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ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Executive Committee
February 27, 2020

A teleconference meeting of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board (AWDB) Executive Committee was conducted on February 27, 2020 at 2:00 pm. Accommodations were set up for an in-person attendance at the Little Rock Workforce Center, 5401 South University Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairman Tom Anderson presided with the following members confirming attendance through roll call: Ms. Karen Breashears, Mr. Scott Bull, Mr. Jeff Griffin, Ms. Abby Houseworth, Judge Brandon Ellison, Dr. Julie Roberson, and Mr. Robert Thorne.

Mr. Alan Hughes was unable to attend.

Recognizing the presence of a quorum, Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the WIOA State Plan: Chair Tom Anderson recognized Board Staff Kris Jones to proceed with providing Board Members revisions to the WIOA State Plan. Mr. Jones stated some areas of the plan have been reviewed and approved in previous meetings, such as the sector strategies section and evaluation. He added current changes include the workforce analysis section and waivers. The workforce analysis confirms the direction the plan is taking, the importance of the plan, and the diversification of the populations in Arkansas. Additionally, the data reflected why the Local Workforce Development Areas need flexibility for their specific areas and needs.

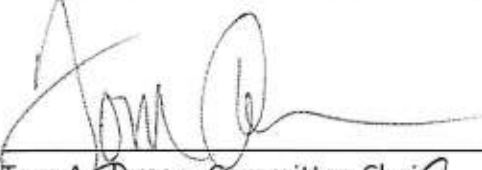
WIOA Partners Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, Division of Services for The Blind, and Adult Education were recognized by Chair Tom Anderson for the assistance in reviewing the WIOA State Plan.

Mr. Jones completed his presentation, and Chair Anderson asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, a motion to approve the WIOA State Plan as presented to upload in the U.S. DOL portal on Monday, March 2, 2020, was approved on a motion by Mr. Robert Thorne, seconded by Ms. Karen Breashears, each board member voiced their individual vote in favor, and carried unanimously with no revisions.

Announcements: No announcements were made at this time.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Tom Anderson at 2:39 p.m.



Tom Anderson, Committee Chair



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