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Greenville County Workforce Development Board (GCWDB)
Executive Committee Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
11:30 A.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Committee Members (5): Tammy Galindo, Craig Kinley, Robyn Knox, Jennifer Moorefield, Kelly Shumaker

Agenda

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order** **Ms. Robyn Knox, Chair**
- II. **Quorum Validation (3 or more)**
- III. **Minutes Approval (October 8, 2025)***
- IV. **Director's Report** **Mr. Dean E. Jones, GCWDB Director**
 - a. **IWT applications**
 - b. **PY25 WIOA Performance – 1st QTR***
- V. **Executive Session (Closed Session)**
The Board will enter executive session to discuss contractor performance and receive confidential information related to contractor performance. No action permitted in executive session.
- VI. **Reconvene Open Session**
- VII. **Other Business**
- VIII. **Adjourn**

**Denotes an action item*

Public Law 101-166, Section 511: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Program is supported by the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor as part of an award totaling \$626,046 with \$0 (0%) state, local, and/or non-governmental funds. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker Program is supported by the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor as part of an award totaling \$608,959 with \$0 (0%) state, local, and/or non-governmental funds. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program is supported by the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor as part of an award totaling \$644,660 with \$0 (0%) state, local, and/or non-governmental funds.

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Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 11:30 a.m.
Meeting held via Zoom Call**

Minutes

Members Present: Tammy Galindo, Robyn Knox, and Kelly Shumaker

Members Absent: Craig Kinley and Jennifer Moorefield

Staff Present: Dean Jones

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m.
- II. **Quorum Validation (3 or more):** A quorum was present.
- III. **Minutes Approval (June 11, 2025)*:** Minutes were approved without opposition.
- IV. **Director's Report (Mr. Dean E. Jones, GCWDB Director)**
 1. **WIOA Funding and Labor Updates** – Mr. Dean Jones reported that the federal shutdown has not impacted WIOA funding in South Carolina, and operations are continuing as usual. He mentioned that the state has received funding but still needs to complete the drawdown process. Mr. Jones is polling board directors and partners about the shutdown's effects on their operations and will provide updates once he receives the information. He also shared labor market updates for Greenville, noting that healthcare and social assistance leads in employment, followed by retail, manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and administrative support. Wages vary by industry, with finance and insurance leading at \$123,000 annually, while accommodation and food services is the lowest at \$25,324.
 2. **Job Growth and Training Strategies** – Mr. Jones discussed the challenges of low wages in the service industry and highlighted the fastest-growing job sectors, including management companies, transportation, healthcare, and accommodation. He mentioned the significant job gains in Greenwood County and Isuzu North America's investment, which will create 700 jobs. Mr. Jones also talked about strategies to align training with job growth areas, increase on-the-job training, and set aside funds for incumbent worker training. He plans to track credentials and enrollments to meet employer needs and will update Ms. Knox on further developments regarding workforce housing and training initiatives.
 3. **Workforce Solutions and Progress Tracking** – Mr. Jones discussed the upcoming announcement of applications, which Ms. Dana Hudgins, Upstate Workforce Development Director, is preparing for release by Friday. He mentioned that the board will disseminate the

information to businesses, and Mr. Abraham Abreu from Equus Workforce Solutions team had been reaching out to board members to increase employer engagement. Mr. Jones also mentioned potential staffing changes and the creation of a report card to track progress in upskilling workers across different industries. Additionally, he mentioned that they are conducting surveys for the Department of Labor to understand how businesses are coping with shutdowns.

4. Budget and Funding Status Update – Ms. Tammy Galindo confirmed that their budget was already passed and they are currently operating as usual, though they are still waiting on 90% of their adult and dislocated worker funding allocation, which the state has confirmed is secure. Mr. Jones explained that while the state has received notification of funding, they are still awaiting local notifications, and emphasized the importance of carrying over at least 20% of allocations annually to cover July-September expenditures, particularly given the potential delays due to the federal shutdown after October 1.

5. Isuzu Expansion and Workforce Training – Mr. Jones discussed Isuzu's expansion plans and shared a map showing potential housing developments near their new location off Piedmont Highway. He mentioned a meeting with the Upstate Land Institute on Friday to discuss the future of McAlister Square, where he hopes to create a work-based learning lab for young people. Mr. Jones expressed interest in developing a lab that would provide hands-on work skills training for students and other community members, and he will keep others updated on the progress of this initiative.

V. Other Business: Ms. Kelly Shumaker reported on her attendance at the SETA Conference, which had around 320 attendees. She described an opening simulation about re-entry challenges for people leaving prison and highlighted several sessions, including one on building trust and another on dealing with trauma. Ms. Shumaker offered to share a virtual training on trauma-informed communication and mentioned a book by a trauma survivor that she could pass along to Mr. Jones for further reading. The group discussed an upcoming training opportunity on trauma-informed care, which Ms. Shumaker agreed to coordinate with the presenter for a date that works for everyone. Mr. Jones announced he would be attending the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) conference in New Orleans in a few weeks. Ms. Galindo shared details about upcoming events including an internal VR conference focusing on suicide prevention, a Be Pro Be Proud work simulation, and a job fair with a bake sale on October 31st.

VI. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

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