



LOWER CHATTAHOOCHEE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Spring 2026 Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 11:30 AM

*Columbus City Hall
1111 1st Avenue, 2nd Floor
Columbus, Georgia 31901*

*TO JOIN MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING:
Meeting ID: 291 843 595 946 78
Passcode: Mx6bs9NV*

I. WELCOME a. ATTENDEES

- Calloway, Tony, Calloway & Associates, Inc. (in-person)
- Domineck, Joel, Jr., TCSG (in-person)
- Dupree, Kianca “KeKe”, GA Voc Rehab Services (in-person)
- Hopson, April, Columbus Technical College (virtual)
- Jackson-Sparks, Betty, BBC Services (in-person)
- Lewis, Carvel, Lewis Mortuary II (virtual)
- Loyd, Jamie, Columbus Technical College (virtual)
- Obleton, Eddie, Second Chance WORKS (virtual)
- Ramsey, Ernestine, YMCA of Metro Columbus (virtual)
- Ruff, Gwen, Columbus Water Works (virtual)
- Rutledge, Wanda, Kinetic Credit Union (in-person)
- Timmons, Wendy, Sixty-Two Graphic Studio (in-person)
- Williams, Joe Lee, Stewart County Board of Commissioners (in-person)

- Dr. Valerie Richardson, WIOA Director
- Barbara Copping, WIOA Finance Manager
- Deloris Shelly, WIOA Data Control Supervisor
- Demetrius Hill, WIOA Programs

Roll Call/Quorum Determination – Roll was taken and recorded.

Quorum Requirement: 16 (51%)

Members' Present: 13 members

Because quorum requirements were not met, all voting actions scheduled for the meeting were tabled.

II. ADMINISTRATION, BOARD, & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS a.

Administration

As we prepare for the new two-year term of active membership, we are refining our strategic goals to ensure our board continues to thrive. Within the next two weeks, you will receive a brief Board Member Engagement Survey. Your feedback is critical to setting the expectations and requirements for the upcoming two-year active membership term. We value your insight and anticipate a 100% response rate.

The PY24 State monitoring has been conducted. Corrective action has been taken to ensure accurately dated financial documents are provided as required. Guidance for upcoming submission changes in the State's database (VOS) is anticipated and, once received, will be incorporated into the staff's processes and procedures accordingly.

An official Business Services Section has been developed. A partnering agency and one of our program specialists will work together to proactively engage local employers and businesses to build talent pipelines, maintain vendor relationships, ensure compliance, and leverage technology to optimize productivity, while enhancing operational efficiency and supporting strategic growth.

b. Board Reports

A report from the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) 2026 conference was provided.

- The federal administration is pursuing efforts to combine functions from the Department of Education with those in the Department of Labor.
- An area of concern is training workers in skilled trades.
- Proposal to initiate Medicaid Work Requirements anticipated in January 2027
- Key emphasis – Leveraging Industry Partnerships to Tool UP Tomorrow's Workforce.

c. Operations and Compliance

A report updating overall operations was discussed.

- One-Stop Partner Memorandum of Understanding
- One-Stop Certification Guidance and forms
- Two-year modification of local and regional plans

III. FINANCE a. Financial Report

A report of the WIOA local area grant summary was provided, broken down by youth/adult/dislocated worker funds for discussion.

IV. ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES a. Unfinished Business

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at @ 1:07 PM

Minutes Reviewed By: W. E. Kelardson

Approval Date: 06/11/2026