



PIEDMONT REGION

VCW – Piedmont Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2020; 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

UVA Research Park, Town Center Two

1001 Research Park Blvd, 4th Floor Conference Room

Charlottesville, VA 22911

VCW - PIEDMONT BOARD	PROGRAM YEAR 2019 (JULY 2019 – JUNE 2020)			
BOARD MEMBERS	ATTENDED			
QUARTERLY MEETINGS	Sep 2019	Dec - 2019	Mar - 2020	June - 2020
Private:				
Elizabeth (Liz) Walters, Chair	X	X	X	
Allyn Gutaszkas		X	X	
Annette Hyde			X	
Antwon Brinson	X	X	X	
Dave Kilgore	X	X	X	
Don Cantore				
Kenny Allison				
Laura Amdusky		X		
Linda Copeland			X	
Melanie Thigpen	X	X	X	
Peter MocarSKI	X	X	X	
Randy Soderquist		X		
Ray Knott				
Steven Ray		X		
Public:				
Don Shotwell	X	X	X	
Bo Bundrick	X	X	X	
Carol Coffey	X	X	X	
John Baldino		X	X	
Laura Duckworth	X	X		
Lorne Seay				
Miles Friedman		X		
Naomi Aitken	X	X		
Ravi Respeto	X	X		
Phyllis Savides				
Ridge Schuyler				
Valerie Palamountain		X	X	
Staff				
Helen Cauthen	X	X	X	
Rahul Maitra	X	X	X	
Sarah Morton	X		X	
Candace Spence		X	X	
Guests				
Marty Bywaters-Baldwin	X	X	X	
Tom Gillette				

Melanie Blosser	X	X		
Mary Ann Gilmer			X	
Chris Pope	X	X	X	
Sara Drebbs	X	X	X	
Lee Frame	X		X	
Mary Ann Gilmer			X	
Tonya Brackman			X	
Nakesha White			X	

I. Call to Order/Rolle Call/Introductions

Vice-Chair Dave Kilgore called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. until chair Liz Walters arrived. Antwon Brinson owner of Culinary Concepts introduced a former student Nakesha White with Royalty Eats located at 820 Cherry Ave Charlottesville, VA. Ms. White is just one of many great success stories in the Virginia Careers Works Programs. The power of encouragement and opportunity exuded on Ms. Whites' face as she spoke passionately about the program impact. Royalty Eats provided complimentary refreshments for the meeting. Thank you!

II. Determination and Announcement of Quorum (50% each/public and private sector members)

The Vice-Chair noted that a quorum was not present.

III. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments were made.

IV. Consent Agenda

The following items on the Consent Agenda: December 11, 2019, PWDB meeting minutes, Reasonable Accommodations Policy, and EEI SWDB-PWDB Sub Grant MOU were deferred to the Executive Committee for approval.

V. Fiscal Agent Reports and Financials

Rahul Maitra will provide an update to the Executive Committee.

VI. Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Approvals

John Baldino presented an overview of the program applications submitted for review: CATEC, Orange View, Germanna Community College, and New Pathways. John Baldino made a recommendation to approve Orange Review and Germanna Community College however tabled CATEC and New Pathways until further information is collected for review. There was an open discussion about CATEC's programs. Per John Baldino, there is a need to schedule a meeting with the educational team to glean clarity about program hours and the facilitator's credentials. Additionally, the WIOA Committee had a concern about the price points for the New Pathway CNC program; however, Valerie Palamountain expressed PVCC could offer them at a lower price point. Similarly, Helen Cauthen shared New Pathways would partner with Germanna Community College which could lower cost and perhaps grant scholarships for participants. Lastly, Sarah Morton provided insight into the total cost although the total cost is \$16,000. Participants do have the option to pay by the class which is significantly less. The WIOA Committee recommended approvals of Orange View and Germanna Community College. Formal approval was deferred to the Executive Committee

VII. SWOT Findings and Committee Structure

Sarah Morton shared the SWOT results with the Board as she iterated the importance to have an active and participatory board to help move the workforce mission forward. Significantly, she expressed the need to expand outreach to younger youth, veteran youth and veteran spouses which requires unrestrictive dollars. Sarah shared one of her goals is to acquire a technology grant to help support our rural communities. Lastly, Sarah is planning to

launch lunch and learn series with required partners to build synergy and more cohesive collaborative relationships to eliminate program saturation but rather strengthening the great work being led by our partners. She is looking to launch lunch and learn series toward the end of March. She shared visuals (click the hyperlink) [Workforce Partner Matrix and Board Structure](#)

VIII. Partner Presentations

Bo Bundrick provided information about K-12 academic career planning: k-5-career awareness, 6-8 - career exploration, and 9-12- career preparation/planning. Additionally, Bo discussed some new mandates for in-school youth around work-based learning experiences. Louisa is currently working with their 10th-grade cohort of youth to access career readiness and identified pathways to ensure youth are equipped and prepared for their post-secondary experience. For more information about work-based learning click the hyperlink: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/career_technical/work-based_learning/index.shtml and [Virginia Department of Education Career Technical Education](#)

Dave Kilgore, Marty By-waters Baldwin, and Sara Drebes provided an overview of their joint Pipeline Project targeting careers in manufacturing with Green Applications. That project is designed to augment student interest in manufacturing careers, build soft skills, mentorship, and hands-on training. Additionally, Green Applications provides paid internships for students. For more information please click the hyperlink [Pipeline Project.ppt](#)

IX. Other Business

- Helen Cauthen shared a collaborative initiative between GO Virginia and PWDB. Barbra Kessler has been contracted to pull together a framework for a GO Virginia grant.

X. Next Quarterly Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on **June 10, 2020**, at 3:00 PM, 1001 Research Park Blvd, 4th floor.

XI. Adjournment

Liz Walters declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Meeting Schedule:

June 10th, 2020

September 9th, 2020

December 16th, 2020

March 10th, 2021

June 9th, 2021