I. VICE CHAIR WAYNE HAGLUND CALLED THE BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AT 2:29 P.M. AND ANNOUNCED THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.


Members Absent: Lisa Balty, TJ Colwell, Phyllis Grandgeorge, Laurie King, Kotosha Jeffery, Gene Lee, Robin Moore, Dr. Joseph Shannon, John Allen Slocomb, John White

Board Staff Present: Mark Durand, Tara Mosley, Gini Blackwell, Karen Stubblefield

Visitors: Michelle Kennedy, Paul Dunn, Billy Reddick, Monica Peters-Clark, Misty Spears, Donna Weese, LaTreaser Cartwright

VICE CHAIR WAYNE HAGLUND REMINDED THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION.

Vice Chair Wayne Haglund asked that all members sign a conflict of interest declaration regardless of whether they have a conflict.

WELCOME OF GUESTS:

Mark Durand introduced Michelle Kennedy of Goodwill; Dynamic Workforce staff Paul Dunn, Billy Reddick, Monica Peters-Clark, Misty Spears, Donna Weese, LaTreaser Cartwright; and Workforce Solutions Board staff Tara Mosley, Gini Blackwell, Karen Stubblefield.

II. Discussion/Action: Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2019

Motion: Joe Clyde Adams
Second: Ellen Mills
In Favor: All
Oppose: None
Abstain: None
Motion: Passes
IV. Information Items
Mark Durand shared a letter sent from an employer/customer recognizing the staff at the Polk County Workforce Solutions Center for their exceptional customer service. The board applauded the staff and recognized Misty Spears and Donna Weese, who work at the Polk County center and were attending the board meeting on behalf of their team. Mark Durand noted that an announcement was released on May 13 stating that TWC Commissioner Representing the Public, Robert D. Thomas has resigned. Mr. Durand informed the board that Adult Education & Literacy (AEL) services in Jasper will be relocating to the Jasper County Workforce Center. The move should be convenient for customers with integrated workforce and AEL services located together. The Board and AEL will work out financial arrangements for lease of space.

V. Board Members Comments on Activity in their Respective Areas
Garvey Jackson reported that Polk County is celebrating Livingston resident Laci Kaye Booth who is among the top five finalists in the American Idol competition. Malcolm Ifoezeh reported that there are over 100 participants signed up for the Summer Earn and Learn (SEAL) program, doubling their goal number. They are hoping for additional funding to open up more slots for the youth. In Houston County, James Gentry reported that the referendum to eliminate economic development in Crockett failed. There is also a new mayor in Crockett. In Angelina County, Marisa Phillips noted that Buckner’s Children and Family Services child care facility, Mary Jo Gorden Child Development Center, is now a 4-star Texas Rising Star center and was recognized by the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce with a Red Carpet event. She also reported that the Five Pathway Program participants graduated from Angelina College on Saturday. In Jasper County, Joe Clyde Adams said the out-of-school youth program appreciated the presentation recently provided by Mark Durand, and attendees learned more about workforce services available to them. In addition, Eddie Hopkins reported that 28 of the 30 employees hired by Provaluos are from Jasper County, and that construction for the company’s permanent location is awaiting work due from the architects.

VI. Executive Director’s Report
Mark Durand
During his report, Mark Durand noted the Requests for Offers (RFO) are posted for internet and phone services. An MOU with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission has been completed. The MOU was initiated by TWC for all 28 Workforce boards to be consistent throughout the State. The performance measure in March was 100% for the number of children in child care. Currently, there are 104 licensed centers in Deep East Texas, and Workforce Solutions has agreements with 79 (76%). Twenty-five of the centers are Texas Rising Star Centers with 863 children enrolled. The Workforce sub-recipient (Dynamics) is currently meeting or exceeding 16 of the 18 performance measures as of March. The measures not being met are CHOICES Full Work Rate-All Family and Adult Employed Q4 Post-exit. The CHOICES measure is expected to meet performance in April, and the Adult Employed Q4 Post-Exit will be met at the end of the program year. Mr. Durand reported that he has met with school district superintendents in all 12 counties. He announced an upcoming event on June 13 for school superintendents and counselors, and invited board members to attend. It is being organized by Angelina College and Workforce Solutions to highlight career and technical education programs, career pathways, and grant opportunities. Tyane Dietz encouraged all board members to contact the school superintendents in their counties and encourage them to attend the event. Mr. Durand will send out the event invitation as a reminder. Mr. Durand also reported the Higher Education Foundation consortium of six school districts—Jasper, Newton, Spurger, Woodville,
Kirbyville and Burkeville—is offering dual credits for CTEs and for academics in partnership with Lamar State College Port Arthur, Lamar Institute of Technology and Stephen F. Austin University.

VII. Committee Reports
A. Business Services Committee Reports
   1. Committee Activity
   2. Briefing Item
   3. Discussion/Possible Action
      1. Action Item 19-05 Employer of the Year Nominees
         Tyane Dietz presented the slate of nominees submitted by the Business Services Committee as follows:
         Local Employer of the Year – Accent Care, Inc. (Texas Home Health), 12 counties
         Small Employer of the Year – Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., San Augustine County
         Large Employer of the Year – Tyson Foods, Shelby and Nacogdoches Counties
         Veteran-Friendly Employer of the Year – Management & Training Corporation (Diboll Correctional Center and IAH Secure Adult Detention Center), Angelina and Polk Counties
         Motion: The Business Services Committee recommended approval of the slate of nominees as presented
         Second: Ellen Mills
         In Favor: All
         Oppose: None
         Abstain: Rebecca Burkhalter, Laura Bush, Tim Ditoro, Wayne Haglund
         Motion: Passes
         Rebecca Burkhalter, Tim Ditoro, Laura Bush and Wayne Haglund declared a conflict of interest.

      2. Action Item 19-08 Training Provider Applications
         Tyne Dietz reported that the Business Services Committee voted against approval of the training courses listed due to concerns relating to cost and local accessibility to cited courses.
         Motion: The Business Services Committee recommended not to approve any of the providers listed in Action Item 19-08.
         Second: Marisa Phillips
         In Favor: All
         Oppose: None
         Abstain: Tim Ditoro, Wayne Haglund
         Motion: Passes
         Tim Ditoro and Wayne Haglund declared a conflict of interest.
3. **Action Item 19-10 Funding Training Programs Outside of WDA**
   Tyane Dietz reported that the Business Services Committee had voted to direct the staff to prepare the policy based on the recommendation and bring it back to the board for approval.

B. **Executive/Finance Committee Reports**

1. **Committee Activity**
2. **Discussion/Possible Action**
   a. **19-09 Equal Opportunity Policy Update**
      Motion: The Executive/Finance Committee recommended approval of the policy updates recommended by staff in the Action Item 19-09.
      Second: Kelli Marshall
      In Favor: All
      Oppose: None
      Abstain: None
      Motion: Passes

3. **Open Session Action, if any, as a result of Closed Session**
   None

4. **Discussion and Acceptance of Financial Reports**
   a. **Financial Reports March 2019**
      1. **Statement of Financial Position**
      2. **Budget vs. Actual**
      3. **Grant Report**
      Finance Director Gini Blackwell presented the March 2019 financial reports. Motion by Kelli Marshall, seconded by Gregg Durham, the Board accepted the financial reports.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Vice Chair Wayne Haglund adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

*Duly passed and approved on this 9th day of July 2019*

Signed

Wayne D. Haglund
Vice Chair

Attest

Karen Stubblefield
Business Development