



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
Cook County Workforce Development Center  
Room 107  
**January 11, 2018**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steve Sirmans (Chair), Ronald Mitchell (Vice Chair), Jennifer Powell, Bradfield Shealy, Mark Sutton, Steve Sumner, Audrey King

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chase Daughtrey, Sandy Sanders, Freddie Broome, Paul King, Andi McWhorter, Sandy Sanders, Al Walker

**SENIOR STAFF PRESENT**

Dr. Tina Anderson, Keren Wynn, Lisa Tomberlin, Shalonda Sanders April McDuffie, Dr. Ron O'Meara, Kathryn Ogletree, Angela Hobby, Lidell Greenway, Crissy Staley, RaMonna Paulk, Tim Allmond, Cheryl Acree

**SENIOR STAFF ABSENT**

Brandy Wilkes, Ken Strickland, Dr. Bonnie Kelly, Dr. Alvin Payton, Dr. Shawn Utle

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The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chairman Steve Sirmans.

The Board of Directors recited the pledge to the American flag.

New board members Audrey King was sworn in by Tim Allmond, WGTC Chief of Police. Ronald Mitchell seconded by Dr. Mark Sutton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 18, 2017 the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Department Updates**

Financial Summary (Keren Wynn)

- The report for the month of November was presented. The financial report for December closed on January 10 and will be presented at the next meeting. Report reads as follows: for Nov. 30, revenue is \$14,427,066 with 38.2% of the year. The amount last year is slightly less than in November with the actual revenue at \$13,904,598 with 40% of the year gone due to TCSG funds being held back. Expenses are \$12,7510,4400 which is 37.1% for the year.

Enrollment Management (Angela Hobby)

- Enrollment is listed as 3,492 for Spring semester 2018. Enrollment is down 10.8% from previous spring. MOWR enrollment is 983. Military enrollment is up from last year.

#### Academic Affairs\_(Dr. Shawn Utley)

- Niki Ogletree presented one technical certificate of credit, Game Development. The program is institutionally developed with 12 credit hours. It will be housed in the Lowndes and Valdosta high schools. It consists of state standard courses and will feed into the diploma and degree program. Steve Sumner seconded by Ronald Mitchell made a motion to approve the addition of the three TCCs. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Adult Education Services (April McDuffie)

- Currently have 1,032 students enrolled with 12 hours.
- 1,271 students have been served
- Total GED Graduates are 47 for FY18.

#### Economic Development (Dr. Ron O'Meara)

- As of October 2017, Economic Development had 20,790 training hours toward the goal of 44,612 which is 47%. The goal for companies served is 86 and Economic Development has served 52 companies which is 60%. We feel that each of those goals are obtainable for the FY18 year.
- Companies served are listed below.
- One QuickStart program which is Premium Peanut.
- Nine online courses, we have served 35 students in October and 452 years to date.

#### Foundations (RaMona Paulk)

- A verbal report was given to include that RaMona will be handling both foundations from now on and introduction of Crissy Staley, exec. Director for Fundraising.
- Crissy introduced herself and spoke about her goals and what she will accomplish as Executive Director of Fundraising. A \$214,000 donation from Prince Chevrolet and \$18,000 in funds from both foundations and some grant opportunities.
- Several of the board members spoke very highly of Crissy and welcomed her to WGTC.

#### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

- Dr. Anderson talked personnel changes which includes her direct reports:
  - Shalonda Sander (HR) – will add Career Services under the HR umbrella.
  - Angela Hobby (EM) – will work on STEM and women in STEM.
  - Dr. Ron O'Meara – will head up Economic Development.
  - Lisa Tomberlin – due to her vast research skills, will head up Institutional Research.
  - Lidell Greenway – will handle the Facilities
  - Dr. Penelope Schmidt – is the Exec. Director of Administrative Services.
  - Dr. Bonnie Kelly – will be the campus director for Fitzgerald.
- Barry Bloom has tendered his resignation from the local board. He will change jobs and move to a different hospital.
- Mark Sutton will be the representative for Wilcox and Ben Hill county.
- Governor Deal did the State of State Address right before the meeting today, and listed the buildings that will be funded. Our building is not one on the list.
- PAS/PAR visit on January 24-25. Every three years a team of peers comes around to evaluate the college on different items. Dr. Bonnie Kelly is working very hard to make sure that she touches every bit of inventory and accounts for every piece of equipment for Perkins.
- GOAL/RICK PERKINS regional will be February 22 in Tifton. The winners will go to compete in the finals at the state level.

- CDL trucks are being wrapped with a new look. The trailers are green and black; we have 5 wrapped already. We received funding from the foundations of \$59,000 each. At this time, we are looking into getting a new look for our cars. Since 2014 we have 24 new cars with plans to replace all of the old ones. We have cars on the street as old as 1996.
- My goal is to remove all the modular units from the campuses. It has been accomplished in Coffee, but we have several mobile units that need to be moved from the Valdosta campus. When the new building is built, we will be able to remove those units from our campuses. They now house Optical and Adult Education.
- NSF grant- middle school grants STEM grants all benefit high school and technical college students.
- Wiregrass was among the top 3 for the Technical College of the Year based on true results of graduation rate, retention and other criteria.
- On the Cook campus, we have gotten the carpet replace, which was very old and stained. Chase Daughtrey was a big help with getting that done. We are now going into a contract to paint the whole campus on the inside.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- Ronald Mitchell mentioned the 10-foot day lilies in downtown Adel, made by the Wiregrass students in welding. Adel is the town of the day lilies, so it is very fitting that we have something that shows the talents and skills of Wiregrass in the town. He urged everyone to stop by and see the great display.

### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS/ ADJOURNMENT**

- Next meeting will be February 8, 2018 on the BHI campus in the Economic Development building at 12 noon.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Acree