MINUTES

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

OFFSITE Board Retreat
ACC - Make It Center
August 27, 2026

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Cooper
Veronda Durden
Melanie Flowers
Garrett Groves
Bill Imhoff
Emily Gupton
Darren Okruhlik
Lourdes Zuniga
Karen Campbell
David Parks
Allison Wilson
Tyler Yeoman
Michelle Teakell
Linda Jackson
Greg Hartman
Larry Wallace
Phil Thoden
Mark Sherry
Ross Stephens

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Arati Singh
Andrea Neal
John Newman
Leonard Aguilar
Jacob Calhoun
Marcus Plummer
Michele Glaze
Michael Marler
Tamitha Blackman

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BOARD STAFF PRESENT

Yael Lawson
Madison Mattise
Megan Fortson
Adam Milberger
Geo Escalante-Vela
Angela Benevidez
Amber Warne
Jameson Cardenas
Janee White
Rachel Thedford
Chaundra Brown

GUESTS PRESENT

Cesiah Kezzler
Dale Robertson –speaker
Sedric Burrell
Susan Davenport - Speaker
Cris Perez
Chakib Chehadi

CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am with a quorum of 22 present. (22/30)

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Board members were asked to declare any conflict of interest or abstentions based on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT & INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Chairman Dave Parks asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of April 2026 Minutes

Action: *motion that the consent agenda was made by Veronda Durden seconded by Greg Hartman the motion. A vote was called. The motion passed with no objection.*

DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING BOARD FINANCIALS

Giovanna Escalante-Vela discussed board financials and other relevant topics including FY2027 Board Staff operating budget.

Action: Bill Imhoff *made a motion to approve the budget. Veronda Durden seconded the motion. A vote was called. Items passed with no objection.*

REVIEW AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO C2 GPS (ACTION ITEM)

- FOR OPERATION OF CAREER CENTER, TO INCLUDE YOUTH SERVICES.
- RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR BAKER RIPLEY FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES
- SUNSET OVERVIEW AND IMPLICATIONS

Action: Melanie Flowers *made a motion to approve. Bill Imhoff seconded the motion. A vote was called. Items passed with no objection.*

CEO STRATEGIC UPDATE: YAEL LAWSON

Rection over the past year – understand emerging state wide and regional workforce opportunities across the Capital Area

Guest Speaker:

Dale Robertson – Texas Economic Development Corporation & Landscape Q&A
Susan Davenport – Opportunity Austin Regional Economic Landscape Q&A

Tour of the Make it Center

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT :

With no further business, Chair Parks called for a motion to adjourn the business meeting.

ACTION: *Veronda Durden moved to adjourn; it was seconded by Joe Cooper A vote was called; the motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.*

These minutes from the August 27, 2026 WFS Board Retreat were read and approved by the Board Chair Dave Parks on the

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David Parks, Chair
Workforce Solutions Board of Directors