



GREEN COUNTRY WORKFORCE

Green Country Workforce Development Board Minutes from Meeting on March 4, 2022

10:01 A.M.	Chair, Delaney Rea, called the meeting to order. She thanked ICTC for providing coffee for the networking time.
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Attending Board Members: Amy McCready, Amy Spencer, Casi Martin (alt. for Cox), Christopher Pierce, Danielle Storie, Delaney Rea, Eloy Chavez, Falen LeBlanc, Jay Littlejohn, Janet Pieren, Jacob Shivers, Jennifer Bentley, Jennifer Overmeyer, Joseph Fuller, Kathy Adair, Kelly Beyer, Ken Busby, Landon Varnell, Lorie Trentham, Rhonda Archer, Terry Goodson, Tim Thompson

Attending Via Zoom: Tom Albaugh, Celia Armstrong, Rachel Savage

Guest: Corey Singletary

Absent Members: Bill Brock, Bill Shelby, Chelsea Feary Levo, Daniel Bradley, David Oliver, Diane Eason Contreras, Diane Kelley, Jason Winters, Joe Epperley, Karen Pennington, Lesli Shoals, Lisa Smith, Pete Selden, Robert Brown, , Ron Ramming, Sarah Stisser, Ted Cundiff, Ted Jenkins, Tony Heaberlin

GCW Board Staff: Rachel Hutchings, Martha Webb-Jones, Michael Branan , Jeanne Blackwell

GCW Board Staff via Zoom: Wes Mitchell, John Collins

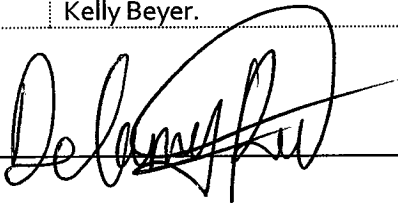
Item	Description/Discussion	Action
1.	Doyle Bates, the Assistant Superintendent at Indian Capital Technology Center welcomed the Board to the Muskogee campus. He gave an overview of the programs offered and appreciates the partnership with Green Country Workforce.	
2.	Rachel Savage is the Manager Talent Acquisition at The Williams Companies and is a newer member of the Green Country Workforce Development Board. She shared a presentation on Diversity & Inclusion Strategies for Talent Acquisition which was emailed to all Board members following the meeting.	
3.	Reviewed and Approved the 12/9/2021 Board Meeting Minutes as included in the meeting packet.	<p>Motion to Approve: Tim Thompson Second: Eloy Chavez Vote: Motion carried</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p>Reviewed and Approved the changes to the Green Country Workforce Bylaws which included changes to the committee structure, frequency of meetings from six meetings per year to quarterly, and the addition of an at-large member to the Executive Committee.</p>	<p><u>Motion to Approve:</u> Joseph Fuller <u>Second:</u> Rhonda Archer <u>Vote:</u> Motion carried</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Committee/Council Reports:</u></p> <p>Board Development Committee - Rachel gave report in the absence of Ken Busby.</p> <p>We are working on getting more sponsors for the Growing Talent for Tomorrow event and encouraged the Board to send out the information to their networks.</p> <p>The Committee will help ensure the Board percentages are correct as well as discussing the replacements and additional member to be added to the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Finance Strategy & Oversight Committee Chair Celia Armstrong reported on the following:</p> <p>Fiscal Transition - The Committee reviewed the processes for the transition and agree that the fiscal transition to INCOG is going very well.</p> <p>Board training – For those who were able to attend the Board training, it was a very good opportunity to understand the roles of this Committee.</p> <p>Growing Talent for Tomorrow – Encouraged the Board members to participate and share about the event.</p> <p>Innovative Workforce Opportunity Council Chair Kelly Beyer. The guest speaker for the next IWOC meeting on May 5 is Krystal Reyes of Resilient Tulsa. Her presentation will be sent out to the Board members following the meeting.</p> <p>Youth Council Chair, Jay Littlejohn reported that the Youth Council met on February 9. Participants included a good cross section of the youth community. Dr. Eloy Chavez from NSU was the guest speaker with the topic being training opportunities for youth and adults. Concurrent enrollment is being offered, as well as badges in particular areas of study for those who are not going to college.</p>	

