

02.27.25 Board Meeting | Q1

*These minutes have been reconstructed to the best of our ability based on available notes and documentation.
Due to the absence of a formal recording and sign-in sheet, some details may be limited.*

Meeting Location: Brown Eagle 7808 Airline Hwy |Baton Rouge, LA 70805 |

Members Present:

NAME	ROLE
Elizabeth Beckham	Chair
Evon Roquemore	Vice Chair
Kenneth Champagne	Member
Christy Reeves	Member
Dawn Hall	Member
Josh Sonnier	Member
Yvette Moody	Member
Katreena Moses	Member
David Fahr	Member
Brett Simon	Member
Russell Wilkes	Member
Gayle Fisher	Member
Judi Lefebvre	Member
Blaine Grimes	Member

Members Absent:

NAME	ROLE
Amy Eberly	Member
Brandy Tyson	Member
Chad Williams	Member
Shanan Waters	Member
Andrew Fitzgerald	Member
Maydel Schexnayder-Chatelain	Member

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

Guests: None

Quorum met

Meeting called to order at 3:16 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS | COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Elizabeth Beckham, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. A quorum was met.

Approval of Nomination of Elizabeth Beckham as Chair and Evon Roquemore as Vice Chair | Approved (*motion by Judi Lefebvre, Second by Blaine Grimes. Motion carried*)

Approval of March, October and December 2024 Minutes | Approved (*motion by Judi Lefebvre, Second by Russell Wilkes. Motion carried*)

DISCUSSION

Amanda:

- Provided an update on the LWC onsite monitoring, which took place on February 3–4, 2025. The monitoring concluded with no conclusive findings.
- All relevant documents were shared, and a wrap-up report will be provided.
- Work has begun on the Local Plan in partnership with Geaux Jobs. The plan will be posted on the website for public viewing and comments, then submitted to LWC for final approval.
- The goal is to have a final draft ready for approval at the Q3 Board Meeting.
- A video will be sent out explaining the differences in the bylaws, in preparation for approval at the next meeting.
- Discussed R.S. 42:19 regarding open meetings via electronic means. More detailed guidelines will be shared at the next meeting.

Barbara:

- Gave a planning update on the 2025 Annual Job Fair, scheduled for April 30, 2025, at the Raising Cane's River Center.
- Will send out information on how Board members can support the event.
- Announced the Geaux Jobs Job Fair, which will be held on March 26, 2025.

Girlie:

- Provided an update on MYWE 2025 planning and changes.
- Noted the loss of a case manager due to a family health issue.
- Will send out details on how Board members can support MYWE 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

ACRONYMS LEGEND

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