



GREEN COUNTRY WORKFORCE

Green Country Workforce Development Board Local Elected Officials Joint

Meeting Agenda: October 10, 2024, from 9:30 AM to Noon at

Location: Connors State College – Port Campus

Nursing & Allied Health Building - Auditorium

2501 N. 41st St E, 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. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Leon Warner, quorum was not established by roll call.

Board Members Attending in Person: Christopher Pierce, Debra Lack, Dower Combs, Eric Wells, Fran Colombin, Jennifer Bentley, John Lamont, Peter Selden, Ron Ramming, Teresa Inhofe, Tim Arras.

Local Elected Officials Attending in Person: Leon Warner, Charles Boecher, Ken Doke, Tim Kelley.

Absent Board Members: Amy Spencer, Cody Cox, Corey Sisson, Dee Hays, Diane Kelley, Eloy Chavez, Eric Wells, Karen Pennington, Kathy Adair, Kelley Beyer, Ken Busby, Landon Varnell, Larry Payton, Laurel Havens, Lesli Shoals, Tammy Taylor, Taylor Foster, Yasmin Avila Guillen.

Absent Local Elected Officials: Chris Jenkins, Curt Mullins, Erik Zoellner, Monty Grider, Ray Watts, Stan Sallee, Steve Talburt.

Guests: Amy McCready, Ashley Arenivar, Beverly Sizemore, Chris Linder, DeAnnaSmith, Letha Banter, Melita Griffith, Robyn Drury, Rosaland Rathbun, Tom Summar.

GCW Board Staff: Michael Branan, Jeremy Frutchey, Tamara Peachey, Chloe O'Hanlon, Larod Snyder, Martha Brians,

	Activity / Item	Action
1.	Call Meeting to Order (Time: 9:36 AM)	Board Chair - Jennifer Bentley <u>No Action Required</u>
2.	Call Meeting to Order (Time: 9:36 AM)	CLEO - Commissioner Leon Warner <u>No Action Required</u>
3.	Compliance with Open Meetings Act: Declaration of quorum through Roll Call of: GCWDB Board Members (roll call: Chloe O'Hanlon) <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 4:30pm 10/08/2024</i>	Board Chair - Jennifer Bentley <u>No Action Required</u>
4.	Compliance with Open Meetings Act: Declaration of quorum through Roll Call of: GCWDB Local Elected Officials (roll call: Chloe O'Hanlon) <i>The agenda was posted at least 24 hours prior to the date and time</i>	CLEO - Commissioner Leon Warner <u>No Action Required</u>

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5.	Introduction of New Board Members Debra Lack, Larry Payton, and Tim Arras	Board Chair - Jennifer Bentley <u>No Action Required</u>
6.	Discussion and Possible Action on approval Meeting Minutes for the July 24 th GCWDB Board Meeting	Board Chair - Jennifer Bentley <u>Motion to Approve the 7.16.2024 Minutes</u> <u>Motion</u> Ron Ramming <u>Second</u> Debra Lack <u>Motion Passed Unanimously</u>
7.	Discussion and Possible Action on GCWDB Board Vice Chair Dower Combs nominated for Vice Chair.	Board Chair - Jennifer Bentley <u>Motion to Approve the New Board Vice Chair</u> <u>Motion</u> Debra Lack <u>Second</u> Teresa Inhofe <u>Motion Passed Unanimously</u>
8.	Discussion and Possible Action on GCWDB Board Youth Committee Chair Debra Lack nominated for Youth Committee Chair.	Board Chair - Jennifer Bentley <u>Motion to Approve the New Board Youth Committee Chair</u> <u>Motion</u> Dower Combs <u>Second</u> John Lamont <u>Motion Passed Unanimously</u>

