

## GREEN RIVER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

February 5, 2025

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The Green River Workforce Development Board (Board) held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 12:30 p.m., at GRADD with the following in attendance:

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mickey Dunbar	Eddie Embry
Kim Humphrey	Luke Aull
Isaac Murphy	Jonathan Pendergrass
Mike Baker	Keith Wells
Bart Darrell	Amanda Blohm-Thompson
Jason Cole	Sonya Hendrix
Sheri Plain	Dr. Jason Warren
Allyson Sanders	
Shelby Boone, proxy for Kenneth Calloway	

### MEMBERS ABSENT

*Chris Geary	*Marybeth Henshaw
*Jason Curry	Camron Knott
*Greg Risch	

\*Excused absence

### GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Mack Howell, Chief Operating Officer, Owensboro Health Medical Group  
Matt Bartlett, Equus Workforce Solutions  
Sara Dodeci, Equus Workforce Solutions  
Melissa Roberts, Equus Workforce Solutions  
Amy Leach, Equus Workforce Solutions  
Kim Shannon, Equus Workforce Solutions  
Paula Snyder, Career Development Office  
Michelle Drake, Director, Workforce Development, GRADD

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



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Jill Gray, Assistant Director, Workforce Development, GRADD  
Alisha Smith, Youth Coordinator, Workforce Development, GRADD  
Paula Payne, Coordinator, Workforce Development, GRADD  
Stacia Cole, Vocational Rehabilitation  
Julia Brown, Audubon Area Community Services  
Whitney Risley, Henderson Economic Development  
Bryan Kennedy, GRADD  
Naomi Sutton, Office of Employer & Apprenticeships  
Bryan Lummus, Alliance Coal  
Alex Kretzer, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mickey Dunbar called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone. It was determined that a quorum was present. Chairperson Dunbar also welcomed Sara Dodeci, Regional Director for Equus Workforce Solutions.

Chairperson Dunbar stated Kenneth Calloway requested that Shelby Boone attend as his proxy and he made a motion that Ms. Boone be accepted as proxy for Kenneth Calloway.

Kim Humphrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

II. BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Owensboro Health was recognized as the lunch sponsor. Mack Howell, Chief Operating Officer of Owensboro Health Medical Group, shared an overview of Owensboro Health ambulatory offices.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Bart Darrell presented the minutes of the November 6, 2024, Green River Workforce Development Board meeting for approval.

Motion was made by Kim Humphrey to approve the minutes of November 6, 2024, Green River Workforce Development Board meeting. Motion seconded by Isaac Murphy. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Secretary Darrell also presented the Executive Committee minutes of October 8, 2024, for consideration.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chairperson Dunbar stated the Executive Committee recommended Isaac Murphy serve as Treasurer of the Board and requested a motion as such.

Motion was made by Kim Humphrey and seconded by Kenneth Calloway to name Isaac Murphy as Treasurer of the Board. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Treasurer Isaac Murphy presented the FY25 budget report.

V. STATEWIDE WORKFORCE AND TALENT TEAM (SWATT) CONVENING

Chairperson Dunbar invited Ms. Kim Humphrey to discuss details of the SWATT Convening held in Lexington in December. She gave a brief update of the first-ever event to streamline workforce development efforts across the Commonwealth to create innovative workforce strategies.

VI. BUSINESS SERVICES TEAM REPORT

Chairperson Dunbar invited Mr. Jonathon Pendergrass to provide a Business Services Report. Mr. Pendergrass emphasized the importance of collaboration and highlighted the need for the Board to actively advocate for the services available.

VII. MONITORING

Chairperson Dunbar informed the Board that PY 2023 Compliance Monitoring is complete with no programmatic or financial findings. Additionally, PY 2024 National Dislocated Worker QUEST Grant monitoring revealed no programmatic or financial findings.

VIII. PUTTING YOUNG KENTUCKIANS TO WORK

Chairperson Dunbar invited Ms. Alisha Smith to share an update regarding the Putting Young Kentuckians to Work project. Ms. Smith stated enrollment has begun, and she continues to recruit participants and employers.

IX. EQUUS QUARTERLY DELIVERABLES

Chairperson Dunbar stated that EWS quarterly deliverables were met and are payable. Mr. Matthew Bartlett shared that nine hiring events were held during the quarter. Enrollment of new participants continues and case quality of the quarter was 99.2%.

X. KENTUCKY CAREER CENTER PARTNER UPDATES

Ms. Paula Snyder shared highlights of a recent success story. Career Development Office and Office of Unemployment data were included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Bartlett shared information about a recent Rebuild & Rehire Event that welcomed ninety job seekers, served seventy-five hot-to-go meals, and distributed blankets to those in need. Twenty-three job seekers left with scheduled interviews. Additional success stories and quarterly data were included in the meeting packet.

XI. WORKFORCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Michelle Drake shared the following:

- Allyson Sanders was recently recognized as the Emerging Business of the Year at the Greater Owensboro Area Annual Chamber Celebration.
- HealthForce Kentucky was named the Education and Workforce Development Institution of the Year at the Greater Owensboro Area Chamber Celebration.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairperson