I. CHAIR TYANE DIETZ CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:33 P.M. AND ANNOUNCED THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

Members Present: Lisa Balty, Tyane Dietz, Tim Ditoro, James Gentry, Wayne Haglund, Kotosha Jeffery, Gene Lee, and TJ Colwell

Members Absent: Jerry Huffman, Laurie King, Eddie Hopkins, and Dr. Joe Shannon

Board Staff Present: Mark Durand, Tara Mosley, Laura Purvis, and Gini Blackwell

Visitors: Billy Reddick, Project Director, Dynamic Workforce Solutions

CHAIR TYANE DIETZ REMINDED THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Chair Tyane Dietz asked that all members sign a conflict of interest declaration regardless if they have a conflict or not.

WELCOME OF GUESTS:

Mark Durand introduced Billy Reddick, Project Director, Dynamic Workforce Solutions.

II. Discussion/Action Item Approval of Minutes- May 22, 2018

- Motion: Wayne Haglund made motion to approve minutes as presented.
- Second: Tim Ditoro
- In Favor: All
- Oppose: None
- Abstain: None
- Motion: Passes
III. Public Comments

None

IV. Information Items

A. Update on High Demand Occupation Grant (HDJTG) Heavy Equipment Operator- Mark Durand explained that Angelina College had received three (3) Simulators on November 14, 2018. Eleven (11) students are currently enrolled in the program.

B. HDJTG - Jasper ISD - Mark Durand informed the committee that the grant was approved by TWC (effective Nov 5, 2018). The grant is a partnership between Jasper Economic Development Corporation (JEDCO), Jasper ISD, and Workforce Solutions in the amount of $87,398. JEDCO Executive Director, Eddie Hopkins presented a check to Jasper ISD for $50,000 at the November 12, JISD School Board meeting. The funds will be utilized to purchase Career Technology Equipment to assist high school students with certifications in the areas of automotive, building and construction trades, computer/graphic design, and welding.

C. JET Grant Angelina College - Mark Durand informed the committee that Angelina College submitted a Jobs and Education for Texans Grant (JET) to purchase nursing simulation lab equipment. The equipment will provide advanced skills training in obstetrics, pediatrics and emergency care. The simulators requested are Sim New B to help improve neonatal resuscitation and Nurse Anne to provide advanced care in the emergency room. The total amount requested is $299,231.

D. JET Grant Hudson ISD - Mark Durand updated the committee that Hudson ISD missed the October deadline to submit the JET Grant. Mark provided Paul Walters (Hudson ISD) information on the High Demand Job Training and Texas Industry Partnership Grants. Hudson ISD is trying to obtain funding for a welding ventilation system and robotic welding equipment. The cost of the project is approximately $160,000.

E. Aligning Education and Employers- Tyane Dietz provided the committee two (2) handouts that focus on aligning education and employment. Mrs. Dietz met with Angelina College President, Dr. Michael Simon, to discuss the alignment of education and workforce to meet the demands of employers. Mrs. Dietz commented on the importance of early engagement with students to introduce them to careers. Mrs. Dietz asked Mark Durand to follow-up with Dr. Simon and assist with a plan to invite the regional school district superintendents to Angelina College to meet with AC personnel and Workforce Board members and personnel to discuss better alignment and efficiencies with career paths and curriculum at Angelina College.
V. Reports

A. Labor Market Information – Tabled until the Board meeting

B. Workforce Center Update- Dynamic WFS Project Director, Billy Reddick, distributed the Business 2 Jobs Model (B2J). The B2J Model is a process of aligning a job seeker's career path and a specific industry sector. The job seeker is linked with a career manager to build foundational competency, training and coaching for career path employment. Billy explained to the committee the placements by industry chart. The chart compares the number of industry openings to the number of placements. As of November, there were 7,980 open positions with 2,320 being filled. Dynamics WFS has identified several new employers in the region and outreach efforts are in progress to partner and assist with their hiring needs.

- Overseas Hardwood Company
- Angelina Forest Products
- Angelina Tank Manufacturing
- Sterling Lumber Company
- Provalus

ADJOURN THE BUSINESS SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting adjourned at 1:46 P.M.

Duly passed and approved on this 14th day of May 2019

Attest:

Tara Mosley
Workforce Development Director