

**LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA TEN  
SOUTH CENTRAL TENNESSEE WORKFORCE BOARD  
TENNESSEE CAREER CENTER  
COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE  
January 9, 2008  
MINUTES**

A meeting of the South Central Tennessee Workforce Board was held on January 9, 2008 at 11:56 a.m. at the Tennessee Career Center, Columbia, Tennessee. Members present were as follows:

Rick Alexander	Tony Beyer	Rick Brewer	Sandy Calvert
James Copley	Guy Derryberry	Jim Dixon	O. Rebecca Hawkins
Beth Keaton	Sam Kennedy	William Kirk	Victor Lay
Susan MacArthur	Robby Moore	Pame Moore-Morrow	Trent Ogilvie
Sam Outlaw	John Rawe	Marvin Sandrell	Jim Sloan
John Stephens	Joe Max Williams	T.R. Williams	

Eddie Cook, Bruce Cotton, Pattye Fort, Pamela Morris, Randy Short, and Shirley Williams submitted proxies.

Guests in attendance were:

Jerry Merriman	Linda Sampson	Lindsay Sale-Tinney	David Fremouw
Brooxie Carlton	Jamie Stitt	Jack Irby	Joe Boyd Liggett
Chad Chancellor	Ron Beck	Paul Jennings	Tommy Burns
Terry Wallace	Beth Smith	Suzanne Ingram	Jessica Simmons
Heather Moder	Roma Powis	Frank Tamberrino	Bob Iannacone
Jason Rich	Dr. Neil Lamb	Howell Lee	Julie Love
Bob McCormick			

Staff in attendance were:

Greg Baker	Suzanne Croft	Stan Smith	Stephen Webb
Chana Lymon	Brenda Sewell	Donna Luna	Elaine Newcomb
Sheryl Jordan	Rick Molder	Jan McKeel	Murenda Frierson
Charlotte Tamberrino	Dean Dickey	Patricia Lymon	

Tony Beyer, conducted the meeting on behalf of Don Reeves, Jr., Chairman. Mr. Beyer welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new board member Sue MacArthur.

Mr. Beyer deferred to Jan McKeel, Executive Director, to recognize the following Partner and Youth of the Quarter recipients:

Columbia State Community College was recognized as the Partner of the Quarter. Dr. Rebecca Hawkins, President, Dr. Paul Jennings, Vice President for Planning and Development, and Ron Beck, Director of Economic and Community Development, accepted the award. Columbia State has been an invaluable partner on various projects and special classes in an effort to provide necessary skills and training to meet the needs of the community and the development of the workforce.

Chana Lymon, Career Advisor, recognized Jessica Simmons as the Youth of the Quarter. Ms. Simmons is the first recipient of the GED Incentive Award. By obtaining her GED, she received \$500.00 and will be eligible for up to \$500.00 more when she goes to work and/or enrolls in additional secondary education. Ms. Simmons earned her GED in November 2007 with a score of 514. She plans to attend Tennessee Technology Center at Hohenwald to pursue her goal of becoming a nurse.

A panel discussion was held concerning issues pertaining to the theme of the, "New Job Growth Favoring High-Skill Workers". Panelists were Howell Lee, Executive Director of Tennessee Valley WIRED, Dr. Neil Lamb, Education Director of Biotechnology for Hudson Alpha Project in Huntsville, Alabama, Julie Love, Human Resource Director, and Bob McCormick, Director of Secure Card for Arthur Blank a division of American Bank Note.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. and the October 10, 2007 minutes were approved as written.

Ms. McKeel gave a brief Director's Update

- Emily Derocco has left her office as Assistant Secretary Employment and Training Administration U. S. Department of Labor
- The recessions were passed. Tennessee will be sending back approximately \$11.1 million dollars.
- The South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance Board of Directors approved the Audit Report for 2006-2007. There were no findings.

Sheryl Jordan, Director of Career Center, briefly talked about Incumbent Worker grant recipients. Ms. Jordan mention staff recommended three companies, Noah's Ark (Marshall County), Pioneer (Maury County), and GrafTech (Lawrence County) to receive grant funds that were re-allocated from Fisher.

The following calendar items were announced:

- February 13, 2008 – Breakfast Brainstorm Session, Centerville
- February 23-26, 2008 – NAWB Forum 2008 Conference
- March 12, 2008 – Breakfast Brainstorm Session, Lawrenceburg
- April 9, 2008 – Workforce Board Meeting, Pulaski

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.