

Piedmont Workforce Development Board (PWDB) Meeting
Business and Education Outreach Committee
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.



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I. Opening

- a. Roll call. (See attendance below)

Attendance: VCWP team members: Shawn Batten

II. Discussion

a. Review of discussion from the April meeting

- This is a follow-up discussion of highly skilled immigrants in low-skilled positions based on Kyaw Khine's presentation on the average level of education of immigrants in the United States in recent years. Carol Coffey elaborated on the need to focus on the talent within the community, which led to the discussion of workforce responsibilities.
- Shawn Batten shared that immigrant cases differ due to the other kinds of visas and education an immigrant has.
- Gary Spry said that a system needs to be in place to better assess how immigrants in the U.S. can be placed in jobs that are aligned with their education and job skills.

b. What's going on? Committee member updates, plans, and projects.

Each committee member of upcoming events and projects provided information. Jess Perego- school career fair that served over 1000 students, Jason Ford spoke of various upcoming hiring events. Bryan Rothamel spoke of the technology app implemented in Culpeper to allow students to search for jobs. Shawn Batten provided an update on the VCWP Work-based Learning Academy. Carol Coffey shared that there will be 12 students graduating from the immigrant training/work program. Patrick McAloon spoke of attending the various employment recruitment events in Orange County. Jane Colony spoke of the nutrition training program at Loaves and Fishes to teach community members how to prepare nutritious food.

c. Nomination of new committee chairperson

After a discussion among the committee members, an interim chairperson was determined. **This person is Gary Spry.**

d. Next steps

Gary Spry will meet with VCWP board staff to determine the committee's direction.

e. Closings

Shawn Batten reminded all committee members that the next board meeting will be

held Monday, June 10th and the next committee meeting will be held in July.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at: 2:33 p.m.

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Committee Members:

Scott Kozuch	Absent
Carol Coffey	Present
Jeff Earney	Absent
Bryan Rothamel	Present
Annette Hyde	Present
Shawn Woodfolk	Absent
Jason Ford	Present
Gary Spry	Present
Patrick McAloon	Present
Jane Colony	Present
Jess Peregoy	Present