

Region 2 Workforce Investment Board

Full Board Meeting

October 19, 2023

12:00 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Andy Skidmore. There were no registrants for Public Comment. There was a Quorum, those in attendance in person were: Chairman Mr. Andy Skidmore (Putnam Co. Commissioner), Mr. Todd Motz (Local 80 Insulators), Ms. Carol Howerton (MAMC), Mr. Tommy Adkins (Lincoln EDA), Ms. Tali Gaydosz (COTRAIC), Mr. Reggie Jones (Recovery Point WV), Mr. Wesley Varney (Medcare), Mr. John Mandt Jr. (Cabell Co. Commissioner), Mr. Clayton Hamilton (HRDF), Ms. Kristy Wood (Mountwest), Mrs. Alissa Stewart-Sparks (Goodwill KYOWVA), Mr. Charles Shaw (RLCCC), Ms. Tonya Wallace (WV DRS), Mr. Travis Thompson (Wayne Co. Commissioner), Mr. Jay Lester (Southern), Mr. s. Phoebe Harless (Lincoln Co. Commissioner), and R2WIB Staff: Ms. Melissa Bias and Mrs. Malissa Dishman. In Virtual Attendance were: Mr. Jason Roberts (Workforce WV), Ms. Brenda Hunt (Fiscal CPA Agent), Ms. Maureen Persons (Workforce WV), and Mr. Tim Lafon (via phone; Lawyer).

There was a Motion for the August Minutes approval by Mr. Andy Skidmore and was seconded by Mr. Reggie Jones.

Mr. Tim Lafon gave two updates:

1. The Lawsuit of Independent Living has been resolved and dismissed from the docket.
2. The Human Rights Complaint by the prior Executive Director against the Board here at Region 2 WIB has been dismissed.

Ms. Brenda Hunt reported that we just submitted PY23 Budget to Workforce WV, so we are waiting on approval for the new money. Also, the Storm Grant is closed, and we have submitted the close-out and are now waiting on that approval as well. Thirdly, the DHHR ABAWD Award closed on September 30, 2023; the new ABAWD Grant should start October 01, 2023.

Executive Director Ms. Melissa Bias explained that we need to know who wants to participate on the Board. Mr. Adam Warden had previously emailed everyone a letter that should be filled out and submitted back to us if you have joined the Board prior to January 01, 2023. This letter allows you to inform the Board if you are going to continue to serve, wanting to serve, or not able to serve. Also, Nomination Forms were included in the packets given to everyone in attendance. All Nomination Forms should be filled out with your information and submitted to: Mrs. Malissa Dishman, Administrative Assistant Region 2 Workforce Investment Board (mdishman@wvregion2.org). Ms. Melissa Bias explained she has asked for an Emergency Grant just under two million dollars that if approved will help us with our top-heavy staff/money issues; we are trying to move our funding around lately and have staff multitask to help with tasks other than their specific job, since we've lost some of our Region 2 WIB Staff. Ms. Melissa Bias is also exploring Health Plan Coverages for Region 2 WIB Staff that will be more beneficial and affordable to all staff.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: Mr. Tim Lafon discussed how everyone wanted a copy of the Bylaws and stated that he was willing to provide the copies. A motion was made, by Mr. Tommy Adkins and seconded by Mr. John Mandt Jr, for Mr. Tim Lafon to review the Bi-Laws and circulate them back to the Board.

Ms. Melissa Bias asked for the Board's approval to update membership, for three Region 2 Workforce Investment Board Staff to attend, two of them will be training, by sending them to attend the EO & SHRM Conference at Bridgeport, WV, on November 8-9, 2023. A motion was made by Mr. Todd Motz and seconded by Mr. John Mandt Jr. to allow the staff to attend and train.

Chairman Mr. Andy Skidmore motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. John Mandt Jr. seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mrs. Malissa Dishman

