

GREEN RIVER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

August 2, 2023

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The Green River Workforce Development Board (Board) held its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 12:30 p.m., at GRADD. It was determined both required quorums were met with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bart Darrell	Kenneth Calloway
Mickey Dunbar	Mike Baker
Kim Humphrey	Dan Douglas
Isaac Murphy	Luke Aull
Alexa Bowling	
Jonathon Pendergrass (Represented by Paula Snyder)	
Jason Cole (Represented by David Benson)	

MEMBERS ABSENT

*Cameron Knott	*Eddie Embry
*Cindy Fiorella	*Dr Jason Warren
*Rains Evans	

*Excused absence

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Judge/Executive David Johnston, Ohio County
Matt Bartlett, Equus Workforce Solutions
Melissa Roberts, Equus Workforce Solutions
Kim Shannon, Equus Workforce Solutions
Amy Leach, Equus Workforce Solutions
Aleka Hawes, Equus Workforce Solutions
Tyler Russelburg, Equus Workforce Solutions
Neil Calhoun, Equus Workforce Solutions

Steve Henry, Chairman | Adam O'Nan, Vice Chairman | Johnny "Chic" Roberts, Secretary | Curtis Dame, Treasurer | Joanna Shake, Executive Director



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Glenda Marie Acton, Equus Workforce Solutions
Sara Dodeci, Equus Workforce Solutions
Paula Snyder, Career Development Office
David Benson, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
Michelle Drake, Director, Workforce Development, GRADD
Jill Gray, Assistant Director, Workforce Development, GRADD
Paula Payne, Coordinator, Workforce Development, GRADD
Naomi Sutton, Education and Labor Cabinet
Lindsey Kafer, Kentucky Community & Technical College System

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mickey Dunbar called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone. A quorum was confirmed.

Chairperson Dunbar stated Jonathan Pendergrass requested Paula Snyder be present as his proxy.

A motion was made by Dan Douglas and seconded by Kim Humphrey to recognize Paula Snyder as proxy in the absence of Jonathan Pendergrass. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairperson Dunbar stated Jason Cole requested David Benson be present as his proxy.

A motion was made by Dan Douglas and seconded by Kim Humphrey to recognize David Benson as proxy in the absence of Jason Cole. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Bart Darrell presented the minutes of the May 3, 2023, Green River Workforce Development Board meeting.

A motion was made by Bart Darrell and seconded by Kenneth Calloway to approve minutes of the May 3, 2023, meeting of the Green River Workforce Development Board. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Mr. Darrell also presented Executive Committee minutes of April 11, 2023, meeting for consideration.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chairperson Mickey Dunbar presented the FY24 financial report.

A motion was made by Kim Humphrey and seconded by Isaac Murphy to approve the FY24 financial report of the Green River Workforce Development Board. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

IV. BUSINESS SHOWCASE

Chairperson Dunbar invited Kim Humphrey to share the ongoing expansion of River View Coal Mine into Henderson County, Kentucky.

V. KENTUCKY CAREER CENTER PARTNER UPDATES

Paula Snyder shared success stories and updates including Veteran's Services, Career Development Office, and Office of Unemployment data for 2023 to date.

David Benson shared Office of Vocational Rehabilitation data for Quarter 2, 2023, as well as year-to-date statistics.

Matt Bartlett shared success stories for the quarter. Additionally, he shared how successful Grab-A-Bag job fairs have been in Ohio County, Henderson County, and Daviess County.

VI. EQUUS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS QUARTERLY REVIEW

Matthew Bartlett presented the report for Equus quarterly deliverables showing that all deliverables were met for Quarter 4 FY23.

VII. WORKFORCE HAPPENINGS:

Michelle Drake shared details of the following:

Rapid Response meetings have been held and will continue for employees affected by the Diacel closure in Ohio County in early 2024.

Workforce staff was recently notified of receiving additional grant funds totaling \$450,000 from Delta Regional Authority to continue the Hire-to-Operate (H2O) Project. Paula Payne is the point of contact and welcomed the group to reach out with questions.

Jill Gray provided the latest data on the Skills to Succeed grant which began in July 2022 and will expire July 2024. The Equus team continues to exceed expectations with over 210 individuals being served to date. Ms. Gray also expressed the difference being made with supportive services allowing assistance with transportation, gas, food, clothing, and other essentials for clients in training or seeking jobs. The grant is on target to expend available funds.

Michelle Drake introduced Sara Dodeci who presented an award to Equus Workforce Solutions staff. This Operational Excellence Award for 2022 was recently announced at an annual meeting. Equus staff consistently excels in quality, performance, and people.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairperson

