



**Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board
Executive Committee Meeting
February 2, 2023 – 11:00AM
Virtual Meeting**

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| Members | Present |
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| Casey Nicely | X |
| Karen Michalski-Karney | X |
| Michael Gardner | X |
| Abby Hamilton | |
| Richard Mansell | X |
| Mayor Tom Sibold, Jr. | X |
| Martha Hooker | X |

| Staff | Present |
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| Morgan Romeo | X |
| Leah Gibson | X |
| Madison Wade | X |

| Guests | Present |
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Welcome and Introductions

Casey Nicely called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

Public Comment

No guests presented public comment.

Consent Agenda

Casey Nicely directed everyone to the Consent Agenda. There was no comment regarding the Consent Agenda.

Executive Committee Action: A motion was made by Richard Mansell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Karen Michalski-Karney seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Old Business

Workforce Reorganization Bill Update

Morgan presented information regarding the Workforce Reorganization Bill. The House bill went first and was well-represented. It passed in the House with an amendment. Adult Education will be staying under the Department of Education. There was another amendment regarding registered apprenticeships.

Morgan stated that there is discussion regarding consolidation.

Richard Mansell asked how many workforce boards there are currently, Morgan responded with 14.

Casey asked if other workforce agencies were feeling the same angst that Morgan is currently feeling. Morgan stated yes, but that the workforce board directors generally are for the reorganization.

Karen asked if it would be helpful to send a letter saying that we as a board agree with the reorganization, with some caveats. Morgan stated that she would be happy for the board to share the letter with whomever they want to, and she will answer any questions regarding the reorganization.

Regional Web-Based Talent Portal

Morgan stated that Firefli was chosen to put together the regional web-based talent portal. It's important to get the word out to businesses so the portal is used when it is available.

There were no comments regarding the regional web-based talent portal.

New Business

Local Plan Update Approval

Morgan stated we are required to update the local plan every two (2) years. There were no real significant changes made to the local plan. No public comment has been made since the Local Plan was put up.

Executive Committee Action: A motion was made by Karen to approve the Local Plan as presented by Morgan. Richard Mansell seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Franklin Center Operational Review

Morgan stated we are conducting a . . . of the Franklin Center. The goal is to see what is working well and what is not working at the Franklin Center.

Executive Committee Action: A motion was made by Karen Michalski to approve revised Financial Operations Manual. Michael Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Lease Taskforce

The lease for the office building ends in two years and the Center's lease ends in four years. We will be proposing to have a lease taskforce of the Board that meet to help the GRWDB with the . . .

Casey Nicely offered to join the lease taskforce.

Equal Opportunity Officer

We are required to have an Equal Opportunity Officer, which is now being filled by Morgan. Morgan stated that Leah Gibson is the expert when it comes to

Executive Committee Action: A motion was made by Karen to officially elect Leah Gibson as the Equal Opportunity Officer for the Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board. Michael Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Other Business

No other business was presented.

Adjournment

Casey Nicely adjourned the meeting at 11:34 AM.