

10.09.25 Board Meeting | Q3

Meeting Location: EmployBR 4523 Plank Road |Baton Rouge, LA 70805 |

Members Present:

NAME	ROLE
Elizabeth Beckham	Chair
Evon Roquemore	Vice Chair
Chad Williams	Member
Blaine Grimes	Member
Kenneth Champagne	Member
Brandy Tyson	Member
Judi Lefebvre	Member
Josh Sonnier	Member
Yvette Moody	Member
Katreena Moses	Member
Russell Wilkes	Member
Gayle Fisher	Member
Maydel Schexnayder-Chatelain	Member

Members Absent:

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Amy Eberly	Member
Brett Simon	Member
Maggi Spurlock	Member
Christy Reeves	Member
Shanan Waters	Member
David Fahr	Member

Staff Present: Juanita Coverson (Eckerd Connects) | Girlie Anderson (EmployBR) | Barbara Dunn (EmployBR)

Guests: None

Quorum met

Meeting called to order at 9:22 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS | COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Elizabeth Beckham, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:22 am. A quorum was met.

Approval of June 2025 Minutes | Approved (*motion by Blaine Grimes, Second by Kenneth Champagne. Motion carried.*)

Approval of PY25/FY26 WIOA Contract | Approved (*motion by Kenneth Champagne, Second by Josh Sonnier. Motion carried.*)

Approval of By-Laws | Approved (*motion by Kenneth Champagne, Second by Russell Wilkes. Motion carried.*)

DISCUSSION

Board Member Requests and Announcements

- Board members requested an updated briefing on the roles and responsibilities of Board members, as well as clarification on how the Mayor's Office is involved in Board business.
- It was announced that a guest from the Mayor's Office will attend the next Board meeting, scheduled for Thursday, November 20th at EmployBR.

Compliance Update

- It was noted that the Board By-Laws have been approved, and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been updated and signed by Secretary Ava Schowen.
- With these actions completed, the Board is now back in compliance with WIOA requirements.

Board Membership Update

- James Kador has been nominated to fill the Adult Education seat, following the retirement of Dr. Hall.

Board Engagement and Participation

- Board members expressed interest in receiving a yearly calendar of outreach activities, training sessions, and special events to increase their engagement and participation.
- Members also suggested incorporating in-person or pre-recorded client testimonials into each Board meeting starting in the new year, to highlight program impact.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

ACRONYMS LEGEND

AFL-CIO American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations	LWDB Local Workforce Development Board
BRAC Baton Rouge Area Chamber	MOU Memorandum of Understanding
BRCC Baton Rouge Community College	MYWE Mayor's Youth Work Experience
DCFS Department of Children and Family Services	NDWG National Dislocated Worker Grant
DDWG Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant	OSO One-Stop Operator
DHDS Department of Human Development and Services	OSS Office of Social Services
DW Dislocated Worker	OSY Out-of-School Youth
EBRPSS East Baton Rouge Parish School System	PY Program Year
ETPL Eligible Training Provider List	
FY Fiscal Year	
IFA Infrastructure Funding Agreement	
ISY In-School Youth	
LRS Louisiana Rehabilitation Services	
LWC Louisiana Workforce Commission	
LWDA Local Workforce Development Area	