

**WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS NORTHEAST TEXAS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**Place: Mount Pleasant Civic Center
1800 North Jefferson
Mount Pleasant, Texas
AND**

**ZOOM Platform
Date: January 26, 2022
Time: 10:00 AM**

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- 1.** Call To Order
- 2.** Determination of a Quorum
- 3.** Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- 4.** Reminder of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 regarding open meetings that if a member of the public or of the Board inquires about a subject that is not on the agenda, and for which notice has not been given as required, any discussion of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting.
- 5.** Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of the October 27, 2021 Executive Committee minutes.*
- 6.** Discussion regarding board member committee assignments.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we invite all attendees to advise us of any special accommodations due to disability. The meeting place is accessible to persons with disabilities. If assistance is needed to participate, please call the office of the Workforce Solutions Northeast Texas (903) 794-9490. Please submit your request as far as possible in advance of the meeting you wish to attend. NOTE: Between regularly scheduled meetings of the Workforce Solutions Northeast Texas Board the Executive Committee may discuss, deliberate, and take all appropriate action on behalf of the Board regarding any matter listed on this Agenda. The Executive Committee may discuss any of the following in closed executive session and have action taken in an open meeting; personnel matters relating to officers and/or employees of the Board, certain consultations with an attorney, discussions about the value or transfer of real property, discussions about security personnel or devices, discussions about prospective gifts or donations, discussion of certain economic development matters.

7. Discussion regarding the February Full Board meeting.
8. Report and update by the Executive Director and/or staff regarding administrative matters, including internal policies and procedures, customer service issues, status of project assignments, organizational matters, and responsibilities of the Board's departments.
 - Workforce Center Activity
 - Child Care Activity
 - Local Area Unemployment Statistics*
 - Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Monitoring Visit
 - TWC Annual Conference
 - Annual Report
9. Announcements
10. Adjourn

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Executive Committee Minutes

October 27, 2021
Mount Pleasant Civic Center
1800 North Jefferson
Mount Pleasant, Texas
Virtual ZOOM Meeting
10:00 A.M.

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Item 1. Call to order/Roll Call

Mr. David Burns, Workforce Solutions Northeast Texas Board Chair, brought the Executive Committee meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Item 2. Determination of quorum

A quorum was determined to be present.

Item 3. Declaration of conflict of interests

None.

Item 4. Reminder of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 regarding open meetings that if a member of the public or of the Board inquires about a subject that is not on the agenda, and for which notice has not been given as required, any discussion of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting.

Mr. Burns reminded the Executive Committee members that discussion of items other than those listed on the agenda is not allowed and a proposal can be made to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting.

Item 5. Approval of the Executive Committee Minutes of September 22, 2021

Ms. Tammy Miller made the motion to approve the September 22, 2021 Executive Committee minutes. Ms. Keitha Nilsson seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Item 6. Discussion regarding board member committee assignments.

After discussion, the Executive Committee assigned Mr. Anthony Pinkham to the Internal Affairs committee.

Item 7. Report and update by the Executive Director and/or staff regarding administrative matters, including internal policies and procedures, customer service issues, status of project assignments, organizational matters, and responsibilities of the Board's departments.

Mr. Randy Reed, Executive Director of Workforce Solutions Northeast Texas, reported on the following items:

- Workforce Center Activity
August – 2,060 customers served virtually
September – 1,671 customers served virtually
Decrease of 389 customers utilizing virtual services

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August – 1,499 customers served in-person
September – 1,243 customers served in-person
Decrease of 256 customers visiting the workforce centers

There are fewer jobseekers entering the workforce for various reasons. An array of services are being provided to job seekers and employers. There continues to be a large number of employers experiencing a shortage of workers. Staff is contacting those who are receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI). Recipients have to participate in a return to work program in order to continue receiving benefits.

- Child Care Activity

Child Care staff will be presenting a robust presentation during the full board meeting.

Child Care has grown over the year. There will be over \$9 million in child care funding available. The problem with placing children in care is due to providers not having the staff to care for additional children.

There is almost 1500 children in care on a daily basis with 1,011 children on the wait list. The Service Industry Related (SIR) program is funding for parents working in hospitality, entertainment, retail, etc. There are currently 61 children in care under this program. There is enough funding to provide care for over 700 children. Outreach efforts have been made to increase the numbers. These funds will end in 18 months.

- Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Northeast Employment for September 2021 – 116,898
Northeast Employment for September 2020 – 114,934
Increase of 1,964 that are employed

Northeast Labor Force for September 2021 – 123,323
Northeast Labor Force for September 2020 – 123,589
Decrease of 266 residents who have dropped out of the labor force

With a decrease in the labor force and an increase in employment, the unemployment rate has dropped to 5.2% compared to 7% in 2020.

Mr. Burns asked if there is an assumption that employers should notify the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) when applicants do not accept a position offered.

Mr. Reed stated that TWC does encourage employers to report those so the state can stop UI payments if necessary.

Item 9. Announcements

- January 27, 2022 Executive and Full Board Meetings
- FY2021 Annual Report
- TWC Annual Conference November 17-19, 2021 in Houston, Texas
- Quarterly Chief Elected Officials (CEOs) Meeting October 28, 2021

Item 10. Adjourn

Mr. Burns adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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Executive Committee Members Present

David Burns/Board Chair
Keitha Nilsson/Vice Chair
Tammy Miller/Treasurer
Dr. Larry Dotin
Adam Routon

Board Staff Present

Randy Reed/Executive Director
April Corbit/Board Relations Coordinator
KiAnn Richardson/Finance Director
Sharon Davis/Project Manager
Sandra Shingleur/Project Manager
Bart Spivey/Project Manager

Guests

Melissa Hines
Marla Moon

Northeast Texas

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	December-21				November-21				December-20				
Area	Area Type	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	14,398,693	13,785,955	612,738	4.3	14,429,974	13,775,211	654,763	4.5	14,139,874	13,191,324	948,550	6.7
Texarkana	MSA	64,154	61,536	2,618	4.1	63,854	61,181	2,673	4.2	64,045	60,285	3,760	5.9
North East Texas	WDA	122,787	117,134	5,653	4.6	123,230	117,161	6,069	4.9	124,062	116,074	7,988	6.4
Bowie	County	39,486	37,611	1,875	4.7	39,392	37,399	1,993	5.1	39,163	36,711	2,452	6.3
Cass	County	11,885	11,256	629	5.3	11,942	11,255	687	5.8	12,427	11,417	1,010	8.1
Delta	County	2,376	2,281	95	4.0	2,393	2,288	105	4.4	2,438	2,318	120	4.9
Franklin	County	5,226	5,051	175	3.3	5,268	5,082	186	3.5	4,901	4,632	269	5.5
Hopkins	County	17,347	16,754	593	3.4	17,474	16,822	652	3.7	17,744	16,885	859	4.8
Lamar	County	23,837	22,754	1,083	4.5	24,045	22,876	1,169	4.9	23,895	22,430	1,465	6.1
Morris	County	4,360	4,000	360	8.3	4,422	4,029	393	8.9	4,742	4,109	633	13.3
Red River	County	5,138	4,868	270	5.3	5,123	4,844	279	5.4	5,261	4,929	332	6.3
Titus	County	13,132	12,559	573	4.4	13,171	12,566	605	4.6	13,491	12,643	848	6.3
Paris	City	11,440	10,878	562	4.9	11,544	10,937	607	5.3	11,510	10,723	787	6.8
Texarkana	City	15,101	14,440	661	4.4	15,069	14,359	710	4.7	15,151	14,095	1,056	7.0
US					3.9				4.2				6.7