



**LWDB 20 – Geaux Jobs
2ND Quarter Meeting
April 26, 2023**

The Local Workforce Development Board met on April 26, 2023, at 6:00 pm. at the L' Auberge Casino & Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA

WELCOME

Interim Chairperson Sadie Bennet welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the Geaux Jobs LWDB 20 Board Meeting and the strategic planning session planned for the next day. She looked forward to the informational material and open discussions all would be participating in tomorrow's meeting session.

The Board recognized two new members:

- Carissa LeBeouf – Sr. Human Resource Generalist with Atmos Energy. Ms. LeBouf will be representing the private sector.
- Eric Yelverton, API Division Manager, with Precision Weld Testing & Training – Inspection Division, Geismar, LA. He will be representing the Private Sector.

Mrs. Ferrara gave roll call. Upon taking roll call, a quorum was reached.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Errick Baldwin, Sadie Mannino Bennett, Torri Buckles, Terri Cook, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Anthony Howell, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Roderick Matthews, Ronnie Rosser, Glenda Shaheen, Lisa Williams and Eric Yelvertson.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joseph Ardoin, Jay Collura, Lisa Dugas, , Karen Fontenot, Craig Kaiser, Lucinda Liuzza, Michael Thornhill, and William Wainwright.

GUEST: None

WIOA STAFF: Tina Roper, Charlotte Ferrara, Shalonda Chappell, Shalanda Hill, Bryan Taylor and Bryan Moore.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2022, BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Dedon, seconded by Mr. Matthews, to approve the January 26, 2023, minutes as presented. Votes were as follows:

Yeah:

Erick Baldwin, Sadie Mannino Bennett, Torri Buckles, Terri Cook, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Anthony Howell, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Roderick Matthews, Ronnie Rosser, Glenda Shaheen, Lisa Williams and Eric Yelvertson.

Absent:

Joseph Ardoin, Jay Collura, Lisa Dugas, , Karen Fontenot, Craig Kaiser, Lucinda Liuzza, Michael Thornhill, and William Wainwright.

Nays: None

Abstained: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Financial:

Ms. Roper presented the Director's Report as follows:

PY 2022-2023 Budget

(2022-2023) Ms. Roper presented information and discussed funding with members and presented the PY 2022-2023 Budget for approval. She mentioned due to expected funding cuts at the Federal level, local funding reductions were expected to occur in next years allocations. Motion was made by Matthews, seconded by Howell, to approve the budget as presented. Votes were as follows:

Yeah:

Erick Baldwin, Sadie Mannino Bennett, Torri Buckles, Terri Cook, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Anthony Howell, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Roderick Matthews, Ronnie Rosser, Glenda Shaheen, Lisa Williams and Eric Yelvertson.

Absent:

Joseph Ardoin, Jay Collura, Lisa Dugas, , Karen Fontenot, Craig Kaiser, Lucinda Liuzza, Michael Thornhill, and William Wainwright.

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Agreement between LWDB 20 & CEO

Ms. Roper stated that every four (4) years the Agreement between LWDB 20 and the CEO must be reviewed for any revisions and re-signed, Since the last agreement was dated in 2019, the agreement was reviewed and presented for signature dates only from LWDB 20's Chairperson and CEO. A motion was made by Dedon, seconded by Baldwin, to approve the agreement as presented. Votes were as follows:

Yeah:

Erick Baldwin, Sadie Mannino Bennett, Torri Buckles, Terri Cook, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Anthony Howell, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Roderick Matthews, Ronnie Rosser, Glenda Shaheen, Lisa Williams and Eric Yelvertson.

Absent:

Joseph Ardoin, Jay Collura, Lisa Dugas, , Karen Fontenot, Craig Kaiser, Lucinda Liuzza, Michael Thornhill, and William Wainwright.

Nays: None

Abstained: None

LWC-Regional/Local Plan for 2020-2024

Ms. Roper stated the Regional/Local Plan had been advertised for the 30-day comment period and received no public comments. She informed the Board that the plan would be forwarded to LWC for review and approval.

Board Certification

Ms. Roper stated that the Board Certification packet was completed and ready to be submitted for review and approval to LWC. She stated that submission approval from the Board would be necessary and asked for a motion to approve the submittal. A motion was made by Howell, seconded by Matthews, to approve the submittal of the Board Certification packet to the State. Motion carried.

