

**Governor's State Workforce Investment Board Minutes
June 11, 2015**

Members Present:

Mikee Johnson, Chair	Michelle Kelley	Glenda Page
Charles Brave, Jr.	Steve S. Kelly, Jr.	Dr. Joseph D. Patton, III
Nick Foong	Archie Maddox	Michael Sexton
Thomas Freeland	Howard Metcalf	Cheryl Stanton
Jay Holloway	Patrick Michaels	

Members Absent:

Sen. Paul Campbell	Ray Maher*	Rep. Tommy Stringer
Isaac Dickson	Willis Ponds*	Rep. Kent Williams*
Rep. Michael Forrester*	Rep. Tommy Stringer	

Laurie Hollick*

**Excused Absence*

DEW Staff Present:

Rebecca Battle-Bryant	Brenda Lisbon	Pat Sherlock
Michael Buchman	Amanda Lucas	Nina Stagers
Scott Ferguson	Chena Melvin	
Shannon Kinder	Michelle Paczynski	
Abby Linden	Grey Parks	

Others Present:

Trent Acker, Worklink	Sandra Johnson, Upper Savannah	Charles Vaughn, US DOL
Areatha Clark, Santee Lynches	Dean Jones, Greenville	Debra Young, Telemon
Laurey Carpenter, Santee Lynches	Nicole Lawing, Catawba	
Joette Dukes, Pee Dee	Steve Pelissier, Appalachian COG	
Kevin Hill, Midlands	Sally Sharpe, Lower Savannah	
Bernadette Herbert, Telemon	Donna Thames, Santee Lynches	
Randy Imler, Catawba COG	Chesney Tyler, Lower Savannah	

Welcome and Opening Remarks, Approval of Minutes

Chairman Mikee Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. at the SC Department of Employment and Workforce and welcomed everyone. A quorum was present. **A motion to approve the April 30, 2015, minutes was made by Charles Brave, seconded by Michael Sexton, and unanimously approved by the Board.**

Ms. Cheryl Stanton announced that the agency is working through the implementation of WIOA and reminded everyone that the purpose of the meeting was to move through WIOA transactions and would not include committee reports or updates. She introduced Nina Stagers as the agency's new WIOA Coordinator who will be dedicated to providing assistance to staff, the SWIB and local boards on WIOA-related matters.

WIOA Local Area Designations & Board Certifications

Ms. Nina Stagers reported that WIOA requires that areas that were designated under WIA and performed successfully and sustained fiscal integrity must be designated under WIOA if such a request is received. To date, 12 local area designation petitions have been received and are compliant with WIOA and State Instruction Letter 14-05 that was released in January. She reported that ten boards met board certification requirements, and that the state is providing technical assistance to the remaining non-compliant boards. An update on board certification will be provided at the next SWIB meeting. **A motion to approve all local area designations and give authority to DEW to finalize compliance for the boards was made by Archie Maddox, seconded by Charles Brave, and unanimously approved by the Board.**

WIOA Unified State Plan Facilitator:

Mr. Steve Kelly reported on behalf of Representative Michael Forrester and said that he was happy and very excited to announce that Spartanburg County had been named a Certified Work Ready Community and there are now 32 certified counties. Mr. Kelly gave an overview of the Unified State Plan which will include core partner agencies including WIOA Adult, Dislocated Workers, Youth and Wagner-Peyser (SCDEW); Adult Education and literacy programs (SC Department of Education) and programs under the Rehabilitation Act that provide services to individuals with disabilities (Vocational Rehabilitation and the Commission for the Blind). The Collaboration and Partnership Committee recommended that the SWIB approve funding to hire a professional consulting firm to work with the core partners in the development of the Unified State Plan for the purpose of coordinating the comprehensive service delivery system under WIOA. Mr. Kelly referred the Board to the Proposed SWIB Funded Initiatives document which includes \$40,000 for the Unified Plan facilitator. **A motion to approve hiring a Unified Plan Facilitator, was made by Steve Kelly, seconded by Charles Brave, and unanimously approved by the Board.**

Business Engagement Incentives

Mr. Patrick Michaels reported that the Business Engagement Workgroup which consists of SWIB members, DEW staff and local area staff, identified a goal of engaging 10,000 new businesses which will be pursued in the upcoming program year. The workgroup also identified an incentive of \$10,000 to each local area meeting its share of the total business engagement goal. Mr. Johnson thanked Archie Maddox, Thomas Freeland and the entire workgroup for their efforts on the project. **A motion to approve an incentive of \$10,000 per LWIA meeting its goal towards the statewide 10,000 business engagement goal, to be paid in PY’ 16, was made by Patrick Michaels, seconded by Michael Sexton, and unanimously approved by the Board.** Ms. Stanton reported that identifying business engagement goals is an important aspect of WIOA and reported that South Carolina is ahead of the game by developing its own business engagement goals.

Proposed SWIB Funded Initiatives

Rebecca Battle-Bryant presented an overview of the following Proposed SWIB Funded Initiatives for PY’15:

Initiative	Amount	Distribution Methodology
Pilot EvolveSC	\$500,000	Funds distributed by competitive grants
IWT	\$720,000	Funds Distributed to Each LWIA per formula
Job Profiles	\$150,000	First come/first served basis
Apprenticeships for target populations (youth, individuals with disabilities, ex-offenders, veterans)	\$200,000	Grants based upon competitive applications
Incentives for PY ‘14	\$100,000	Distributed based upon LWIA performance in PY’14
Symposium	\$40,000	Utilized as needed for Symposium costs
Unified Plan Facilitator	\$40,000	RFP awarded to the most cost effective and responsive bidder
Business Engagement Incentives	\$120,000	\$10,000 per LWIA meeting its goal towards the statewide 10,000 goal**this will come out of the PY ‘16 budget

Ms. Stanton and Mr. Johnson discussed the importance of funding EvolveSC and shared that the initiative will touch smaller companies that employ the bulk of individuals in the state and will create many opportunities for these businesses. Ms. Stanton also informed the Board that the workforce symposium would be combined with the State Chamber’s Annual Conference so that business and workforce can collaborate. Mr. Howard Metcalf expressed concern for the \$200,000 proposed for target population apprenticeships and Ms. Battle-Bryant replied that staff decided on a broad number that would typically cover apprenticeships. Ms. Stanton added that if there are carry-over funds, the Board could reallocate those funds as needed. Mr. Charles Brave added that the ex-offender and veteran population should be priorities for funding. Mr. Charles Brave stressed the importance of tracking the success of ex-offender, veteran and other target populations. **A motion to approve the proposed SWIB Funded Initiatives was made by Michael Sexton, seconded by Charles Brave, and unanimously approved by the Board.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.