

**Western Virginia Workforce
Development Board**

**Youth Council
Minutes
February 14, 2006**

I. Call to Order

In the absence of Council Chair Paul Paradzinski, WWWDB President Doloris Vest called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present: **Wanda Anthony**, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys WIA Youth Program; **Jodylee Edsall**, Roanoke County Schools; **Laura Elliott**, Junior Achievement, Roanoke; **Jennifer Unroe**, 4-H Youth Development; **Harriet Woodward**, Alleghany/ Covington Department of Social Services; **Bill Zimmerman**, Diversion Program

Members absent: **Paul Paradzinski**, Chair, Craig County; **Becky Johnson**, MeadWestvaco; **Ron Jones**, TAP This Valley Works; **Russ Merritt**, Franklin County YMCA; **Marion Vaughn-Howard**, Roanoke Department of Park and Recreation Youth Services Division; **Michele Wells**, Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services

Staff present: **Doloris Vest**, WDB president; **Anne Cooney**, administrative assistant

There was no quorum present.

Note: **Jeri Barnes**, Old Dominion Job Corps Center, resigned in December 2005.

III. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Elliott moved the minutes of the meeting be approved; Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

IV. Reports

A. Goodwill Industries of the Valleys – Youth Program

Wanda Anthony will present Goodwill Youth program information about Goodwill's to Franklin County High School transition program for freshmen and sophomores in mid-February. Goodwill has 11 young people graduating this year; 7 youth applicants are waiting for entry into the program.

B. WWWDB Board Update

Ms. Vest reported the following:

1. Appointments: The Board of Directors appointed Wanda Anthony, Laura Elliott, and Michele Wells to the Youth Council at the Board's February 3 meeting.
2. Legislative Action
 - a. Reauthorization of WIA: Congressional reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act has not occurred. The proposed 2007 federal budget combines workforce investment and other employment funding in a single block grant and severely reduces the total amount.
 - b. General Assembly: Several proposals at the state levels would restructure WIA in Virginia if passed

3. **Performance Numbers:** For the first time, Area III met or exceeded all 17 performance measures. If sustained through the end of the year, Area III would be eligible for incentive awards. A celebration lunch is planned for Wednesday, March 22.
 - a. The board is conducting a major assessment of the local workforce center system. Local monitor Clay Stein will look at the WIA and state policy aspects; Consultant Holly Lesko customer service. Workforce center partners will be involved in assessment, which will also examine attracting more youth to the centers

V. Unfinished Business

Ms. Vest presented draft by-laws for the Youth Council. Suggested changes or amendments should be emailed to staff. The by-laws and any amendments will be presented for discussion and vote at the March 14 meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. The council discussed plans for exhibiting at the TAP Job Fair April 6; Ms. Vest has reserved space and will order additional pocket resumes, bookmarks and giveaways for young people attending; TAP office can provide information regarding expected headcount.
- B. The council discussed the need to determine goals and priorities for PY2006; the discussion will continue at the March meeting.

VII. Announcements

- A. Next meeting: March 14, 2006, Room 813, Roanoke Higher Education Center.
- B. Ms. Vest asked council members to share suggestions for nominations to the WWWDB. For terms beginning July 1.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Date