

**LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA TEN
SOUTH CENTRAL TENNESSEE WORKFORCE BOARD
COLUMBIA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WAYMON L. HICKMAN BUILDING
COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE**

April 12, 2007

MINUTES

A meeting of the South Central Tennessee Workforce Board was held on April 12, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. at the Waymon L. Hickman Building, Columbia State Community College, Columbia, Tennessee. Members present were as follows:

Rick Alexander	Tony Beyer	Rick Brewer	Jimmy Copley
Dwayne Cornelison	James Dixon	Tommy Floyd	Beth Keaton
Sam Kennedy	William Kirk	Victor Lay	Robby Moore
Pame Moore-Morrow	Pamela Morris	Trent Ogilvie	Sam Outlaw
John Rawe	Don Reeves	Jim Sloan	John Stephens

Pattye Fort, Dr. Rebecca Hawkins, and Kathy Pigg submitted proxies.

Guest in attendance were Leisa Ayers, Beth Campbell, Susan Chapman, Keith Durham, Gailand Grinder, Ken Hinson, Jack Irby, Paul Jennings, Neill Jobe, Jane Jones, Don Kelley, Hope Lancaster, Sandra Malone, Pamela McKennon, Jay Ridgeway, Terry Shay, Lois Stone, Branson Townsend, Elaine Williams, and Steve Wilson,.

Staff in attendance was Jan McKeel, Rick Molder, Suzanne Croft, Sheryl Jordan, Joe Beard, Elaine Newcomb, Vivian Cathey, Brenda Sewell, Murenda Frierson, Chana Lymon, Stan Smith, Dean Dickey, Stephen Webb, Rob Mitchell, Charlotte Tamberrino, and Patricia Lymon.

Don Reeves, Jr., Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized county mayors who were in attendance. Mr. Reeves recognized the following Employer, Partner and Youth of the Quarter recipients:

The City of Lawrenceburg was recognized as the Employer of the Quarter. Keith Durham, Vice Mayor accepted the award. The City of Lawrenceburg has utilized the Tennessee Career Center in taking over 250 applications for the Fire, Police, and Parks and Recreation Departments. The City of Lawrenceburg has received \$6,500 in On-the-Job Training funds. Other representatives from the City of Lawrenceburg who attended were Ken Hinson, Interim City Administrator/City Manager; Terry Shay, Chief of Police; Don Kelley, Fire Chief; and Beth Campbell, Parks and Recreations Manager.

Adult Education Programs in Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall, Maury, Perry and Wayne Counties were recognized as the Partner of the Quarter for offering programs designed to meet the basic educational and employment needs of today's adults. Hope Lancaster, Director of Professional Development and ESOL for the State of Tennessee, Adult Education Division and Jimmy Copley, Adult Education Supervisor in Hickman County accepted the award. Other Adult Education Program Supervisors present were Sheryl Jordan, Maury County and Leisa Ayers, Giles County.

Pamela McKennon was recognized as the Youth of the Quarter. Ms. McKennon received her GED in 2004 from the Career Starters Program, currently known as Project Learn. She is attending Columbia State Community College majoring in Education and will graduate in May of this year.

The meeting was called to order at 11:50 p.m.

The minutes from the January 10, 2007 meeting were approved by consent.

A panel discussion on “Information and Technology Skills Needed by Today’s Workforce” was held. Panelists Neill Jobe, President of Geo-Jobe GIS Consulting and Jane Jones, President of Creative Human Resource and Training Solutions were asked to share their insight from their fields. Discussion was held.

Ms. McKeel mentioned Mr. T.R. Williams, Vice President, of All Source Logistics in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee as a new private sector board member.

Ms. McKeel briefly talked about the Career Readiness Certificate programs. This program tests skills in areas of applied math, reading for information and locating information. Approximately 1,300 people in this Local Workforce Investment Area have received their Career Readiness Certificate and approximately 40 employers are using this system

Ms. McKeel briefly talked about the WIRED initiative.

Ms. McKeel stated that she will be presenting our Strategic Plan to the State Workforce Board on April 12th.

Elaine Newcomb, Assistant Director for Tennessee Career Centers in Centerville, Columbia, and Lewisburg, gave a brief update on the Spring Hill GM Manufacturing layoff. A \$200,000 grant was received to assist in providing services to those affected by the GM Manufacturing Company layoff. Ms. Newcomb stated that at this moment approximately 100 customers (mostly local suppliers to GM) are coming to the center inquiring about training and services. They expect to see this number increase in the future. Discussion followed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.