

**Western Virginia  
Workforce Development Board**

**Roanoke Higher Education Center, Suite 611  
Friday, February 25, 2005 – 9 a.m.**

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

Board Chair Rob Glenn called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Anne Cooney called the roll.

Members present: **John Baker**, Roanoke Redevelopment & Housing Authority; **Roger Dalton**, National College of Business and Technology; **Beth Doughty**, Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce; **Wayne Flippen**, John C. Nordt; **Robert Glenn**, The Issues Management Group; **Toni Hamilton**, Department of Rehabilitative Services; **Bruce Johannessen**, Virginia Employment Commission, Roanoke; **Roger Johnson**, Roanoke County Schools; **Bill Jones**, BB&T; **Annette Lewis**, Total Action Against Poverty; **Linda Matthews**, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys; **John Mulvey**, Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation; **Kathleen Page**, Roanoke College; **Paul Paradzinski**; **Tom Richmond**, Altec Industries; **Ken Rush**, Didlake; **Robert Sandel**, Virginia Western Community College; **Dot Hayes** for Roanoke City Schools' vacant position; **Marion Vaughn-Howard**, Roanoke City Department of Park and Recreation Youth Services Division; **Susan Williams**, League of Older Americans; **Harriet Woodward**, Alleghany/Covington Department of Social Services

Members absent: **Stephen Aukward**, VA Dept for Blind and Visually Handicapped; **Bruce Boggs**, Carilion; **Ronald Brown**, Paper, Allied Industrial, Chemical & Energy Workers Int'l; **John Conner**, Valcom; **James Garlow**, John W. Hancock Inc.; **Robert Hedrick**, Advanced Auto; **Rebecca Johnson**, Mead Westvaco; **Joyce Kessinger**, Boxley; **Michael Mays**, Local 100 Sheet Metal Workers International Association; **Ted Melnick**, Novozymes; **Michael Oxford**, Applied Extrusion Technologies; **Lutheria Smith**, Optical Cable; **Debbie Snead**, Mountain Branch Farm; **Richard Teaff**, Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

Staff present: **Doloris Vest**, WIB Coordinator; **Anne Cooney**, administrative assistant; **Sherry Dean**, accountant

Guests present: **Willie Blanton** and **Brian Davis**, VEC/WIA - Richmond; **Shelby Robinson**, Field Operations, VEC - Richmond; **Jane Conlin**, Department of Social Services, City of Roanoke; **Ted Edlich**, TAP; **Jerry Barnett**, **Judy Griffith** and **Rhonda Perdue**, Virginia Employment Commission; **Deborah Hensley**, Workforce

Investment Consultant; **Samuel Stephens**, \_\_\_\_\_  
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**III. Welcome**

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Kim Williams, Principal, Blue Ridge Technical Academy, presented an overview of the Academy and the services it offers, including being an alternative school for career technical training.

**IV. Old Business**

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The purpose of today's meeting was to gather ideas, comments and suggestions for going forward with the ideas outlined in Rob Glenn's "White Paper." Mr. Glenn asked that everyone introduce himself or herself and state what his or her hope is to accomplish at today's session. The board broke into small workgroups for discussion.

On the suggestion of one of the board's partners, the Executive Committee will serve as the Steering Committee for developing a reorganizational proposal for the full board's consideration.

**V. Announcements**

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Doloris Vest, WIB Coordinator, will combine the notes from the four break-out groups and distribute the notes by the end of day today (February 25<sup>th</sup>).

Next Meeting: **Friday, April 1, 2005, at 9 a.m.**  
**Virginia Employment Commission**

**VI. Adjourn**

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**VII. Optional Tour**

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Because of the time devoted to the break-out work sessions, the optional tour of Blue Ridge Technical Academy (in the Roanoke Higher Education Center) was cancelled.

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