

**LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA TEN
SOUTH CENTRAL TENNESSEE WORKFORCE BOARD
SOUTH CENTRAL TENNESSEE CAREER CENTER
JULY 14, 2004
MINUTES**

A meeting of the South Central Tennessee Workforce Board was held on July 14, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. at the South Central Tennessee Career Center Perry County Office, Linden, Tennessee. Members present were as follows:

Rick Alexander	Tony Beyer	Rick Brewer	Hurshell Clay
Bruce Cotton	Guy Derryberry	Tommy Floyd	Carolyn Franks
Beth Keaton	William Kirk	Robby Moore	Pame Moore-Morrow
Pamela Morris	Sam Outlaw	John Rawe	Jim Sloan
John Stephens	Joe Max Williams	Shirley Williams	

Connie Adcox, Barbara Beltz, Dr. Rebecca Hawkins, Sam Kennedy, Linda Rochell, Randy Short, and Tim Webb submitted their proxies. Guests present included Phil Griner, Lois Stone, Jim Azbill, Benny Howard, Melanie Monroe, Bobby King, Cindy King, Jack Irby, Scott Oliver, Bert Moore, Willard Pope, Ametra Bailey, Kenneth Turnbow, and Roma Powis. Staff present included Jan McKeel, Rick Molder, Sheryl Jordan, Suzanne Croft, Elaine Newcomb, Joe Beard, Brenda Sewell, Vivian Cathey, Terry Bunch, Dean Dickey, Nancy Townsend, Donna Luna and Patricia Lymon.

Rick Alexander, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Carolyn Franks gave a presentation about the Ayers Foundation Scholars Program.

Terry Bunch, Employer Relations Coordinator, presented the Employer Recognition Award to Oliver Technologies of Hohenwald, Tennessee. Bert Moore, Financial Officer and Scott Oliver, Director of Sales and Marketing accepted the award. Oliver Technologies came to Hohenwald in the 1990s. Oliver Technologies manufactures foundation products for the manufacturing housing industry in parts of the United States. Since last year they have added 35 jobs and have used the Career Center to hire their new employees.

Rick Molder, Director of Program Oversight, deferred to Melanie Monroe, Program Director for the Perry County Board of Education youth program to present the Youth Recognition Award to Bobby King. Ms. Monroe stated that Mr. King entered the program his sophomore year and will be a junior this year. She stated he was a model student and wants to go to college once he completes high school.

Jan McKeel, Executive Director, presented the Partnership Recognition Award to Mayor Jim Azbill, Mayor of Linden, Mayor Robby Moore, Mayor of Lobelville, and Perry County Mayor Benny Howard for their collaborative efforts in development of the Perry County Community

Development Center which houses the South Central Tennessee Career Center Perry County Office and the Department of Human Services.

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

The minutes from the April 14, 2004 Executive meeting and the On the Job Training Policy 00-06 were passed by consent of the Board.

The vote for 2004-2006 officers was taken after the slate was presented. Rick Alexander, Chairman, announced the following new 2004-2006 officers for the South Central Tennessee Workforce Board:

Tony Beyer – Chairman
Robby Moore – Vice Chairman
Joe Max Williams – Parliamentarian
Patricia Lymon – Recording Secretary

Mr. Alexander deferred to Tony Beyer and Jan McKeel to provide an update on the status of the Technical School Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. McKeel stated that a group from the Ad Hoc Committee was invited to give a presentation before the Maury County Board of Education about the efforts being made towards a Technical High School.

The following announcement was made:

- To Be Announced – Skills Shortage Grant Announcement. Ms. McKeel stated that a grant for \$250,000 had been approved to implement this program which offers night and weekend classes to 40 individuals working in the health care field who want to become Registered Nurses. It is designed to allow these individuals to go through the program and continue to work.
- August 11, 2004 – Breakfast Brainstorm Session in Columbia, Tennessee.
- November 4, 2004 – e³ Summit (Economic Development, Employment and Education) at Columbia State Community College. Ms. McKeel stated that this summit will focus on the need for math and science in preparation for the workforce.

Ms. McKeel said the National Emergency Grant (NEG) for \$425,000 was approved for the Eaton closure in Hohenwald to provide services for employees who will be affected by the closure. Approximately 280 employees will be laid off.

The remaining information items on the agenda were deferred for Board members to review at their convenience.

The next Board meeting will be held October 13, 2004 in Pulaski, Tennessee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.