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Minutes

The Georgia Mountains Workforce Investment Board (GMWIB) met for a called meeting on February 19, 2013 at 11:30 AM. The meeting was held at the Frances Meadows Community Center in Gainesville, Georgia. Handouts were made available as visual aids. Also, a sign-in sheet was distributed and the following were present:

Members Present
Audrey Turner
William (Bill) Chafin
Charlie Auvermann
Dale Harrell
Mike Berg
Mitch Griggs
Pat Freeman
Rex Farmer
Sam Norton
Stanley Darnell
Thomas Bridges
Tim Bala
Will Wade

Staff
John Phillips
Diana Eddins-Wiggin
Diane Jackson
Jessica Williams
Nona Turk
Niki Duncan

Guest
Tom O'Bryant for Travis Turner
Cory Ruth
Shelley Davis
Carol Rayburn Cofer
Dwayne Dye
Jason Hobbs
Pasty Griffin
Shelby Ward

Call to Order/Welcome

Vice Chair Will Wade called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. He informed the Board that Chair Andrea Gibby was not able to attend. Vice Chair Will Wade would facilitate. A quorum was established.

Old Business

Travel Reimbursement- Vice Chair Will Wade opened the floor for discussion on travel reimbursements for Board members to attend scheduled Board meetings. The requested survey results showed seven of 20 WIA Areas in Georgia allow reimbursements to Board members. Eleven WIA Areas allow reimbursement for out of Region only and two have not been confirmed. Dale Harrell stated the survey showed that only the small WIA Areas that don't have to travel far are not allowing reimbursements. Sam Norton asked if WD Board meetings are held out of the Region. John Phillips WD Director stated Board meetings are not held outside of Region. Pat Freeman asked if the Board had discussed how it would impact the budget and if it had already been discussed. There was a brief discussion on how travel reimbursement would affect the budget. Mike Berg stated that a lot of the members that are on the Board are here because of set positions and if they work for the County or City they may ask for travel expense from that entity. WD Board must be considered as a whole and make a general rule on whether or not to pay for travel expense. After detailed discussion, Dale Harrell made a motion to allow travel

reimbursement for Board members that are not receiving reimbursement from another entity. Tim Bala seconded motion.
Vice Chair Will Wade asked for a show of hands from the Board members that are in favor. The count showed four were in favor and eight were not in favor. Motion did not pass.

Mike Berg made a suggestion that a Board member could still have an opportunity to approach the CCEOs on this issue without the recommendation from the Board.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Will Wade adjourned meeting at 11:50 AM.

Andrea C Gibby

Andrea Gibby, Board Chair

Deborah Mack

Deborah Mack, Secretary