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## GREEN RIVER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

February 2, 2022

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The Green River Workforce Development Board (Board) held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 12:30 p.m., via Zoom. It was determined both required quorums were present with the following members in attendance:

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mickey Dunbar  
Jason Warren  
Isaac Murphy  
Jonathan Pendergrass  
Eddie Embry  
Lindsay Durbin

Dan Douglas  
Kim Humphrey  
Pam Cox  
Mike Baker  
Amanda Curry  
Marybeth Henshaw

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Kenneth Calloway  
Camron Knott  
\*Rains Evans

Anna Larson  
Jason Cole

\*Excused

### GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Jamie Link, Secretary, Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet  
Sam Flynn, Legal Counsel, Kentucky Labor Council  
Aleka Hawes, Equus Workforce Solutions  
Amanda Blohm-Thompson, Henderson Community College  
Amy Leach, Equus Workforce Solutions  
Cindy Fiorella, Owensboro Community and Technical College

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Elizabeth Griffith, GO EDC  
Marie Acton, Equus Workforce Solutions  
Matt Bartlett, Equus Workforce Solutions  
Melissa Coker, Union County First  
Melissa Roberts, Equus Workforce Solutions  
Paula Snyder, Career Development Office  
Samantha Reynolds, Henderson Community College  
Whitney Risley, Henderson Economic Development  
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD  
Jill Gray, Workforce Development Administrator, GRADD  
Jodi Rafferty, Director for Workforce Development, GRADD  
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance, GRADD  
Michelle Drake, Employer Liaison, GRADD  
Paula Payne, Program Assistant, Workforce Development, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mickey Dunbar called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone. New members were introduced.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Pam Cox presented the minutes of the November 3, 2021, Green River Workforce Development Board meeting for acceptance.

A motion was made by Kim Humphrey and seconded by  
Eddie Embry to accept the minutes of the November 3, 2021,  
meeting of the Green River Workforce Development Board.  
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chairman Mickey Dunbar presented Financial Report for July 1, 2021 - ????? in the absence of Treasurer Rains Evans.

A motion was made by Dan Douglas and seconded by  
Mike Baker to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.  
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. GUEST SPEAKER

Chairman Dunbar introduced Jamie Link, Secretary of Education and Labor Cabinet. Joining Secretary Link was Sam Flynn, General Counsel/Chief of Staff. ~~Additionally,~~ Secretary Link thanked Jonathan Pendergrass, Regional Program Manager, for joining the meeting. Secretary Link addressed the Board regarding the merging of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and the Labor Cabinet, along with the appointment of new staff members within the Cabinet. He discussed the need to assist employers in filling the many open positions due to the labor force shortage. He also emphasized the importance of educating "from cradle to

career.”

V. HIGHLIGHTING SUCCESSES

Chairman Mickey Dunbar requested Matt Bartlett present success stories. Mr. Bartlett focused on two success stories and additional successes were included in the packet provided prior to the meeting.

VI. EQUUS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS QUARTERLY REVIEW

Chairperson Mickey Dunbar offered the floor to Matt Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett shared data for Quarter 4, 2021, stating all deliverables were met. Additionally, monitoring for quality for all funding streams was at 98.6% percent. Outreach continues and the number of one-stop partners has increased.

VII. KENTUCKY CAREER CENTER PARTNER UPDATES

Jason Cole shared Office of Vocational Rehabilitation data for Quarter 4, 2021, as well as year-to-date statistics. Mr. Cole reported staff are seeing an increased number of clients come to the office.

Paula Snyder shared Career Development Office updates. Tyson had a recent layoff, but a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification notice was not given.

VIII. EMPLOYER OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Employer Outreach Committee gave an update and presented videos designed to inform employers of services offered through the Kentucky Career Center. Board members were encouraged to share the videos with other businesses and it was suggested that they also be shared at the state level.

IX. WORKFORCE UPDATES

Ms. Rafferty shared the following updates:

- All ten (10) apprentice positions through the H2O grant are in place and 100 percent retention is expected;
- The recertification process for the Kentucky Career Center will be completed by April 30, 2022;
- The Memorandum of Understanding with partners is up for renewal to be completed by June 24, 2022;
- Michelle Drake will begin a pilot project with Probation and Parole beginning in March 2022 to assist offenders in returning to the workforce; and
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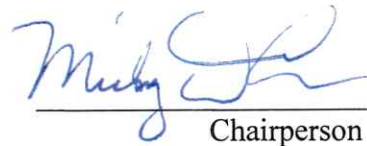
X. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Kim Humphrey gave an update from the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (KWIB) stating they are looking at Career Technical Education programs to fit the needs of businesses. The annual KWIB survey will be distributed soon and all are encouraged to complete the survey to help determine future needs.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairperson

