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Executive Committee Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

11:30 A.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

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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 (February 11, 2026)* | |
| IV. Director's Report | Mr. Dean E. Jones, GCWDB Director |
| V. Other Business | |
| VI. Adjourn | |

**Denotes an action item*

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Wednesday, February 11, 2026 11:30 a.m.
Meeting held via Zoom Call

Minutes

Members Present: Tammy Galindo, Robyn Knox and Kelly Shumaker

Members Absent: Craig Kinley

Staff Present: Dean Jones

Guest Present: James Williams, Center for Heir's Property

- 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 (December 10, 2025)*:** Minutes were approved without opposition.

IV. Director's Report (Mr. Dean E. Jones, GCWDB Director)

1. Eckerd Connects Service Transition Update

The Executive Committee received updates on the transition to Eckerd Connects as the new service provider, with contract negotiations ongoing and a planned March 1st handover. Mr. Jones reported that while Equus made some errors in training voucher issuance and other processes, these issues are being addressed and corrected. The Board discussed a \$700,000 budget projection for Eckerd through June 30th, with Greenville County contributing \$350,000, and confirmed that current Equus employees will have interview opportunities with Eckerd. Mr. Jones stated that enrollments have had to be suspended and have asked customers to check back with us at the beginning of March. The Board also approved changes to the business services leadership structure, deciding to move the position to a dual-funded role housed in the Upstate office. We do this same thing with our compliance/data entry person, Shelia Harper. Partnerships and collaboration is encouraged across regional lines.

2. Side by Side Strategies Update

Mr. Jones has been meeting with Dr. Laura Bogardus with Side by Side Strategies. She is the facilitator of all Board committees: SC Works, Youth and CSID. She is looking at strategic areas that need addressing by the Board, positioning them with proper mission statements and giving them a charge as to what their course of action should be over the next year. Attendance is improving at the meetings and members are much more engaged. Dr. Bogardus and her team are creating static pages on our website for each committee.

3. **Board and Committee Leadership**

Mr. Jones reported that we are still taking nominations through the end of the week for Board officer positions. We have received a few to date. It is voluntary and a reminder email will be sent out to the Board to keep the process moving. Ms. Knox discussed the need to fill Ms. Jennifer Moorefield's position on the Board and the SC Works Committee Chair role. Mr. Jones mentioned he would meet with Dr. Miller and his chief academic to discuss recommending a replacement for Ms. Moorefield. They also talked about potential candidates for chairing the SC Works Committee, with Mr. Jared Mogan being a top contender. Ms. Knox inquired about the status of creating a data dashboard, noting that Mr. Mogan and Ms. Kaye Davis had expressed interest.

4. **Strategic Planning and Board Retreat**

Plans were discussed for a strategic planning session, with Mr. Jones suggesting a regional retreat within driving distance to allow Board members to focus and disconnect from daily responsibilities. Ms. Knox emphasized the importance of clarifying Board members' roles and aligning initiatives with state and local needs.

VII. **Other Business –**

The group touched on the upcoming SETA conference in Orlando. Ms. Knox shared information on her recent travel to Washington to attend the US Conference of Mayors meeting. There was discussion of possible funding shifts between local and state boards, and potential policy changes regarding business services leadership.

James Williams, a forester with Center for Heir's Property, introduced himself and shared insights on workforce development opportunities in forestry.

VI. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

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