9.	Discussion and Possible Action on GCWDB Board Local Plan Approval	Board Chair - Jennifer Bentley <u>Motion to Approve the Board Local Plan</u> <u>Motion</u> Debra Lack <u>Second</u> Pete Selden <u>Motion Passed Unanimously</u>
10.	Discussion and Possible Action on ITA Policy Amendment	Board Chair - Jennifer Bentley <u>Motion to Approve the ITA Policy Amendment</u> <u>Motion</u> Debra Lack <u>Second</u> Dower Combs <u>Motion Passed Unanimously</u>
11.	Discussion and Possible Action on Transfer of up to 100% of Dislocated Worker funds to Adult.	CLEO – Commissioner Leon Warner/Mike Branan <u>No Action Required</u>
12.	Discussion and Possible Action on possible merger of GCWDB and Northeast Workforce Board	CLEO - Commissioner Leon Warner <u>No Action Required</u>
13.	Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2025 GCWDB Board and Executive Committee Meeting Dates	Board Chair - Jennifer Bentley <u>Motion to Approve the Proposed Meeting Dates for 2025</u> <u>Motion</u> Teresa Inhofe <u>Second</u> Debra Lack

		<u>Motion Passed Unanimously</u>
14.	Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2025 GCWDB Local Elected Official Meeting Dates	CLEO - Commissioner Leon Warner <u>No Action Required</u>
15.	Presentation of Financial Report See Exhibit A	Rosaland Rathbun <u>No Action Required</u>
16.	Presentation of Board Chair Report	Board Chair - Jennifer Bentley <u>No Action Required</u>
17.	Presentation of Chair of the Local Elected Officials Report	CLEO - Commissioner Leon Warner <u>No Action Required</u>
18.	Presentation of Executive Director Report • OESC will conduct Program Year 24 monitoring at the GCWDB Board Office from 10/14/2024 to 10/18/2024. • OESC may visit the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board to finish the fiscal monitoring. • GCWDB attended the OKC Partner Conference from 10/02/2024 to 10/04/2024. • Green Country Workforce Development Board has hired Jeremy Frutche as the new Operations Manager. • Tamara Peachey was hired as the Performance/Compliance/Eligible Training Provider List and Policy Manager. • Amber Cutshaw was promoted to Business Services Manager. • Program Year 2024 has been completed, as well as the 2025 Negotiated Federal Performance measures with OESC at the end of August. The measures are high but should be met if the Board and Service Provider oversee them. • GCWDB completed negotiated performance measures with the Service Provider starting 07/01/2024. The Service Provider's goals show that we should meet the Federal Performance. • OESC confirmed that GCWDB will be recommended and potentially have a finalized Board Certification at the Governor's Council Meeting on 10/25/2024. • We are in the process of reprocurig with a One Stop	Executive Director - Mike Branan <u>No Action Required</u>

	Operator and that process should be completed and a contract in place by 11/01/2024. Jeremy Frutche is fulfilling the One Stop Operator duties until GCWDB has a contract in place. • Tamara Peachey is in the process of updating all our policies that require Board Approval. We will form policy work groups that will include Board Member input. • The Alumni Event is on 11/07/2024 at the Oklahoma History Center. We have 2 participant alumni, Chase Wagner of Tulsa (he was hired by OESC) and Brina Beaver from Tahlequah (she was hired by a construction management company). • GCWDB's outstanding business is Northeastern Health Systems, who through a partnership with GCWDB and Talking Leaves Job Corps has served over 20 youth participants, with 80% of them entering high demand employment.	
19.	Presentation of Programs Update • The GCWDB monitoring team received the June response from Service provider staff, the corrections are being reviewed. • July monitoring is ready for submission to Dynamic (the Service Provider). • August Monitoring is ready, it will be submitted after July monitoring is completed and corrected. • Invoices for September expenditures should be received by the Service Provider – Project Account by 10/11/2024. • There has been consistent improvement in monitoring, less mistakes are flagged as "questionable costs". • Technical Assistance Trainings allow the front-line staff to address questions and concerns they have related to WIOA: Title I Services. • At Technical Assistance Trainings, front-line staff receive a summary of training and materials that will be presented. • The next Technical Assistance Training is in December 2024.	Larod Snyder <u>No Action Required</u>
21.	Presentation of ETPL Policy Performance Update • Tamara added a terminology section to the ITA policy on page 2. • She is working on the Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs and the Youth Programs policies, specifically the Supported Services portions. These policies will be presented for review and approval in the future. • She is also creating a separate policy for Supportive Services. • There will be a policy workgroup to look thoroughly at each of the GCWDB policies, procedures, and best practices so GCWDB operated effectively to serve the	Tamara Peachey <u>No Action Required</u>

