



# GREEN COUNTRY WORKFORCE

## Green Country Workforce Development Board-Regular Board

### Meeting Agenda:

January 16, 2025, from 10:00 AM to Noon at

Location: Connors State College – Port Campus

Nursing & Allied Health Building. Auditorium

2501 N. 41st St. East, Muskogee, OK. 74403

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

**The Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jennifer Bentley.**

**Quorum was established by roll call.**

**Board Members Attending in Person:** Amy Spencer, Chris Pierce, Debra Lack, Diane Kelley, Eloy Chavez, Eric Wells, Fran Colombin, Jennifer Bentley, Karen Pennington, Kathy Adair, Kelly Beyer, Larry Payton, Pete Selden, Ron Ramming, Tammy Taylor, Taylor Foster, Teresa Inhofe, Tim Arras.

**Absent Board Members:** Cody Cox, Corey Sisson, Dee Hays, Dower Combs, John Lamont, Ken Busby, Landon Varnell, Lesli Shoals, Ted Jenkins, Tony Heaberlin, Yasmin Avila Guillen.

**Guests:** Chris Linder, Tom Summar, Ashley Arenivar, CLEO Charles Boecher, Rosaland Rathbun, Beverly Sizemore, Amy McCready, Melita Griffith, David Goff.

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

|    | Activity / Item   | Who   |
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| 1. | Call Meeting to Order (Time: 10:02AM)   | Jennifer Bentley - Board Chair  |
| 2. | <b>Compliance with Open Meetings Act: Declaration of quorum through Roll Call of: GCWDB Board Members (roll call Chloe O'Hanlon)</b><br><i>The agenda was posted at least 24 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 01/13/2024</i> | Jennifer Bentley - Board Chair  |
| 3. | <b>Discussion and Possible Action on Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2024, Joint Board Meeting</b>  | Jennifer Bentley - Board Chair<br><br><b><u>Motion</u></b><br>Diane Kelley<br><b><u>Second</u></b><br>Kathy Adair<br><b><u>Motion Carried</u></b> |


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| 10. | <b>Presentation of Financial Report</b><br>See Exhibit A  | Rosaland Rathbun<br><br><u><b>No Action Required</b></u>                 |
| 11. | <b>Presentation of Board Chair Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board/Local Elected Official Training for January 9, 2025 was rescheduled for February 6, 2025.</li> <li>Commissioner Charles Boecher is the new Chief Local Elected Official of the GCWDB Local Elected Officials.</li> <li>Commissioner Ken Doke is the Vice Chair of the GCWDB Local Elected Officials.</li> <li>Loyal Dean Taylor has replaced Monty Grider as the Commissioner for McIntosh County.</li> <li>GCWDB is still waiting on replacement Commissioners from Creek County and Okmulgee County.</li> </ul>  | Jennifer Bentley - Board Chair<br><br><u><b>No Action Required</b></u>   |
| 12. | <b>Presentation of Executive Director Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COWIB's Employer of Record and Fiscal Agent oversight of GCWDB ended effective January 1, 2025.</li> <li>GCWDB was certified as a Board at the Governor's Counsel on October 6, 2024.</li> <li>There has been no determination from the Department of Labor regarding the disallowed costs from the Forensic Audit.</li> <li>The GCWDB Local Plan has been sent to the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, revisions have been included.</li> <li>Allotments are made based on GCWDB County needs.</li> <li>More representation is needed on the Executive Committee.</li> </ul> | Mike Branan - Executive Director<br><br><u><b>No Action Required</b></u> |
| 13. | <b>Presentation of Policy/ETPL Performance Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Stevens Amendment needs to go on all documents and public communications.</li> <li>Tamara is working on the Adult, Youth, and Supportive Services policies.</li> <li>In the next quarter, Tamara will be working on nondiscrimination, WIOA, Data Validation, and Monitoring policies.</li> <li>9/15 performance goals have been met.</li> </ul>   | Tamara Peachey<br><br><u><b>No Action Required</b></u>                   |
| 14. | <b>Presentation of Programs Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCWDB while under COWIB's oversight would receive feedback and track any discrepancies.</li> <li>Technical Assistance Trainings are hosted quarterly to address questions the service provider staff may have.</li> <li>The last Technical Assistance training GCWDB hosted was on December 19, 2024.</li> </ul>  | Larod Snyder<br><br><u><b>No Action Required</b></u>                     |

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|     | 5. Members of the GCWDB and the Board Executive Director may ask questions of any person who addresses the GCWDB. |                                |
| 19. | Adjourn (Time: 12:06PM)   | Jennifer Bentley - Board Chair |

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

**GCWDB Executive Committee Meeting February 13, 2025**  
Meeting from 10:00AM to Noon.  
NSU – Broken Arrow, Administration Building - Room 170.  
3100 E New Orleans St. Broken Arrow, OK 74014

Chair Signature: 

Date: 4/17/25