

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD Priority Populations Committee Meeting Minutes SC Works Clemson Comprehensive Center at East Park/Zoom Tuesday, August 1, 2023 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Members Present

Patrick Pruitt Cynthia Sprinkle Billy Gibson

Members Absent

Edgar Brown Margaret Camp Cherri Boller

Lisa Gillespie

Staff Present

Windy Graham Jennifer Kelly

Guests Present
Billy Hunter

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Windy Graham welcomed everyone, and committee members gave introductions.

II. Approval of March 7, 2023, Minutes

The August 1, 2023, minutes were included in the meeting packet. Vice Chair, Mr. Pat Pruitt, called for changes.

ACTION TAKEN: Cynthia Sprinkle made a motion to accept the May 2, 2023, minutes as presented, seconded by Patrick Pruitt. The motion was approved with a voice vote.

III. Committee Education – South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce

Mr. Pat Pruitt, Regional Manager – WorkLink, presented information to committee members about the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce's mission and services. The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce is here to help you move from unemployment to reemployment. Their goal is to match job seekers with employers quickly, efficiently, and effectively.

From unemployment insurance benefits to personalized reemployment services, their agency provides robust services to support South Carolina's labor force and economic development.

September is Workforce Development Month.

Mr. Billy Hunter provided an update for the SC Works Centers.

Ms. Windy Graham, staff member of the WorkLink Board, referenced reports in the packet.

The targeted population WIOA data is found on pages 4-7. Aggregate information is given for July 2022 to June 2023.

Beginning on page 8, Ms. Graham reviewed the Community Profile report from July 2023 that the SC Department of Employment and Workforce released.

WorkLink's unemployment rate is 3.1%, and the population of those with disabilities is higher nationwide at 6.8%.

IV. Other Business

Vice Chair, Mr. Pat Pruitt, shared that the next committee meeting will be on October 3, 2023.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Windy Grahm