

Minutes  
Local Elected Officials Consortium (Consortium)  
Meeting

WorkSource Southwest Georgia Conference Room, 75 West Broad Street, Camilla, Georgia

September 5, 2019

The Consortium held its scheduled meeting, Thursday, September 5, 2019 at the WorkSource Southwest Georgia Administrative Office in Camilla, Georgia.

Chair Merritt called the meeting to order at approximately 12:16 p.m.

Ms. Pascha Spence, Office Manager, WorkSource Southwest Georgia called roll. It was reported that there were 9 officials present to include one proxy and that **a quorum was declared.**

The following Consortium members were present:

- Chair June Merritt, Early County
- Commissioner Connie Hobbs, Baker County
- Commissioner Benjamin Hayward, Mitchell County
- Commissioner Wiley Grady, Thomas County
- Councilman Cody Hamilton proxy for Commissioner Kreg Freeman, Miller County
- Commissioner Conner Collins, Calhoun County
- Commissioner LaFaye Copeland, Grady County
- Mayor Edward Reynolds, City of Bainbridge
- Mayor, Annette Morman, City of Baconton

The following Consortium members were absent:

- Commissioner Christopher Cohilas, Dougherty County
- Commissioner Wilbur T Gamble III, Terrell County
- Commissioner Billy Mathis, Lee County
- Commissioner Shelia Williams, Seminole County
- Commissioner Pete Stephens, Decatur County
- Commissioner Denver Braswell, Colquitt County
- Commissioner Fred Dent, Worth County

Staff members present were:

- Ms. Melody Pierce, Executive Director
- Ms. Amanda Godwin, Operations Manager
- Mr. Jerry Chapman, Regional Planner
- Ms. Rebecca O'Neil, Programs Manager
- Ms. Pascha Spence, Office Manager

Due to quorum being declared Chair Merritt proceeded with the order of business. Chair Merritt called on Executive Director Pierce to explain the new state required conflict of interest provision.

1. Chair Merritt called for an approval of previous meeting minutes dated August 22, 2018. **Mayor Edward Reynolds made a motion to approve said meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner David Conner Collins. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**
2. Chair Merritt called for an approval of Consortium By-Laws Revisions. **Mayor Annette Morman made a motion to approve said Consortium By-Laws, seconded by Mayor Edward Reynolds. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**
3. Chair Merritt called on Director Melody Pierce to discuss the Consortium/WDB/City of Colquitt Partnership Agreement that received cosmetic revisions to include name change to Technical College System of Georgia. Director Pierce stated that in order to be in compliance with the federal mandate the document was drafted to outline the roles and responsibilities of the three entities. Director Pierce explained the assurances that are currently in place to alleviate the liability from the counties. **Mayor Edward Reynolds made a motion to approve the Consortium/WDB/City of Colquitt Partnership Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Wiley Grady. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**
4. **Commissioner LaFaye Copeland made a motion to amend the agenda to include approval of the Southwest Georgia Local Elected Officials Consortium Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Wiley Grady. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**
5. Chair Merritt called for an approval of Southwest Georgia Local Elected Officials Consortium Agreement. **Commissioner LaFaye Copeland made a motion to approve said Agreement with the request for staff to provide clarification of the citation on page 5, (*State Workforce – Chapter 159-2-4-01(5)*) of the agreement, seconded by Mayor Edward Reynolds. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved. The WDB staff will follow up with the state Office of Workforce Development (OWD) for clarity and provide requested information to Consortium.**
6. Chair Merritt called for an approval of SWGA Workforce Development Board By-Laws Revisions. **Mayor Edward Reynolds made a motion to approve said WDB By-Laws, seconded by Mayor Annette Morman. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**
7. Chair Merritt called for an approval of the WDB FY 2019 Proposed Operating Budget. **Commissioner David Conner Collins made a motion to approve said budget, seconded by Mayor Edward Reynolds. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

Chair Merritt called on Director Pierce for a brief overview and update of WorkSource Southwest Georgia. Director Pierce gave an update on WDB Board Meetings Information and WDB Board Membership. She stated the new WDB Appointments were Cole Posey, Southern Regional Technical College and Judy Jimmerson, Albany Technical College. Director Pierce gave an update on the One-Stop Center, WIOA Performance, the FGWA Sector Strategy, the High Demand Career Initiative (HDCI) Round-Two Sector Grant Opportunity, the Police & Sheriff Training Initiative and the Apprenticeship Road Trip facilitated by Albany Technical College

**The next Meeting date will be December 3, 2019 @ 5:00pm.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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Ms. June Merritt, CLEO