most openings are Retail, Truck Drivers, RN's, Stockers/Order Fillers, and Food workers and servers. She said Virginia Career Works focuses its training and supportive funds on high demand jobs. She said the top five manufacturing employers that offer the most high-quality jobs right now are BWXT with 369 openings, FlowServe with 167, Framatome with 165, Georgia Pacific with 152 and Abbott Labs with 128. Discussion followed among the CLEO's and Jon Hardie provided

some insight into the goals of the Campbell County Technical Center to prepare students for high demand fields.

4. Approval of Workforce Development Board Budget

Traci showed the most recent monthly finance report as well as the FY23 Budget for the new Program Year, starting July 1, 2022. She pointed out the MOU funding that comes from ParkView Mission, Bedford County, and Campbell County and what those programs do. She explained that we will receive \$1,321,700.00 in WIOA funds this year, which is slightly higher than last year which will help a lot, given the higher client numbers we are seeing at the One-Stop Center. She also said the Title 1 staffing level is lower than last year (down three people) which means that career navigators have a higher number of clients to assist, but it's manageable. Jon Hardie asked about the carry-forward policy of the Board and Nat Marshall explained that we have two years to spend WIOA funds and we don't receive the new year's funding until around October which is why we need to have a carry forward balance each year.

The Chair asked if there was a motion to approve the budget. Drew Wade made the motion and John Hinkle seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Approval of Workforce Board Members

Traci presented a proposed slate of new and re-appointed members of Central Virginia Workforce Development Board for the three-year term, as per the by-laws, as follows:

Alisha A. Meador, Economic Development Manager, City of Lynchburg (replacing Marjette Upshur and filling a new term from 2022 – 2025.)

Dorothy J. White, Program Director, Lynchburg Community Action Group, Inc. (LynCag). (Replacing William Coleman, retired, and filling an unexpired term from 2022-2023.)

Christian Wiscovitch, Lynchburg DRS Manager, Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS). (Replacing Nate Mahanes who is stepping off the board due to a new job, and filling an unexpired term through 2024.)

Existing Members for Re-appointment for 2022-2025 Terms:

- John S. Capps, CVCC President
- Michael "Scott" Francis, ITG VP Operations
- Cheryl S. Giggetts, CTA Consultants
- Dana H. Hogan, Fleet Labs Manager, Talent Acquisition and Employee Development
- Robert L. (Bobby) Johnson II, Campbell County School Superintendent
- Christine W. Kennedy, Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance COO/EVP
- Ronald L. Lovelace, RL Lovelace & Assoc. (CPA)

- Nathaniel X. Marshall, BWXT HR EEO & Community Relations Mgr.
- Robbie Morrison, Virginia Co-op Extension 4-H Agent
- Sierria L. Phillips, Southern Air, Inc. HR Director
- John A. Redding, Appomattox Chamber of Commerce President
- Luke Saechao, ACE of Central Virginia, Regional Program Mgr.
- Cheryl M. Toler, Innovairre, VP of HR
- Sterling Wilder, Jubilee Family Development Center, Exec. Director

Traci described the requirement to percentages of Business and Labor representation on the board and said that with these new and reappointed members of the board, the new percentages will be Business (53%) and Labor (22%) representation.

John Hinkle made a motion to certify and accept the full slate of new and re-appointed members as proposed and Jon Hardie seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Operations Update

Keith Cook presented the WIOA Title 1 PY2021 Third Quarter Report. He said they are seeing higher enrollment numbers this year over last year and showed the comparisons in Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth categories. He also showed Workforce Center visit comparisons, year over year, and talked about employment and credential levels which are remaining steady.

Tim Saunders gave a local business briefing citing the follow-up that has occurred from the last Business Services Team meeting with Abbott Labs, and shared some of the job fair events and communications he's been working on.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.