	Oklahomans in our local areas.	
22.	Presentation of Business Services Update • There were 93 participants impacted by a tornado in Barnsdall. • There were 2 rapid response events to address the efforts to assist Barnsdall. • Amber has been coordinating with the Department of Labor and FEMA to address the economic and workforce impacts on the community. • Amber is working with other agencies such as Work Ready Oklahoma, specifically related to remote employment. • Current Focus Initiatives are Workplace Stability and addressing Childcare needs in rural areas. • Amber provided an updated budget for Green Country Workforce Impact Partnership grant.	Amber Cutshaw <u>No Action Required</u>
23.	Presentation of Operations/Equal Opportunity Update • We received three bids for our One-Stop Operator Request For Proposal(OSO RFP). We have formed an RFP review committee to review and score these bids. We expect that the committee will have scored bids submitted by the end of this week or early next week; the committee will then make a recommendation on which entity to award the One-Stop Operator contract to. • Jeremy Frutchev partnered with the Northeast Workforce Development Board for the Regional Plan. • He is working on contracts and leases. All contracts and leases have been updated, except for 2. • There have been no Equal Opportunity Officer Complaints. • There were 3 customer complaints. They centered around timeliness of communication. From the initial contacting of the participant to their training, it should only take 4 to 6 weeks. These challenges may be mitigated when the Service Provider is fully staffed. • OESC will be announcing a new State Equal Opportunity Officer in late October. • Once the New State EO Officer is announced, Jeremy will visit the American Job Centers, update the EO information on posters, and conduct site accessibility monitoring of the centers.	Jeremy Frutchev <u>No Action Required</u>
24.	Presentation of Service Provider Update • There have been enrollment complaints because of the turn-around times, which need to be lower. • Chris Linder and Mike Branan are working together on MOUs with Cherokee Nation. • Training is hard to find in Rural Counties.	Chris Linder and Tom Summar <u>No Action Required</u>

	- Goals: Ramp up staff, more money for service provisions, and more coverage in busier offices. \$317,541 was spent on participants in Program Year 2023.	
25.	Comments from the Public - During the agenda item for "Comments from the Public," if there is allowable time, a limit of five (5) minutes is established for individuals addressing the GCWDB. - Groups or organizations shall designate one spokesperson to address the GCWDB - The GCWDB reserves the right to limit repetitive comments. - All presentations pursuant to this policy shall be directed to the Chair of the GCWDB. No questions or comments shall be directed to GCWDB members except upon approval of the Chair. - Members of the GCWDB and the Board Executive Director may ask questions of any person who addresses the GCWDB.	Board Chair - Jennifer Bentley <u>No Action Required</u>
26.	Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Time: 11:00 AM)	Board Chair - Jennifer Bentley <u>Motion to Adjourn</u> <u>Motion</u> Debra Lack <u>Second</u> Dower Combs <u>Motion Passed Unanimously</u>
27.	Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Time: 11:00 AM)	CLEO - Commissioner Leon Warner

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

GCWDB Executive Committee Meeting November 7, 2024

Meeting from 10:00AM to Noon

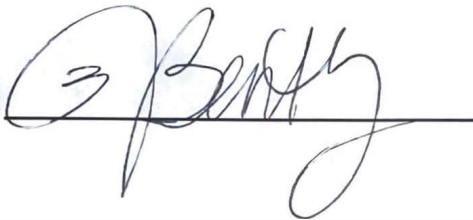
NSU Broken Arrow-Admin Services Building-Room 170
3100 E. New Orleans St. Broken Arrow, OK 74014

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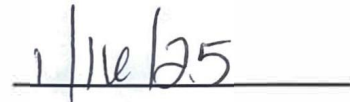
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Chair Signature:

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Date:

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