



GREEN COUNTRY WORKFORCE

Green Country Workforce Development Board-Special Joint Board/

Local Elected Official Meeting Minutes:

February 28, 2025 from 10:00 AM to Noon at

Location: NSU Broken Arrow

Administrative Services Building, Annex

3100 E New Orleans St. Broken Arrow, OK 74014

All voting members of the body must attend in person at the physical location

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jennifer Bentley and CLEO Charles Boecher. Quorum was established by roll call.

Board Members Attending in Person: Chris Pierce, Cody Cox, Debra Lack, Eloy Chavez, Jennifer Bentley, John Lamont, Larry Payton, Pete Selden, Tammy Taylor.

Local Elected Officials Attending in Person: Charles Boecher, Chris Jenkins, Ken Doke, Loyal Dean Taylor, Ray Watts, Tim Kelley.

Absent Board Members: Amy Spencer, Corey Sisson, Dee Hays, Diane Kelley, Dower Combs, Eric Wells, Fran Colombin, Karen Pennington, Kathy Adair, Kelly Beyer, Ken Busby, Landon Varnell, Laurel Havens, Ron Ramming, Taylor Foster, Ted Jenkins, Teresa Inhofe, Tim Arras, Tony Heaberlin, Yasmin Avila Guillen.

Absent Local Elected Officials: Curt Mullins, Stan Sallee, Steve Ward, Steve Talburt, Zac Moore.

Guests: Nicole Cue, Tom Summar, Chris Linder, David Crow, Ashley Arenivar, Letha Bauter, Dede Smith, Matt Kitchen, Michelle, Britten, Trae Rahill.

GCWDB Board Staff: Michael Branan, Jeremy Frutchey, Tamara Peachey, Chloe O'Hanlon, Amber Cutshaw, Larod Snyder, Martha Brians.

	Activity / Item	Who
1.	Call Joint Meeting of GCWDB Board and Local Elected Officials to Order (Time: 10:05AM)	Jennifer Bentley - Board Chair Charles Boecher - CLEO
2.	Compliance with Open Meetings Act: Declaration of quorum of the GCWDB Board through Roll Call of: GCWDB Board Members (roll call Chloe O'Hanlon) The agenda was posted at least 48 hours prior to the date and time of this meeting and filed in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Posted at GCWDB Board Office 4.30 pm 02/24/2025 Quorum is 8 Board Members Present (25% of Board Members)	Jennifer Bentley - Board Chair <u>No Action Necessary</u>

3.	<p>Compliance with Open Meetings Act: Declaration of quorum for Local Elected Officials through Roll Call of: GCWDB Local Elected Officials (roll call Chloe O’Hanlon)</p> <p><i>The agenda was posted at least 48 hours prior to the date and time of this meeting and filed in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Posted at GCWDB Board Office 4.30 pm 02/24/2025</i></p> <p>Quorum is 6 Local Elected Officials Present (simple majority)</p>	<p>Charles Boecher – Chief Local Elected Official</p> <p><u>No Action Necessary</u></p>
4.	<p>Discussion on Recapture of Funds in the amount of \$775,157.43 from Program and Fiscal Year 2023 Dislocated Worker and Youth Funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Recapture of Funds will be used to fund other boards that need money for their counties. 	<p>Trae Rahill</p> <p>Michael Branan</p> <p><u>No Action Necessary</u></p>
5.	<p>Discussion and Possible Action by Local Elected Officials on Potential Merger and/or Absorption between Green Country Workforce Development Board and the Northeastern Workforce Board. Requires Local Elected Official Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GCWDB Local Elected Officials did a Roll Call Vote on absorbing the Northeastern Workforce Development Board. <p>Yes: Charles Boecher, Chris Jenkins, Loyal Dean Taylor, Ken Doke, Ray Watts, Tim Kelley.</p> <p>No: None</p>	<p>Trae Rahill Michael Branan Charles Boecher Ken Doke</p> <p><u>Motion to Approve</u></p> <p>Tim Kelley</p> <p><u>Second</u></p> <p>Loyal Dean Taylor</p> <p><u>Motion Carried</u></p>
6.	<p>Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Modified Program Year 2024 Budget affected by recapture of funds. Requires Board Approval</p>	<p>Michael Branan Jennifer Bentley – Board Chair</p> <p><u>Motion to Approve</u></p> <p>Debra Lack</p> <p><u>Second</u></p> <p>Chris Pierce</p> <p><u>Motion Carried</u></p>

7.	Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Modified Program Year 2024 Budget affected by recapture of funds. Requires Separate Local Elected Official Approval	Michael Branan Charles Boecher <u>Motion to Approve</u> Ken Doke <u>Second</u> Ray Watts <u>Motion Carried</u>
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8.	Update on DOL Monitoring Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cost of \$453,000 questioned from the Forensic Audit was not found to be disallowed. 	Michael Branan – Executive Director
9.	Adjourn Joint Meeting of the GCWDB Board and Local Elected Officials (Time: 11:48AM)	Jennifer Bentley - Board Chair <u>Board Motion to Approve:</u> Pete Selden <u>Second</u> Ron Ramming <u>Motion Carried</u> Charles Boecher-CLEO <u>Local Elected Official Motion to Approve</u> Ken Doke <u>Second</u> Ray Watts <u>Motion Carried</u>

Board Members: Amy Spencer, Chris Pierce, Cody Cox, Corey Sisson, Debra Lack, Dee Hays, Diane Kelley, Dower Combs, Eloy Chavez, Eric Wells, Fran Colombin, Jennifer Bentley, John Lamont, Karen Pennington, Kathy Adair, Kelly Beyer, Ken Busby, Landon Varnell, Larry Payton, Laurel Havens, Lesli Shoals, Peter Selden, Ron Ramming, Tammy Taylor, Taylor Foster, Ted Jenkins, Teresa Inhofe, Tim Arras, Tony Heaberlin, Yasmin Avila Guillen.

Local Elected Officials: CLEO Charles Boecher, Chris Jenkins, Curt Mullins, Ken Doke, Loyal Dean Taylor, Ray Watts, Stan Sallee, Steve Ward, Steve Talburt, Tim Kelley, Zac Moore.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Green Country Workforce Development Board:

GCWDB Regular Board Meeting April 11, 2025
Meeting from 10:00AM to Noon
Connors State College – Port Campus
Nursing & Allied Health Building - Auditorium
2501 N. 41st St. East, Muskogee, OK 74403

Chair Signature:  Date: 4/17/25

Chief Local Elected Signature:  Date: 4/17/2025