

MINUTES
MEETING OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
JANUARY 11, 2000

A special meeting of the Arkansas Workforce Investment Board was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2000, at Holiday Inn Select, 201 South Shackelford, Little Rock, Arkansas, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Bill Fisher presiding. (The meeting was called by Chairman Fisher for the purpose of recommending to the Governor membership of local boards in the ten geographic areas of the State and for other purposes.) The special meeting was followed by a session in which the Board considered concepts and policies to be included in the State's unified plan.

Approximately fifty visitors attended the meeting and participated in the work session that followed the business meeting. Members attending included Al Ashcraft, Florine Bingham, Candice Collins, Charles Cunningham, Joe Dillard, Larry Featherstone, Lisa Ferrell, Bill Fisher, Steve Franks, Lu Hardin's proxy (Eugene Aist), Randy Hopper, Diana Hueter, Alan Hughes, Phillip Jackson, Calvin Johnson, Russell Kennedy, Kurt Knickerehm, Chris Long, Gloria Lynn, Jodie Mahony, Karen McFarren, Helen Moore, Trevor Myers, Barbara Pardue's proxy (Alan McVey), Ed Rolle, Jim Smith, Jack Smurl, Bill Sutton, Joe Warren, Campbell Wilkerson, Sharon Williams, Barbara Wood, and John Wyvil.

Members who were not able to attend included Marguerite Abowitz, Robert Drechsler, Don Finley, James Hendren, Mike Huckabee, Kathy Matlock, Butch Pike, James Putlack, and Patricia Sinnott.

Minutes: Chairman Fisher reminded members that copies of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of December 14, 1999, were mailed to each member on January 4, 2000, and that a copy of minutes of the December 30, 1999, teleconference meeting of the Executive Committee were placed at the tents of each member for this meeting. He called for action on the minutes of the two meetings; and the minutes were approved unanimously on motion made by Mr. Campbell Wilkerson and seconded by Mayor Joe Dillard.

Recommending of Local Boards to Governor for Certification: Chairman Fisher asked members to refer to a bound copy of local board appointments in the ten geographic areas of the State which was provided as they arrived for this meeting. (Each Board member had been provided a copy of appointments for his/her geographic area{s} during the negotiation period between the WIB staff and lead elected officials.)

Director Beene asked members to note in their bound copies the following additions or changes that had been submitted by three chief elected officials in the past few days:

Northwest: Replace the WIA Title I youth and dislocated worker nomination

(James Morris) with the name Janice Smith, Board member of Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District and add the business representative Linda Tuhacck of AeroQuip.

Southeast: Add Wayne Jordan as the “to be named” member from International Paper Company.

North

Central: Add Boyd Hickenbotham, owner of Salem Speed Wash, as the “business representative to be named.”

A motion was made by Mr. John Wyvil and seconded by Ms. Karen McFarren for approval of local board appointments as submitted for Board consideration. The motion carried without opposing vote.

Operating Procedures for Maintaining Local Boards: Chairman Fisher asked members to consider staff recommendations for operating procedures as projected on the screen. The procedures were approved unanimously. (A copy of the projected sheet is carried as Appendix A to the official copy of these minutes.)

Arkansas’ Strategic Five-Year State Plan for Workforce Investment Act Title I Youth Activities: Chairman Fisher called to the attention of members a copy of the youth plan, including a copy of Governor Huckabee’s transmittal letter of December 30, 1999, with which the youth plan was submitted to the United States Department of Labor. (Copies were provided at this meeting.) He expressed appreciation to Board members for their contributions and for WIB staff members for preparing the plan. He indicated that changes are expected during DOL negotiations.

Adjournment: The business session was concluded at 9:20 a.m.

William Fisher, Chairman

Linda Beene, Executive Director

Appendix A added to permanent copy of minutes

Minutes recorded by Geneva Guthrie
Staff of Workforce Investment Board

APPENDIX A

Points on Local Board Nominations:

- After a memorandum of understanding is entered into between an organization and a local board, that organization becomes a One-Stop partner and receives representation on the local board. The One-Stop partner determines its board representative. The representative need not live within the workforce investment area, but it is expected that they will work there and will be the optimum representative of the partner in that area. It is the partner representative that is on the board and not the person. If the person no longer represents the partner, the partner shall name a new representative.
- If a memorandum of understanding is dissolved, that partner loses representation on the board.
- Boards must maintain a majority as business representatives, and the chair and vice-chair must come from this group.
- All board changes maintain statutory categories and must be reported to the State Workforce Investment Board.