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Youth Committee Meeting

9 – 10:30 am, Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Greenville Tech - SSC Community Room, Building 102, 506 South Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC 29607

Agenda

** Denotes an action item*

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| I. Welcome, Sign-In Sheet, Call to Order | Mr. Craig Kinley, Chair |
| II. Quorum Validation (6 or more) | Mr. Kinley |
| III. Minutes Approval (December 10, 2025*) | Mr. Kinley |
| IV. New member Lisa Nickles
Greenville County Schools / Riverside High School | Mr. Kinley |
| V. Contractor Update (15 minutes) | Eckerd Connects |
| VI. Action Items / Old Business - | Dr. Bogardus |
| VII. New Business – | Dr. Bogardus |
| VIII. Next Steps / Action Items* | Dr. Bogardus |
| IX. Adjourn | Mr. Kinley |

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Youth Committee Meeting Schedule 2026

February 3, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	GTC - SSC Community Room
March 3, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Virtually via Zoom
May 5, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	GTC - SSC Community Room
August 4, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Virtually via Zoom
September 1, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	GTC - SSC Community Room
November 3, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Virtually via Zoom

**Greenville County Workforce Development Board (GCWDB)
Youth Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 10 at 9 am
Virtual Meeting**

MINUTES

Attended: Jessica Allendorf (Swamp Rabbit Moving), Tameka Brown (Greenville Tech), Craig Kinley (Wiprowess, Clemson; Chair), Nita Donald (Upstate AHEC), Holden Roberts (Able SC), Tina Zwolinski (skillsgapp), Jimmy Sercey (SC VR), Crystal Noble (SC DJJ), Stacey McKinney (SC DEW), Nyroba Leamon and Renee Alexander (Eckerd Connects), Laura Bogardus (Side by Side Strategies), Jenneh Jones (Greenville Housing Authority), Robyn Knox (HR Connect, WIB Chair)

Members Absent: Tiffany Foster (Goodwill), LaToya Dodson (Upstate AHEC), Zoraida Arroyo (SC DJJ)

Next Meeting: Date TBD. Laura to send out Doodle Poll.

Action Items:

- Nyroba to inform committee when participants are ready for job placement for networking assistance.
- Laura to share information about website and social media after finalizing with Dean Jones.
- Robyn to check with Dean about strategic plan approval, and distribute strategic plan to WIB members.
- Holden to select which strategic plan priority resonates with him most for sub-group assignment
- ALL to complete the Doodle Poll on meeting times for 2026.

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9 am.

II. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was opened. New member Holden Roberts was introduced.

III. **Quorum Validation:** There was a quorum present.

IV. **Minutes Approval* (September 16, 2025).** Motion was made to approve the September minutes; seconded. Motion carried.

V. **Greenville Youth Program Progress Update (Nyroba Leamon, Eckerd Connects Program Manager):** Nyroba presented the contractor update for the Greenville Youth Program, powered by Eckert Connects, highlighting their progress towards program goals. They reported 29 new enrollments and 53 carryover participants, with 10 individuals receiving work experience opportunities. The program has achieved 7 GED or high school diplomas and 2 occupational skills certificates. Nyroba emphasized that, although some metrics are currently below goals, they are trending positively and expect to meet targets by the end of the quarter. The program focuses on target industries, including advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and IT, and collaborates with various partners, such as Greenville Technical College and the Greenville Housing Authority. **ACTION ITEM:** Laura requested that when participants are ready for employment, their career goals and availability be shared with the group to facilitate additional job leads.

- VI. Guest Jenneh Jones, Greenville Housing Authority:** The committee discussed the Greenville Housing Authority's Move to Work program, which focuses on attracting landlords to affordable housing and strengthening family self-sufficiency programs.
- VII. Meeting Dates:** They reviewed the 2026 meeting schedule, deciding to hold January's meeting virtually and alternate between virtual and in-person meetings every other month. Nita expressed concerns about Wednesday meeting times and suggested exploring Tuesday or Thursday options. The committee agreed to review the meeting schedule and consider alternative times. **ACTION ITEM:** Laura to send Doodle Poll.
- VIII. Old and New Business: Strategic Planning:** The meeting focused on finalizing the strategic plan for the Greenville County Workforce Development Youth Committee. The group discussed and approved the 2026-2027 strategic plan, which includes three priorities: enhancing access and meeting youth where they are, supporting credential attainment and high-quality employment, and sustaining a youth committee that is accountable to its mission, vision, and values. They also reviewed key partnerships, member standards, and a plan for measuring progress. **ACTION ITEMS:** The committee agreed to work on scheduling meetings and developing a website and social media presence to implement the plan.
- IX. Adjourn:** Being there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.