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Executive Committee Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

11:30 A.M.

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Committee Members (4): Tammy Galindo, Craig Kinley, Robyn Knox, Kelly Shumaker

Agenda

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| I. Welcome and Call to Order | Ms. Robyn Knox, Chair |
| II. Quorum Validation (3 or more) | |
| III. Minutes Approval (December 10, 2025)* | |
| IV. Director's Report | Mr. Dean E. Jones, GCWDB Director |
| V. Other Business | |
| VI. Adjourn | |

**Denotes an action item*

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Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 11:30 a.m.
Meeting held via Zoom Call**

Minutes

Members Present: Tammy Galindo, Craig Kinley, Robyn Knox, Jennifer Moorefield and Kelly Shumaker

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dean Jones

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m.
- II. **Quorum Validation (3 or more):** A quorum was present.
- III. **Minutes Approval (October 8, 2025)*:** Minutes were approved without opposition.
- IV. **Director's Report (Mr. Dean E. Jones, GCWDB Director)**
 1. **Accountability for Low-Earning Colleges** – Mr. Dean Jones updated on the new accountability for low-earning colleges. The legislation came through under a recent bill, whereby, institutions of higher education are those qualifying to receive Pell Grants or financial aid. They are going to be identified if they have a low-paying college where graduates of the institution are earning less than an individual who has a high school education only after 4 years of college. These colleges are producing graduates who are no better off than someone who just has a high school education. Those institutions are going to be identified whenever a student applies for financial aid. If they indicate those institutions, they are going to automatically get a notification stating that that institution is producing graduates who are not making any significant earnings. Looking at the list of institutions in South Carolina, there is one technical college on there, but they are making great progress of getting off that list. Just about everything else is cosmetology and this new accountability list is not going to allow us probably to ever look back at that unless these institutions come off the list. These institutions, the beauty schools and colleges, are qualifying for financial aid now. Denmark Technical College is the institution in SC and the rest is cosmetology. Ms. Jennifer Moorefield gave an update on Denmark Tech to say that they have a new incoming president, Dr. Brown.
 2. **Armed Security Guard** – Mr. Jones stated we did receive a grant from the State Board based on the recent policy that they issued where all comprehensive centers are required to have some type of armed security on-site. We are putting together a budget and the State Board will provide funding to us for this first year with no guarantees of continued funding in future years but we have asked if this is something they're going to mandate. If they are not going to provide us any funding support, we request that they give us a heads up as quickly as

possible because it then becomes a shared cost between all the partners in the center. We owe them advanced notice to plan for any additional costs that might be imposed within the infrastructure funding agreement. We received some quotes in addition to looking at the State contractor list and we have identified someone who is on that list. They are providing security in several other centers across the state as well. In addition to the armed security, we are going to request some additional funds for panic buttons in the form of lanyards that the staff and partners can walk around with. Lastly, we may upgrade some of our camera systems as well. Since the state is looking at overall security, these things fall into our security plans.

3. **WIOA Follow-Up Survey Report** – Mr. Jones provided via email to the committee the WIOA follow-up survey report. It is something that he is putting into place with our contractors now to give a good indication of what quarterly performance will look like. Mr. Jones discussed the importance of tracking performance data and implementing KPIs for contractors, noting that youth contractor data has been entered into the system. He emphasized the need to improve follow-up processes for documenting employment, wages, and credentials.
4. **Website Enhancements** – Mr. Jones mentioned plans to enhance online presence through a modernized website and social media strategies, with Dr. Laura Bogardus facilitating committee efforts. He presented a website enhancement plan that will include committee pages, news, and an interactive calendar, with regular staff meetings to ensure appropriate content posting.
5. **Incumbent Worker Training Funding*** – Mr. Jones discussed a local incumbent worker training program, recommending approval of three companies (IPS, American Plastics, and Precision Valve) for a total of \$27,000 in funding, with South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership as the training provider. The application process remains open to accommodate additional employers who expressed interest. There was a motion to approve the recommendation. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Motion approved.
6. **PY25 WIOA Performance – 1st QTR** – Mr. Jones reported concerns about first quarter performance metrics, particularly in the Upstate region, and indicated plans to discuss recommendations for improvement in an Executive session.

V. **Executive Session (Closed Session)** – There was a motion to enter into Executive session for the purposes of discussing contractual / personnel matters. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. Executive session began at 11:59 a.m.

VI. **Reconvene Open Session** - Chair Knox adjourned Executive Session 12:09 p.m., and reconvened the meeting and announced that no votes were taken.

VII. **Other Business** – Mr. Jones mentioned that Dr. Bogardus is going to be working with everyone going forward to make sure that she helps produce reports at meetings. She will be attending full Board meetings going forward to be there for resource information. Mr. Craig Kinley, Ms. Tammy Galindo and Ms. Jennifer Moorefield expressed their gratitude for having Dr. Bogardus onboard.

Ms. Knox mentioned she would be reaching out to Board members about their continued service for upcoming terms.

VI. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

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