



**Committee on Workforce Innovation Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**

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AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Opening RemarksDr. Windsor Sherrill, Committee Chair
- II. Approval of February 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes* Dr. Sherrill
- III. Committee Priorities ReviewMs. Pamela H. Jones
- IV. EmpowerU: Futures Unlocked InitiativeMs. Nina Staggers
- V. Other Business/Adjourn..... Dr. Sherrill

*Denotes Voting Item

**Governor's State Workforce Development Board
February 6, 2025, Workforce Innovation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Members Present:

Dr. Windsor Sherrill*, Chair
Ms. Susan H. Cohen
Col. Craig Currey
Dr. Tim Hardee
Mr. Jay Holloway
Ms. Elaine Morgan

Members Absent:

Ms. Felicia Johnson
Mr. Tyler Servant
Sen. Ross Turner

Welcome and Opening RemarksDr. Windsor Sherrill, Committee Chair

Dr. Windsor Sherrill, Workforce Innovation Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of November 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes*Dr. Sherrill

Col. Craig Currey motioned to approve the November 7, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Jay Holloway seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

Plan of Action for Committee PrioritiesMrs. Pamela H. Jones

Mrs. Pamela Jones reviewed the priorities outlined in the SWDB Strategic Plan and provided updates on the progress of each priority.

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Priority	Progress
Promote SC Professional Skills Credential, developing attainment goal.	- Staff are working with partners to identify additional locations where the assessment can be provided.
Explore how to maximize youth employment resources.	- Staff are communicating with Regional Workforce Advisors (RWAs) and community leaders to increase awareness of programs and resources available. - Staff will be communicating with the CCWD on how to maximize their online tool for resources and career pathway information.
Collect and distribute a catalog of promising practices and models for removing obstacles, primarily related to transportation, childcare, and housing.	- Staff are currently researching models for removing barriers to employment that can be easily replicated in other areas.
Funding to implement models for removing barriers.	- Staff are currently engaged in research and discussions with community leaders and subject matter experts.

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Priority	Progress
Evaluate the need and feasibility of a statewide electric vehicle workforce collaborative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff participates in the Southeastern Regional Electric Vehicle Collaborate where they receive updates that can be shared with the state system. - Staff are collaborating with other state agencies and employers to learn more about the training needed in the infrastructure, energy, and advanced manufacturing sectors.

Connection Points OverviewMs. Lisa Long/Ms. Kathy Stanton

To support the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Plan strategy to increase access to education and training necessary for individuals to use broadband to advance their personal goals and increase South Carolina's technology workforce competitiveness, Ms. Lisa Long and Ms. Kathy Stanton, Employment Service Area Directors, provided an overview of Connection Points and their role in the SC Works System.

Connection Points are designed to offer consumers a wide array of career service resources available through the Department of Employment and Workforce and SC Works. Organizations interested in becoming a Connection Point can apply through the Connection Point Expansion grant program. This grant provides approved applicants up to \$25,000 to expand digital access to employment services. Currently, there are over 175 Connection Points statewide, and this number is expected to expand as the demand for digital literacy continues to grow in South Carolina.

Other Business/AdjournDr. Sherrill

Dr. Sherrill reminded Committee members that the next SWDB meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. He also reminded state and local workforce board members that the Annual Ethics Training will be facilitated virtually on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Part two of the SC Works Information Series, "Embracing Digital Technology in the Workforce," is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. In this session, the Office of Regulatory Staff's Digital Opportunity Department will share updates on South Carolina's Digital Equity plan, including broadband expansion grants and opportunities.

Part three of this series will be held on February 25, 2025, featuring speakers from the Department of Employment and Workforce's Labor Market Information Division, SC Quantum, and the Savannah River National Laboratory.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.