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GEORGIA MOUNTAINS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
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Minutes

The Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Workforce Development Board (GMWDB) met on May 11, 2016 at 2:00 PM. The meeting, as advertised, was held at the North Georgia Technical College located at 1500 Hwy 197 North, Clarkesville, Georgia. Handouts were made available as visual aids. Also, a sign-in sheet was distributed and the following were present:

Members Present

Lee Alexander
Charlie Auvermann
Tim Bala
David Cagle
Chris Dockery
Andrea Gibby, Chair
Peter Hill
Mark Ivester
Danny Lewis
Robert Long
Deborah Mack
Mary Ellen Mendiratta
Ken Schubring
Danette Smith

Staff

Diane Jackson
John Phillips

Guest

Call to Order/Welcome

Andrea Gibby, Board Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. A quorum was established.

New Business

Bylaw Changes

David Cagle made a motion to remove Mike Berg, William Chafin, Pat Freeman, and Mitch Griggs from the Georgia Mountains Workforce Development Board. Ken Schubring seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Gibby stated that the purpose of the meeting was the Bylaw changes. The Bylaws had been posted on the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Workforce Development website for several months. John Phillips, GMRC Workforce Development Director explained that the changes were to add the Conflict of Interest Provision form as an attachment to the Bylaws and to change Article XIV-Amendments to Bylaws to read as The Bylaws may be amended, supplemented or superseded only by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members that are present, with the majority of at least fifty-one present in attendance provided there is a quorum. Robert Long asked if members could join the meeting by phone. John explained that GMWD was not allowed to vote by phone. Charlie Auvermann asked if the Bylaws were consistent across the board. After some discussion, Charlie Auvermann stated that he had reviewed other bylaws and he had not seen any inconsistencies. Chris Dockery asked if it would be easier to have a smaller Board. Chair Gibby explained that WD had federal rules in which the Board had to abide by in regards to the size of the Board. Peter Hill asked how often the Board has to change the Bylaws. John explained that the Bylaws are not changed very often and also informed the board that the State would be conducting Board Certification and WD had until May 30th to update it's Board members. David Cagle made a motion to approve the Bylaws. Chris Dockery seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Danny Lewis, GMRC Executive Director informed the Board that the lease would be running out on the WD office building by the end of 2016. He would be notifying the owner of the building that WD would be moving. GMRC does not have the location of the new building, but was actively seeking a new location. Danny informed the WD Board that this would be his last WD Board meeting due to the fact that he would be retiring on August 9, 2016. He thanked the Board for all of the work that they have done for their communities. Danny stated that he was proud of WD Director John Phillips for the work he had done for GMRC Workforce Development Department and for all that he had accomplished.

Charlie Auvermann made a motion to let the minutes reflect that the Board appreciated Mr. Lewis on his contribution to the Board and to the communities in which it served and for everything that Mr. Lewis had done. Peter Hill seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Chair Gibby stated that Mr. Lewis would be missed and wished him the best.

Adjournment

David Cagle made a motion to adjourn, Deborah Mack seconded and motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.