

**MINUTES**  
**ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD- Executive Committee**  
**August 18, 2023**

The Arkansas Workforce Development Board- Executive Committee convened on August 18, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted in a hybrid manner. Chairman Tom Anderson presided with the following members voicing their presence: Mr. Tom Anderson, Mr. Mike Rogers, proxy for Governor Sarah Sanders, Commissioner Joseph Baxter, Ms. Karen Breashears, Mr. Miles Crawford, Judge Brandon Ellison, Mr. William French, Ms. Candice Lawrence, Mr. Justin Majors, proxy for Mr. Clint O’Neal. A quorum was established. Additional members of the AWDB were present.

**Chairman’s Opening Comments:** Chairman Anderson thanked the executive committee for their attendance and shared the objective of the meeting. He then acknowledged Dr. Charisse Childers for a welcome.

**Agenda Item 1 – ACTION – Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Anderson asked board members to review the minutes of the August 4, 2023 meeting, found in the board packet.

Chairman Anderson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes.

**Hearing none, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Justin Majors followed by a second motion by Mr. William French. All members voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously with none opposed.**

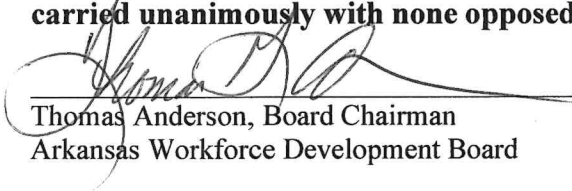
**Agenda Item 2 – INFORMATIONAL – Discussion of Workforce Strategy** Dr. Charisse Childers provided an explanation of the WIOA State Plan and spoke on its’ correlation to the Governor’s workforce strategy. She introduced Chief Workforce Officer Mike Rogers and yielded the floor for a strategic planning session.

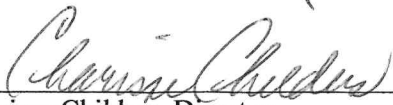
Chief Rogers provided an overview of Governor’s priorities & led a discussion of strategies that should involve and be originated from the AWDB. He shared the draft workforce strategy document with board members and asked for input and feedback. After rich discussion, proposed revision and additions were raised and adopted into the strategy. Chief Rogers encouraged the board to review accompanying reports and plans and to follow-up with comments after the meeting.

**Board Open Discussion:** Chairman Anderson opened the floor for open discussion. No comments were made.

**Public Speaking Opportunity:** Chairman opened the floor for public comment. No comments were made.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Candice Lawrence and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Baxter. The motion carried unanimously with none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 11:30a.m.

  
Thomas Anderson, Board Chairman  
Arkansas Workforce Development Board



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Charisse Childers, Director  
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

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