

Greenville County Workforce Development Board (GCWDB)

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GREENVILLE COUNTY
 Workforce Development Board
*Preparing the workforce, growing our economy***Greenville County Workforce Development Board (GCWDB)****Youth Committee Meeting****9 – 10:30 am, Tuesday, August 4, 2026**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88029005819?pwd=v177iTYFuEZxypNzBZGIHMTDeNn4fX.1>

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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 (March 3, 2026*) | Mr. Kinley |
| IV. Contractor Update (15 minutes) | Eckerd Connects |
| V. Director's Report | Mr. Dean Jones, GCWD ED |
| VI. Action Items / Old Business - | Dr. Bogardus |
| VII. Strategic / Marketing Plan – Priorities, Goals, Actions | Subcommittees |
| VIII. New Business – | All |
| IX. Next Steps / Action Items* | Dr. Bogardus |
| X. Adjourn | Dr. Bogardus for Mr. Kinley |

Presentation Documents will be made available via <http://www.greenvillewib.com>**Youth Committee Meeting Schedule 2026**

February 3, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Virtually via Zoom (Inclement Weather)
March 3, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	GTC - SSC Community Room
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 29, 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

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**Greenville County Workforce Development Board (GCWDB)
Youth Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 9 – 10:30 am
Greenville Technical College Community Room, Greenville, SC**

MINUTES

Attended: Jessica Allendorf (Swamp Rabbit Moving), Stacey McKinney (SC DEW), Crystal Noble (SC DJJ), Tameka Brown (Greenville Tech), Lisa Nickles (GCS), Nita Donald (Upstate AHEC), Holden Roberts (Able SC), Jimmy Sercey (SC VR), Natasha Galindez (Goodwill), Nyroba Leamon (Eckerd Connects), Dean Jones (GCWD), Laura Bogardus & Sam Bogardus (Side by Side Strategies – sam@sidebysidestrategies.com)

Members Absent: Craig Kinley (Wiprowess, Clemson; Chair), Zoraida Arroyo (SC DJ), Tina Zwolinski (skillsgap), LaToya Dodson (Upstate AHEC)

Next Meeting: August 4th, 9 – 10:30 am VIRTUAL. September 1 changed to September 29 in-person.

SUMMARY: The Greenville County Youth Committee met to receive the Youth Program report and update the website and social media plan. Sam showed the second draft of the website and members discussed promoting content via social media, addressing priorities, and other topics.

Action Items:

- **Everyone:** send Sam content for social media and follow accounts (Instagram and TikTok). NOTE – we are recommending using Facebook, Threads, and discontinuing X.
- **Everyone:** Website comments may be added to the Google Drive Doc or sent to Sam at sam@sidebysidestrategies.com
- **Everyone:** Take photos at events/worksites (with appropriate releases), share w/Sam for website/social media.
- **Everyone:** look for mechatronics WEX (work experience); **Nyroba:** continue sharing WEX needs.
- **Everyone:** meet with subcommittee on priority action items so that we can implement in 2026 and start measuring progress in 2027.
- **Sam:** Remove X and establish Facebook account. Investigate Meta Business Suite.
- **Sam & Jessica:** Coordinate on LinkedIn account creation.
- **Sam and Tameka** to connect about career influencer QL.
- **Tameka** – forward flyers about 8-week STEM program and early career exposure program.
- **Dean** to instruct business services team to solicit job shadowing opportunities for youth while interacting with employers.
- **Lisa** to connect with Dean about requirements for this. **Laura** also suggested reaching out to Hispanic Alliance Student Dreamers.
- **Stacey to prep for September 29 meeting to present on DEW**
- **Carryover for Tina:** Work with **Sam** to provide a unique link/code for the job exploration app to be included on the website, enabling tracking
- **Carryover for All:** Consider and prepare topics/content (e.g., personal writings, worksite tours, partner spotlights) for regular posting on website/social media, as discussed

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am.
- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was opened.
- III. **Quorum Validation:** There was a quorum present.
- IV. **Minutes Approval* (March 3, 2026).** Motion was made to approve the March minutes; seconded. Motion carried.
- V. **Greenville Youth Program Progress Update (Nyroba Leamon, Eckerd Connects Program Manager):**
Nyroba presented the current status of the Greenville WIOA Youth program, including enrollment numbers and performance metrics. See attached report. A new TEGl that removes self-attestation as an accepted documentation method is making casework more difficult. The most difficult measure to meet is rolling credential rate. Nyroba seeking a mechatronics WEX placement for a student.
- VI. **Director's Report.** Dean provided an overview of new focus areas at the state and local level, such as:
 - a. Apprenticeship Training Programs – they are working to overcome the perception that apprenticeships are all union-related. Some are, some are not.
 - b. K-12 and post-secondary education - working to dual-enroll and braid funding to complement or compensate for SCWIN funds that have all been awarded.
 - c. Disconnected youth, justice-involved youth, and youth aging out of foster care.
 - d. Ensuring Credential Attainment performance is met, along with measurable skills gains.
 - e. Dean seeks to provide VR-based career exploration experiences to complement Gvl Tec career training enrollment.
 - f. Embedding mental health support for youth in WIOA programs
 - g. WIOA allotments have been received and should be accessible in April, but funding not yet released. Usually received end of June.
- VII. **New Business.**
 - a. **Job Shadowing** – Lisa asked about Job Shadowing opportunities. **ACTION ITEM:** Dean to instruct business services team to solicit job shadowing opportunities for youth while interacting with employers. Laura suggested approaching GSHRM for HS student programming – their existing programming is with Clemson students. Natasha shared job shadowing program at Goodwill, along with new apprenticeships in CDL and IT that are open.
 - b. **Committee Youth representation** during Youth Committee meetings as a leadership development opportunity. While ideal, does not have to be the same person, consistently. **ACTION ITEM:** Lisa to connect with Dean about requirements for this. Laura also suggested reaching out to Hispanic Alliance Student Dreamers.
 - c. **Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)** is restarting. More information will be coming available.
 - d. **Tameka** – shared information about an 8-week STEM program with 40 slots available for youth. Also an early career exposure program for middle school students. She will forward flyers.

VIII. Website and Social Media. Sam showed the next draft of the web page and social media accounts. Website comments may be added to the Google Drive Doc or sent to Sam at sam@sidebysidestrategies.com. **ACTION ITEMS:** Discussed investigating Meta Business Suite for posting. A LinkedIn account through Jessica may allow us to access LinkedIn. Sam and Tameka to connect about career influencer QL. Everyone to send Sam content, like, and follow.

VI. Priority Areas: 3 priority area subcommittees to meet and plan, so that the committee can spend one meeting of each remaining meeting of 2026 focusing on implementing the priorities. In 2027, we will begin measuring progress using the metrics established in the strategic plan.

VII. September Meeting changed from September 1 to September 29. Same format and place.

VIII. Stacey to present about DEW programming during September 29 meeting.

IX. Adjourn: Being there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.