

Northern Middle TN Workforce Development Board

October 17, 2018

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce – Tennessee Conference Room

220 French Landing Drive, Nashville, Tennessee

PRESENT MEMBERS

John Zobl (Chair)
John Alexander
Joel Blackford
Howard Bradley
Keith Carnahan
Bo Callis
Gealita Greenhill
G C Hixson
Johnathan Hunter
Greg Jones
Mark Peed
Carole Puryear
David Rutledge
Dan Ryan
Brian Sims
Adam Sones
Kristi Spurgeon
Seth Thurman
Christopher West

PROXIES

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Jacky Akbari
Susie Bourque
Brian Clark
Stephen Chambers
Patrick Combs
Lisa Dickson
Tanya Evrenson
Ginger Fussell
Joseph Johnson
Reginald Gardner
Sherry Harris
Freda Herndon
Ginger Hausser
Anthony Holt
Jimmy Johnston
Shavonne Meneese
Thysckla Morris
Kathy Parker
George Phillips
Billy Vogle
Ellen Zinkiewicz
John Watz

MEMBERS ABSENT

Adam Atkinson
David Dunlap
Amanda Russell
Charles Story

The Northern Middle Tennessee Workforce Development Board met on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development office – Tennessee Room.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Zobl. Chairman Zobl gave opening remarks.

Chairman Zobl asked for a motion to approve the agenda (refer to presentation). Jon Hunter motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Carol Puryear and unanimously agreed.

Chairman Zobl briefly talked about the Board Orientation manual. It will be available soon.

Patrick Combs presented the Procurement Policy (handout) and reported that there are now 22 Policies. Howard Bradley motioned to approve the Procurement Policy, seconded by David Rutledge and unanimously agreed.

Chairman Zobl talked in length about NCAC contract for staff services. He also talked about Youth contracts and the effect of the contract ending date has on NCAC staff. As a result of the contract end dates the NCAC staff has received layoff notices due to the changes with realignment and their effective layoff date of December 31, 2018. Some discussion took place. He reported that at the LEO's meeting it was approved to extend NCAC staff contract to June 30, 2019. He also stated the LEO's voted to extend the One-Stop Operator, Career Service, and Youth Service contracts currently in place through June 30, 2018. Mr. Johnston clarified that The Board can extend the NCAC contract immediately. Mark Peed motioned to approve the extension of the NCAC contract through June 30, 2019, seconded by Keith Carnahan and unanimously agreed. G C Hixson motioned to accept the recommendation of the LEO's to extend all other contracts, seconded by Dan Ryan and unanimously agreed with one abstention from John Alexander. John Alexander asked if there was a backup plan in case the State does not approve the extension of contracts.

Executive Director John Watz and Executive Director Combs gave a brief presentation on the budgets for area 8 and area 9.

Mr. Johnston announced that the Executive Director Search Committee would be meeting immediately after this meeting to narrow down the process.

Mr. Johnston reported on the progress of the Third Party Acquisition/Request for Proposal for the One Stop Operator, Career Service Provider, and Youth Service Provider.

John Watz announced that the Board will oversee a new grant (\$7.7 million) that is targeted to Fort Campbell soldiers and their spouses in Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky. There will be a formal announcement October 22, 2018 in Oak Grove, Kentucky.

Mr. Johnston introduced Ginger Hausser from Nashville State Community College. Ms. Hausser asked for the support of the Board regarding the \$2.5 M Grant that is partnering with several Middle Tennessee groups. The grant will be centered on hospitality working with high school students.

It was recommended that the Board meet once a month until further notice. November 15th or 16th were mentioned as tentative dates for the next meeting. The Board will be notified via email.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.