<p>6.</p>	<p>Quality Assurance Report was given by Martha Webb-Jones. She reviewed her Department Update which covered the areas of Current Activities, Monitoring, Funding, and Outreach.</p> <p>One Stop Operator Monitoring - peer to peer monitored with NEWDB. Monitoring guide based on RFP responses.</p> <p>PY20 State Monitoring is scheduled for week of March 21</p> <p>Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) is a continuous improvement project.</p> <p>The INCOG transition is going very well.</p> <p>Outreach - Martha encouraged our Board members to help share about Green Country workforce by interacting with GCW social media posts. Also send any ideas for outreach content to media@greencountryworks.org.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Business Services Director Report was given by Wes Mitchell, Director of Business Services. He reported on the following:</p> <p><u>Partnerships:</u></p> <p>Our first activity in Stilwell is an apprenticeship for Rural Water #4.</p> <p>We have a new partner with A New Leaf who is building a residential facility in Owasso.</p> <p>Partnering with YWCA, Catholic Charities, and AAON to assist with the Afghan Refugee enrollments.</p> <p>Financial Empowerment Center celebrated its 1-year anniversary. In cooperation with the City of Tulsa, we helped train 6 certified financial counselors to provide financial literacy counseling free of charge.</p> <p>Summer jobs career-based internships are focused on graduating seniors or out-of-school youth. Wes has made contacts with several organizations that are interested in participating.</p> <p>First pop-up career counseling opportunity in a rural community will be held in Wagoner. The program will be expanded to Adair County, Comanche Park and North Tulsa.</p>	

	<p>We continue to offer Skillful Training for employers. Let Wes know if you are interested in this training.</p>	
8.	<p>One Stop Operator Report by John Collins, One Stop Operator, reported on the following:</p> <p><u>AJC Partners:</u> Coordinated with Business Services with the pop-up in Wagoner County.</p> <p>DHS moved into Tahlequah one day/week.</p> <p>A Partners meeting was held and about 25 people from rural and metro counties were in attendance.</p> <p><u>Building Activities:</u> OESC sponsored a job fair where six employers were represented and approximately 52 job seekers attended. Eleven people were hired at this event per Casi Martin of OESC.</p> <p><u>Ongoing project:</u> OSU-IT has applied for a grant to provide Adult Basic Education (ABE) services in Wagoner. If grant is received and approved, a location and MOU will be developed.</p>	
9.	<p>Chair-Report: No additional updates.</p>	
10.	<p>Executive Director Report:</p> <p>An Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee has been formed with several people representing our rural counties. This group will meet next week to discuss workforce issues.</p> <p>Rachel submitted a \$1.5M grant for employment opportunities at community banks for those with low vision/blind. This is in partnership with NewView Oklahoma. The grant should be awarded in September.</p> <p>Those who participated in the Board training felt it was very beneficial as a high-level overview. However, it was suggested that a local, Green Country Workforce specific version would be helpful. Rachel advised that she has put together that document to be used for new Board Member orientation and other training for the Board. However, it will first be reviewed by the Board Development Committee for questions and clarification.</p>	

	By laws change will be voted on by the Local Elected Officials meeting on March 8. If approved, Rachel will email the Board members to select the Committee that wish to join. She will encourage participation on the IWOC and Youth Council as we need Board members on these two Councils.	
11.	<p>New Business: Rhonda Archer from DHS reported on the following:</p> <p>They have awarded \$20K in contracts to non-profits. In the next few months there will be new opportunities for those serving youth. She explained that the organization's direction is moving to more of a whole family approach vs. adults only. Contact Rhonda Archer if you need more information.</p>	
12.	<p>Old Business: None</p>	
13.	Meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM with a motion made by Ken Busby and seconded by Kelly Beyer.	

Chair Signature: 

Date: 6/23/22

Board Members: Kathy Adair, Tom Albaugh, Rhonda Archer, Celia Armstrong, Jennifer Bentley, Kelly Beyer, Daniel Bradley, Robert Brown, Ken Busby, Eloy Chavez, Cody Cox, Ted Cundiff, Diane Eason Contreras, Joe Epperley, Joseph Fuller, Terry Goodson, Tony Heaberlin, Ted Jenkins, Diane Kelley, Falen LeBlanc, Chelsea Levo-Feary, Jay Littlejohn, Amy McCready, David Oliver, Jennifer Overmeyer, Karen Pennington, Christopher Pierce, Janet Pieren, Ron Ramming, Delaney Rea, Rachel Savage, Peter Selden, Bill Shelby, Jacob Shivers, Lesli Shoals, Lisa Smith, Amy Spencer, Sarah Stisser, Danielle Storie, Tim Thompson, Lorie Trentham, John Vanderheiden, Landon Varnell, Jason Winters