

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FULTON COUNTY WORKFORCE PREPARATION & EMPLOYMENT  
SYSTEM LOCAL WORFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018  
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at Fulton County Government Center, 141 Pryor Street, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303 in Conference Room #2045.

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

Latron PRICE, Tommie JONES, Perry HERRINGTON, Marvin LASTER, Robelyn MCNAIR, Stephanie ROOKS, Tim BIRT, Yulonda DARDEN BEAUFORD, Oscar PRIOLEAU, JR., Elizabeth SCOTT, Neil Gluckman, Joyce DORSEY, Kenneth SLAVEN, Jeff BUTTERWORTH; and Calvin ELLISON.

**STAFF MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

Al NASH, Samir ABDULLAHI; Tracey BRADLEY, David KEYES, DenvaL STEWART, Ebony VINES-JACKSON, Mariska ANGALL, Tonya GRULLON and Carol SHIELDS.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Robin Cone, Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, Local Workforce Development Area Coordinator

Toni Anderson, Proxy for Elizabeth Norman and Atlanta Job Corps

Board Chairperson Mr. Latron Price called the meeting to order at 9:20AM. Chairperson Price introduced himself and welcomed and thanked each board member for attending the meeting. Carol Shields, Board Clerk, proceeded to call the roll. There was a presence of a quorum. One public comment card was submitted by Robin Cone. Chairperson Price invited Ms. Robin Cone to introduced herself and speak into the meeting for public comment. Also, Toni Anderson introduced herself as proxy for board member Elizabeth Norman.

The program report was read and approved.

After public comment, Chairperson Price reiterated the transition of Workforce Development from Housing and Community Development to Select Fulton Economic Development. The transition will be better aligned properly with improvements in engaging business and a great opportunity and huge benefit for local businesses for Fulton County residents, thus, increasing workforce for citizens in Fulton County.

Chairman Price turned over the meeting to Al Nash, Director of Select Fulton, to introduce himself to the board. Mr. Nash confirmed as of February 1, 2018, Workforce Development transitioned to Select Fulton Economic Development. He discussed meeting the needs of Fulton County by attracting more businesses into the community, preparing training and employment for adults as well as for our youth that have fallen through the system, and funding through grants. The main focus is making sure we have trained people for workforce so when companies come to Fulton County we will have trained and skill workers.

Chairman Price then turned the meeting over to Samir Abdullahi, Deputy Director of Select Fulton. He delivered a power point presentation overview of Economic Development. His discussions and ultimate goal was to give the board a high level version on:

- What Is Select Fulton
- How do we Practice Economic Development,
- Outcomes of Economic Development, and;
- What the organization is composed of

He also discussed primary area focus for Economic Development, service providers, sources for projects, industry focus, FY 2016 highlights and 2017 Project totals. (Presentation will be included with final minutes)

After the presentation from our Deputy Director, Chairman Price interjected the meeting and asked for the board to review the minutes from the previous board meeting retreat that was held on December 4, 2017. After reading the minutes, Mr. Price asked for a motion to approve the December 4, 2017 Board Meeting Retreat minutes. The motion was made by Robelyn McNair and seconded by Perry Herrington. The vote was passed unanimously by the board.

Tracey Bradley, Division Manager, was given the floor by Chairperson Price to notify the board that as of July 1, 2018, the state Workforce will be moving from the Georgia Department of Economic Development to the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) under Joe Dan Banker.

Mr. Bradley discussed and notified the board of the \$105K recapture and explained the recapture was due to overserving In School Youth (ISY) and not underserving youth. The recapture of funds will not come out of the grant, but from Fulton County General funds. Mr. Bradley wanted it to be understood that funding was spent on youths, but just in the wrong category.

WIOA and Legislative updates was presented by David Keyes.

### VOTING ITEMS

Tracey Bradley brought before the board a voting item for ITA (Individual Training Accounts) increase. He explained that the Atlanta Regional Commission in January 2018 decided for our region the increase the ITA amount. This would allow and help us to spend down and draw down dollars to spend towards education and training for our clients we serve.

Motion to approve the ITA increase of \$5k to \$7K for one year and from \$8K to \$10K for two year program was made by Robelyn McNair, seconded by Elizabeth Scott, 1 nay by Neil Gluckman, and no abstentions.

### EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Move to go into Executive Session was made by Robelyn McNair and seconded by Oscar Prioleau for full board membership. There were no opposes and no abstentions. The Board is now in Executive Session. Chairperson Price introduced our new board members for approval. The Board Development and Visibility Task Force meet in closed session to make recommendation and move forward with the

recommendation. The taskforce board returned. The two board members that are being recommended for full board membership are Jeff Butterworth and Dr. Calvin Ellison. Both were asked to leave the room. Chairperson Price gave background about each candidate. Jeff Butterworth would be replacing William Palmer and Dr. Charles Ellison would replace Grady Bland. A motion was made by Perry Herrington to recommend the two new board members and it was seconded by Robelyn McNair. There were no opposes and no abstentions. Per Chairperson Price, we have two board members being recommended for approval for full board membership to the Board of Commissioners. Both members returned to the room and were welcomed to the board. The board exited out of Executive Session. The voting in Executive session will be published after the minutes are approved.

### **FINANCE**

Financial report was presented by Mariska Angall. Financial informational report was disseminated to the board. There is money that needs to be used before grant year ends. Also it was recommended that a Finance Taskforce be formed on the board.

The Board Clerk made an announcement for each board member to complete the form enclosed in their packet to indicate what Taskforce or Council they would like to serve. It is a requirement that all members participate on a taskforce. Several of the board members completed the form and returned to the board clerk and will be filed accordingly.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Closing remarks were given by Chairman Price. He encouraged each board member to become active and participate in one of the three (3) board taskforces as required in the bylaws. Chairman Price suggested a board "Social" amongst themselves to enlighten each other on what they are doing. Finally he encouraged the board members to ask their peers, colleagues, friends that may be interested in serving on the board.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next FCWPES Board of Directors meeting will be held tentatively on Thursday, April 26, 2018. The location and time is to be determined. The board is requesting another location for the next meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

No additional business, questions, or issues were initiated and Chairman Price declared the meeting adjournment 11:14 A.M. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robelyn McNair.