

Minutes
Arkansas Workforce Development Board
Strategic Planning Committee
December 16, 2024

A teleconference meeting of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board (AWDB) Strategic Planning Committee convened on December 16, 2024. Karen Breashears presided with the following members voicing their presence: Ms. Rebecca Ives, Ms. Latanyua Robinson, Dr. Cassandra Williams-Stokes, Mr. Brian Marsh, and Mr. Randy Henderson. Arkansas Workforce Connection staff members were also in attendance.

A quorum was established. Recognizing a quorum, Committee Chairperson, Karen Breashears called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Chairperson Comments: Committee Chairperson, Karen Breashears welcomed the board.

Agenda Item 1: ACTION-Minutes from December 2, 2024, Strategic Planning Committee Meeting: Committee Chairperson, Karen Breashears asked if any revisions/corrections needed to be made to the December 2, 2024, meeting minutes.

Hearing none, Committee Chairperson Karen Breashears made a motion for the minutes to be approved as presented. Ms. Latanyua Robinson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Brian Marsh. The motion carried unanimously, with none opposed.

Agenda Item 2: INFORMATIONAL-Discussion & establishment of meeting days and times for 2025 Q1 and Q2 Executive Director, Dr. Charisse Childers stated that the Statement of Interest has been provided to NGA. Plans are being made for the Strategic Planning Committee to meet with members of NGA either before or after the upcoming Arkansas Workforce Development Board full board meeting on February 3, 2025. Executive Director, Dr. Charisse Childers also went over proposed dates and times for future Strategic Planning Committee meetings.

Agenda Item 3: INFORMATIONAL-Review of documents, plans, & next steps/timeline: Executive Director, Dr. Charisse Childers reviewed a document with committee members that lists the strategic goals for the Arkansas WIOA State Plan 2024-2027 and the workforce strategy recommendations for the Arkansas Workforce Strategy Plan. Executive Director, Dr. Charisse Childers encouraged the committee members to review the document and make recommendations for better alignment with the WIOA State Plan. Executive Director, Dr. Charisse Childers also discussed plans for the committee members to start working on establishing strategic priorities and serve as sponsors for the strategies they work on. At the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting which will be held on January 13, 2025, the committee members will discuss the strategic priorities they have established as well as review their goals and metrics.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Committee Chair, Karen Breashears asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Marsh which was seconded by Mr. Randy Henderson. The motion carried unanimously with none opposed. The meeting ended at 8:51 a.m.

Karen Breashears, Committee Chair



Dr. Charisse Childers, AWDB Director