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Workforce Development Board

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Greenville County Workforce Development Board (GCWDB)
SC Works Committee Meeting, Tuesday, August 11, 2026, from 9 – 10 am
Greenville/McAlister Square Center
225 South Pleasantburg Drive, Suite E-1, Greenville, SC 29607

AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome and Call to Order | Committee Chair |
| II. | Quorum Validation (5 of 9) | |
| III. | <i>Minutes Approval (May 26, 2026)*</i> | |
| IV. | Director's Report | Mr. Dean Jones, GCWD Director |
| V. | Action Items /New Business | Dr. Laura Bogardus, Side by Side |
| VI. | Roundtable Updates Discussion | SC Works Partners |
| VII. | Other Business | |
| VIII. | Adjourn | |

**** Denotes an action item.***

Presentation documents will be available via <http://www.greenvillewib.com>

Future Meeting Schedule – 4th Tuesday every other month, 9 am – 10 am, breakfast meetings

September 22 – VIRTUAL

November 17 (third Tuesday) – in person at Greenville Tech McAlister Square

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SC Works Committee Meeting
May 26, 9 to 10 am, virtual via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Attended: Weyland Burns, Beverly James, Victoria Novak, Bruce Forbes, Sandy White, Jenneh Jones, Deric Shuman, Dean Jones and Laura Bogardus. **Absent:** Tammy Galindo

Quick recap: The meeting focused on updates from the director and partner organizations. Dean reported that Greenville County's unemployment rate decreased from 4.8% to 3.7% since the beginning of the year, with healthcare, social science, manufacturing, retail trade, and administrative services being the top sectors for job openings. He announced that Eckerd Connects is now operating as a service provider partner at the McAllister Square Center, and Carly Lineberry serves as the new SC Works Greater Upstate One-Stop Manager. The committee discussed Project HOPE, an organization recruiting registered behavior technicians who work with children with developmental disabilities, offering a 4-8 week training program with an average salary of \$45-47K. Partner organizations shared updates including SHARE's strong demand for job training in healthcare and property management, Lifelong Learning's workplace literacy programs and welding certification partnerships with Greenville Tech, and GLA's entrepreneurship program that graduated five students from its pilot program. The committee reviewed a new website developed by Sam at Side by Side that includes member profiles and an events calendar, with plans to prominently feature new initiatives like the upcoming Workforce Pell grants.

Action Items:

Collaboration:

- Send updated profile information and corrections to Sam (sam@sidebysidestrategies.com)
- Share upcoming events with Sam for website calendar and social media
- Like and share content on GVLWorkComm Instagram

Dean:

- Follow up with Dr. Miller regarding Kelvin Bird's appointment to the committee
- Share contact and info for Project HOPE with committee
- Ensure property mgt training is an approved WIOA training program
- Add an Eckerd Connects rep to the committee
- Explore adding WIN testing at One-Stops with Eckerd Connects

Jenneh: coordinate with Bruce, Weyland regarding candidates completing property mgt training for potential hires

Laura: Explore moving August 25 meeting earlier

Sam: Update SHARE's description to include LADDER program (connect with Bruce if needed). Promote GHA commemorative event on social media, website (Aug 1).

Victoria: Send SC Public Radio spot about entrepreneurship program to Laura, Sam

Meeting Minutes Approval Session. The group confirmed a quorum and moved to approve minutes from the previous meeting, with Bruce making the motion and Victoria seconding, which was approved unanimously. The meeting then transitioned to the director's report.

Greenville County Labor Market Update. Dean provided updates on labor market conditions in Greenville County, noting a decrease in the unemployment rate from 4.8% at the beginning of the year to 3.7%. He identified key sectors for continued recruitment, including healthcare, manufacturing, retail trade, and administrative services. Dean emphasized the importance of credentialing in WIOA programs to help fill jobs more quickly and announced that Eckerd Connects is now partnering with SC Works McAlister Square to provide WIOA program services.

Workforce Development Initiatives Update. Dean updated the committee on several workforce development initiatives, including Job Corps' planned co-location at SC Works McAlister Square and the formation of an integrated business services team with core WIOA partner programs. He discussed potential partnerships with Project HOPE for registered behavior technicians and an Employment Transition Services program for youth with disabilities. Dean also reported receiving increased funding allocations for adult and youth programs while noting a reduction in dislocated worker funds, and mentioned he is following up with Dr. Miller at Greenville Tech regarding Kelvin Bird's appointment to the committee.

Program Updates. Dean reiterated that Workforce Pell grants will become available July 1st with an emphasis on shorter-term training programs. Dean reported on WIN testing partnerships with Goodwill and Lifelong Learning, noting that referrals will be made to these testing sites. Victoria shared updates on their entrepreneurship program, which graduated five students from its first pilot and will launch a new session in September targeting 20 students. The group also discussed Project HOPE, a training program for working with individuals with disabilities that offers certification in 4-8 weeks, with Dean encouraging Bruce to reach out to Project HOPE for more information and will forward information he receives.

Committee Website Development Discussion. Sam presented a basic website for the committee, highlighting features like a members page, events calendar, and partner descriptions, and noted that some information is still pending from members. Bruce raised a question about where to display

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information on new initiatives like workforce Pell grants, suggesting prominence on the homepage, and Opportunity Hub. Laura noted that the homepage is maintained by Greenville County, not SbS.

Partnership Updates and Program Planning. Partners provided updates. Laura discussed plans for promoting the Workforce Pell Grant through social media, with the youth committee taking the lead on TikTok and Jessica Allendorf helping with LinkedIn and Facebook presence. Bruce reported strong demand for job training in healthcare, truck driving, and property management. Weyland shared updates on welding certifications and new workplace literacy programs. Victoria celebrated her three-year anniversary at GLA and announced plans for a sabbatical in Guatemala to improve ESL program development. The group discussed upcoming events including a community resource fair and commemorative event for MTW program participants.

Adjourned at 10 am. Next meeting scheduled for August 25 at SC Works McAlister Square but may be moved earlier.