

**Greenville County Workforce Development Board (GCWDB)
SC Works Committee Zoom Meeting, July 23, 2024, 12:00 Noon**

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AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome and Call to Order | Ms. Jennifer Moorefield, Chair |
| II. | Quorum Validation (5 of 9) | |
| III. | <i>Minutes Approval (April 23, 2024)*</i> | |
| IV. | Director's Report | Mr. Dean Jones, GCWD Director |
| V. | Roundtable Updates Discussion | SC Works Partners |
| VI. | Other Business | |
| VII. | Adjourn | |

*** Denotes an action item.**

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MINUTES

Committee Members: Weyland Burns, Bruce Forbes, Tammy Galindo, Beverly James, Jennifer Moorefield, Victoria Novak, Ashley Randolph, and Sandy White

Members Absent: Jim Smith

SC Works Greater Upstate/Partner Staff: Nikki Burgess (Equus), Kenneth Taylor (Equus), and Mary Beth Walters (Equus)

Workforce Development Board Staff: Eva Anagnostis and Dean Jones

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m.
- II. **Quorum Validation (5 required):** A quorum was validated.
- III. **Minutes Approval (January 23, 2024)*:** Minutes were approved as submitted.
- IV. **Quick Jobs Presentation (Dr. Sandy White, Clemson University Lecturer of Management):** Dr. White shared information on changes happening with the Business Management Department, which currently has different areas of emphasis within a General Management Program. What will change is a Business Degree with three areas under that umbrella (Supply Chain and Technology, Management, and Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation). Clemson is putting more emphasis on entrepreneurship to fuel the next generation of creators and innovators. There is also an MBA in Entrepreneurship and Innovation offered at the Greenville One Center (downtown). Mr. Forbes asked about what kinds of businesses the students are wanting to create. Dr. White shared some of the new technologies and processes that the students come up with, including a new beach blanket and a tracking bracelet to help combat sex trafficking.
- V. **Directors Report (Mr. Dean E. Jones, GCWD Executive Director)**
 - a. **SC State Workforce Development Board (SWDB) Plan:** Mr. Jones shared an update on the SWDB's recent proposed plan. He asked Committee members to share any comments about the plan with him and he would communicate them to the State through Greenville County LWDA.
 - b. **PY24 MOU/IFA Update:** Mr. Jones informed the Committee that all partners had agreed to the terms of the PY24 MOU/IFA. We will be working on the final documents, which will be sent to partners no later than May 15th.
 - c. **SWDB Innovation Grant:** The SWDB recently released a Notice of Funding for the Workforce Innovation Grant. Mr. Jones asked the Committee members to come to him with any ideas for

innovative workforce solutions or projects. The parameters are broad, and there are plenty of funds available.

- d. **SC Works Just-In-Time Report:** Mr. Jones shared information from the most recent JIT Report. The Unemployment Rate is currently 3.3% in Greenville County, which is a healthy rate for us. We had 1,004 reported visits to the SC Works Center in March. We are continuing to do testing and workshops, including WIN Testing, ASVAB Testing, WIOA Orientation, and Soft Skills Workshops.
- e. **Upcoming Public Hearings – SC Dept. of Transportation:** Mr. Jones shared information regarding meetings about deploying of EV charging equipment along South Carolina’s major interstates. DOT wants to have the public’s input about the topic. Greenville Tech will host a meeting on April 24th.

VI. Roundtable Updates Discussion (SC Works Partners)

- Mr. Bruce Forbes (SHARE) gave a brief overview of the programs offered at SHARE. He also asked if we had seen a significant uptick of customers due to the Greenville Housing Authority Back to Work program. Our staff have not seen many people citing this as a reason for visiting.
- Ms. Ashley Randolph (SCDEW) told the committee that the month of April has been focused on the second chance population. There have been extra events focused on helping individuals involved in the justice system get back to work. She shared information on upcoming job fairs.
- Ms. Mary Beth Walters (SC Works Greater Upstate) shared some of the activities she has been doing over the last several weeks. Ms. Walters discussed a panel at Leadership Greer. Greer officials were sharing the growth in Greer and how workforce development fits in. She also discussed some other recent business services activities in the Greater Upstate region.
- Mr. Weyland Burns (Lifelong Learning) shared information about the career fair at Lifelong Learning, taking place on April 24th from 10am-1pm. There will be a lot of employers and resource organizations attending.
- Ms. Tammy Galindo (SCVRD) shared that Mr. David Turnipseed has retired recently, and she has been appointed to the committee. VR is focused on transition programs now that the school year is coming to an end. VR is also seeing more referrals and momentum working with the justice involved population.
- Mr. Kenneth Taylor (SC Works Greater Upstate) shared a new partnership between SC Works and St. Clare’s Home. Staff will be doing a month-long workshop for individuals there.
- Ms. Victoria Novak (Greenville Literacy Association) discussed GLA’s plan to pause during the summer to assess processes and programs to see how they can improve services to the learners they work with.
- Ms. Nikki Burgess (SC Works Greater Upstate) has resigned from her position at SC Works Greater Upstate and plans to work within the technical college system. She praised the Board and partners for partnership during her time at SC Works.

VII. Other Business: None

VIII. Adjourn: Being there were no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.