

**Middle TN Workforce Development Board**  
**May 17, 2018**  
**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Goodwill Industries, 937 Herman Street, Nashville, TN**

**PRESENT MEMBERS**

Blair Glenn (Vice-Chairman)  
Neil Amrhein  
Beth Duffield  
Rick Ewing  
Roger Farley  
Liz Allen Fey  
Reginald Gardner  
Matt Gloster  
Gealita Greenhill  
G C Hixson  
Matt Lowney  
David Rutledge  
William Rainey  
Sonia Sappenfield  
Martha Trammell

**PROXIES**

John Alexander

**GUESTS**

Trish Farmer  
Tamara Givens  
Selina Moore  
George Phillips  
Erica Roberts

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Alexander  
Jennifer Bracken  
Bo Callis  
Nancy Eisenbrandt  
Ben Henderson  
Ashford Hughes  
Diane Janbakhsh  
Greg Jones  
Bettie Kirkland  
Joyce Lavery  
Mark Marshall  
Mae Perry  
Yvette Porter  
Diedra Sawyer  
Adam Sones  
Christopher West

**NCAC STAFF PRESENT**

Jacky Akbari  
Susie Bourque  
Brian Clark  
Rod DeVore  
Jessie Ellison  
Tanya Evrenson  
Thysckla Morris  
Kathy Parker  
Ellen Zinkiewicz

The Middle Tennessee Workforce Development Board met on Thursday, May 17, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Goodwill Industries, 937 Herman Street, Nashville, TN.

The meeting was considered to have a quorum and called to order by Vice Chairman Blair Glenn.

Vice Chairman Glenn asked the members and guests to introduce themselves and the company they represent.

The minutes from the February 15, 2018 meeting were reviewed by the members (attachment 1). Gealita Greenhill motioned for approval of the minutes, seconded by Matt Gloster and unanimously agreed.

Brian Clark gave the March 2018 financial report (attachment 2).

Martha Trammell gave a Youth Committee update (attachment 3). She requested approval to renew current contracts and approval to negotiate new contracts. Before the vote, Matt Gloster abstained from the vote. Beth Duffield motion to the renewal of current contracts and to negotiate new contracts, seconded by Liz Allen Fey and unanimously agreed.

Rod DeVore, Youth Manager with NCAC gave a presentation on Reengaging (Opportunity Youth Engagement). He spoke about strategies for system changes. Some points he mentioned included creating space for new youth program models; youth voices matters, and collective effort produces stronger programs. He also talked about the 3 RFP key components; career pathways, peer support workers, and cohort models.

Tanya Evrenson gave a brief program update on American Job Center services. Training and technical support continues to be provided to Workforce Essentials, the new service provider. All the locations are fully staffed and new staff has been trained on Board Policies.

George Phillips gave the One Stop Operator (OSO) update (attachment 4).

Patrick Combs gave the Executive Director's report. In his presentation, he went over the key points of the recent State Board's decision to realign the Local Workforce Areas (LWDA) and what it meant to our Board. The State Board met on May 11, 2018 and decided to move forward with the realignment of the local workforce areas (LWDA) and submitted it to the Governor for approval. Much discussion took place. Little or no guidance on implementation of realignment was given at the State Board meeting. He mentioned that the realignment will cause changes that will affect the local areas as a whole, one being who will be appointed the fiscal agent for the LWDA. He informed the members that the Executive Committee has formed a taskforce committee to look into how to handle these changes and to voice the concerns to the Governor along with the local Mayors. Martha Trammell will serve as chair of this committee. Beth Duffield, Nancy Eisenbrandt, Roger Farley, and Reginald Gardner will make up the committee. In an effort to move forward Chairman Story suggested that our Board schedule a meeting with area 8 and for Blair Glenn, Roger Farley, and Nancy Eisenbrandt be available for this meeting. Selina Moore from the Tennessee Department of Labor was present representing John Alexander and attempted to answer some of the concerns from the Board members.

The next Middle TN Workforce Development Board meeting will be on August 16, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location to be determined. With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thysckla Morris

(An audio recording of this meeting is on file at the Nashville Career Advancement Center)