



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Priority Populations Committee Meeting Minutes
SC Works Clemson Comprehensive Center at East Park/Zoom
Tuesday, August 13, 2024
3:00 – 4:00 pm**

Members Present

Lisa Gillespie Pat Pruitt Cherri Boller Cynthia Sprinkle

Members Absent

Billy Gibson

Staff Present

Windy Graham Jennifer Kelly Jennifer Campbell

Guests Present

Billy Hunter Jewel Canty Sandra Jordan

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Lisa Gillespie welcomed everyone, and committee members gave introductions.

II. Approval of May 14, 2024, Minutes

May 24, 2024, minutes were included in the meeting packet. The vice-chair, Ms. Gillespie, called for changes. One change was made to the spelling of a member’s name.

ACTION TAKEN: Pat Pruitt made a motion to accept the May 14, 2024, minutes as presented, seconded by Cynthia Sprinkler. The motion was approved by voice vote.

III. Committee Education – WorkLink Workforce Development Board

Ms. Jewel Canty, Pre-Employment Specialist at the SC Virtual Charter School (West Columbia, SC) (currently Student Services Program Coordinator at Midlands Technical College) – provided a presentation to the Committee on Pre-Employment Transition Services. The Pre-Employment Specialist position is made possible through a contract with SC Vocational Rehabilitation, which began in 2020. A few of the services provided are Job Exploration, Post-Secondary Education Counseling, Workplace Readiness Training, and Work-based Learning.

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.

Beginning on page 46, Ms. Graham reviewed the Community Profile report from July 2024 that the SC Department of Employment and Workforce released.

The Priority Populations committee voted to approve a new member – Sandy Jordan, Able SC.

WorkLink's unemployment rate is 5.0%, and the population of those with disabilities is higher nationwide at 8.3%.

IV. **Other Business**

Chair, Ms. Gillespie, shared that the next committee meeting will be on October 8, 2024.

V. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Windy Graham