

Minutes
Executive Committee
Workforce Investment Board
January 22, 2003

Chairman Steve Lux called to order a meeting of the Executive Committee, Arkansas Workforce Investment Board, at 1:37 p.m., on Wednesday, January 22, 2003, by teleconference originating at the Board office. Members who were able to participate were Mr. Howard Fikes, Dr. Steve Franks, Mr. Alan Hughes, Ms. Catherine Janosky, Chairman Steve Lux, Mr. Jim Putlak, Dr. Phillip Shirley, Mr. Jim Smith, and Mr. Joe Warren. Mr. Tom Anderson, Senator Gilbert Baker and Mr. Larry Featherstone were unable to participate.

Others present: Ms. Jessica Caldwell of the Governor's office, Mitchell Wood of the Department of Economic Development and the State WIB staff.

Minutes: Chairman Lux called the meeting to order. He explained that the topic would be an Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWTP) request from Nestle in Jonesboro. He explained that On-The-Job training funds were committed by the Northeast Arkansas Workforce Investment Board after the company decided to locate in Arkansas. However, WIA eligibility guidelines are excluding most Nestle employees. The IWTP has its own eligibility guidelines which allow Nestle employees to receive training. He further explained that the request for \$900,000 dollars would be in addition to the \$1.75 million set aside for the IWTP, that the company will be required to submit an application to the IWTP Evaluation Committee for review, and if approved the company will be required to meet the requirements of the IWTP program. **The contract was approved on a motion made by Ms. Catherine Janosky, seconded by Dr. Phillip Shirley and carried unanimously.** Chairman Lux asked if there were any questions from the Committee. There were none.

Adjourn: Chairman Lux thanked everyone who participated. He adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Steve Lux, Chair

Jane English, Executive Director

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