

Piedmont Workforce Development Board (PWDB) Meeting
Business and Education Outreach Committee
Thursday, April 24, 2025
1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.



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I. Opening - Chair Gary Spry – Call to Order at 1:01 pm

- a. Roll Call: Gary Spry, Clare Lillard, Annette Hyde, Jane Colony Mills, Sarah Morton, Ti-Erra Elam, Stephanie McNamara, Guest Dana Cook, Guest Brookes Sims
- b. Meeting Resources

II. Discussion

- a. Director's Updates – Sarah Morton gave updates on how federal funding may look for the next fiscal year. Possible increase in program goals from the state. Continuing to look for external funding to fill gaps from federal funding cuts. Jane Colony Mills suggested we go after the Manning Grant opportunity that is to be presented in May <https://themanningfamilyfoundation.org/community/>
- b. Germanna Community College Trades Program Presentation – Dana Cook presented skilled trades information at Germanna Community College, including the program's cost, when the next class starts, job openings, and the average salary of these trades. As skilled trades are in high demand, there is a gap in filling open positions. There is a skills gap and age gap. There is also a need for instructors for the courses. Germanna also offers Healthcare, Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence, Transportation, and English as a Second Language. Dana Cook offered contact information for the workforce advisor and financial assistant to the program.
- c. Business Services and Outreach Update – Stephanie McNamara presented the Business Services Team information in Jason Ford's absence.
- d. Community and Education Update – Brookes Sims presented the most recent events and partnerships to provide services to job seekers
- e. Updates/Announcements from Committee Members: Sarah Morton informed the group that we are partnering with Atlantic Union Bank to provide a professional clothes closet for job seekers

III. Adjournment – Jane Colony Mills at 1:55 and second by Annette Hyde

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Committee Members:

Gary Spry - Chair

Clare Lillard

Carol Coffey (Absent)

Bryan Rothamel (Absent)

Annette Hyde

Shawn Woodfolk (Absent)

Jane Colony Mills

Shaun Summerscales (Absent)