

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**Minutes, Thursday, January 27, 2022, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Via Conference Call and Zoom**

A meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Workforce Development Board was held via Zoom and Conference call on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Board members present via Zoom or conference call were:

MR. BEN ALDAMA, NWACC ADULT ED.  
MR. EDDIE BARTLETT, BARTLETT FAMILY DENTISTRY  
MS. SARAH BROZYSKI, BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
MS. CHERYL DAVENPORT, ADVANCED MARINE PERFORMANCE  
MR. JOHN DYESS, ALTRONIC RESEARCH, INC., Proxy Bo Phillips  
MR. KEVIN ESTES, DHS SERVICES FOR THE BLIND  
MR. WALTER HINOJOSA, NWA LABOR COUNCIL  
MS. AMY JONES, ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES  
MS. JANA KINDALL, AR DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES  
MR. BOB LARGENT, HARRISON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MR. ROSS PARKER, PARKER FARMS AND RENTALS  
MR. BO PHILLIPS, COX-RAPID SCALE, HARRISON  
MR. KELLEY SHARP, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FAYETTEVILLE  
MR. RICKY TOMPKINS, NWACC

Board members absent and excused were:

MR. DAVID BELL, DAVID BELL, LLC.

Others present were:

Mr. Taff Grice, NWAEDD  
Mr. James Moss, NWAEDD  
Mr. Joe Willis, NWAEDD  
Mr. Nicholas Ryburn , Adult Education  
Mr. Tom Ginn, AEDC  
Mr. Matt Twyford, AEDC  
Ms. Susan Sangren, NWAEDD  
Ms. Joyce Akidi, AWDS

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by CHAIR JOHN DYESS.

MS. PATTY METHVIN gave the One Stop Operator/Program/Fiscal Monitoring Procurement Task Force update. There was one proposal received on December 17, 2021, by Hightower Workforce Initiatives. The Task Force met on January 13, 2022, to score the proposal. All scores were rated acceptable or exceeds expectations. The Task force passed a motion that Northwest accept the bid and contracts with Hightower Workforce Initiatives to monitor the One Stop Operator, Program, and fiscal files.

MR. EDDIE BARTLETT made a motion to ratify the decision of the Task Force to accept the bid and contract with Hightower Workforce Initiatives. The motion was seconded by MR. BEN

ALDAMA. The motion passed.

MS. METHVIN presented updates to the Northwest Supportive Services policy. Those updates include adding rental deposit to the list of residential supportive services and adding a paragraph allowing for Emergency Housing. After discussion a motion was made by MR. WALTER HINOHOSA to approve the changes to the policy with the addition of having the Executive Director approve any Emergency Housing requests. The motion was seconded by MS. SARAH BROZYNSKI. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35.



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John Dyess, Chair