Yeah:

Errick Baldwin, Sadie Mannino Bennett, Torri Buckles, Terri Cook, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Anthony Howell, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Roderick Matthews, Ronnie Rosser, Glenda Shaheen, Lisa Williams and Eric Yelvertson.

Absent:

Joseph Ardoin, Jay Collura, Lisa Dugas, , Karen Fontenot, Craig Kaiser, Lucinda Liuzza, Michael Thornhill, and William Wainwright.

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Performance

Ms. Roper said that the State had negotiated the new performance measures at the local levels. She stated that our local area should perform well with the new negotiated rates.

Geaux Jobs Career/Job Fairs

The Career/Job Fairs held in Hammond on March 16th, and Plaquemine on March 23rd, were huge successes. Over 600 job seekers and high school students, attended the two events, and gained valuable information regarding job and career opportunities.

Ms. Roper also stated that Gilcrest Construction Company plans to host a hiring event at our Gonzales office soon.

West Feliciana Geaux Jobs Office

Ms Roper stated that the St. Francisville Geaux Jobs office building had been sold and staff relocation was necessary. Due to the unsuccessful attempts to locate another office in the St. Francisville area at an affordable rate, plans were being made to re-locate the two staff members to the Livingston Geaux Jobs office.

Financial Disclosure Statements

Ms. Roper reminded members that the required submission of the Financial Disclosure Statement forms was due no later than May 15th. Submission information was included in meeting packet. Mileage reimbursement forms for private sector members wishing to be reimbursed for mileage to and from meetings were also included.

Oath of Office Swearing

Ms. Roper stated that the Oath of Office Swearing in of members would be held during the training/strategic planning session tomorrow.

Presentation of Appreciation Plaques

Glenda Shaheen and Ronald LeBlanc were presented with Appreciation Plaques for their years of service as members/Chairpersons. Ms. Shaheen thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as a member and chairperson. She expressed to the newer members that this was a great board and staff to work and serve with. Mr. LeBlanc thanked everyone for being a part of such a great board and working so well with staff and he will miss everyone.

A motion was made by Mr. Dedon, seconded by Mr. Matthews, to approve the Director's report. Motion carried.

Yeah:

Erick Baldwin, Sadie Mannino Bennett, Torri Buckles, Terri Cook, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Anthony Howell, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Roderick Matthews, Ronnie Rosser, Glenda Shaheen, Lisa Williams and Eric Yelvertson.

Absent:

Joseph Ardoin, Jay Collura, Lisa Dugas, , Karen Fontenot, Craig Kaiser, Lucinda Liuzza, Michael Thornhill, and William Wainwright.

Nays: None

Abstained: None

ONE-STOP OPERATOR REPORT

Mr. Moore stated he was excited to have the opportunity to facilitate the training/strategic planning session planned for the second day of the board retreat. He also stated that he was in the process of updating and/or revising the Memorandum of Understandings between Geaux Jobs-LWDA 10 and Workforce Development Partners. Once completed, the MOU would be forwarded to partners for review, discussion and signature obtainment along with the Infrastructure Agreement.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Chairperson Bennett stated that the start of the 2-day Board Meeting and Strategic Planning Retreat was off to a great start and looked forward to the planning session. She reminded everyone that the 2nd day session would begin 8:30 am in the morning with a breakfast buffet and sessions following at 9:00am. She thanked all in attendance and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting for dinner. Motion was made by Howell, seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Yeah:

Erick Baldwin, Sadie Mannino Bennett, Torri Buckles, Terri Cook, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Anthony Howell, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore,

Roderick Matthews, Ronnie Rosser, Glenda Shaheen, Lisa Williams and Eric Yelvertson.

Absent:

Joseph Ardoin, Jay Collura, Lisa Dugas, , Karen Fontenot, Craig Kaiser, Lucinda Liuzza, Michael Thornhill, and William Wainwright.

Nays: None

Abstained: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Dedon, seconded by Mr. Thornhill, to adjourn. Votes were as follows:


Yeah: Errick Baldwin, Sadie Mannino Bennett, Terri Cook, Jason Dedon, Mike DiVincenti, Karen Fontenot, Craig Kaiser, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Roderick Matthews, Ronnie Rosser, Glenda Shaheen, Michael Thornhill, and Lisa Williams.

Absent: Joseph Ardoin, Torri Buckles, Jay Collura, isa Dugas, Anthony Howell, Lucinda Liuzza, and William Wainwright.

Nays: None

Abstained: None

APPROVED:



SADIE MANNINO BENNETT, INTERIM CHAIRPERSON