

Capital Region Workforce Partnership

Consortium Meeting

Minutes for April 19, 2024

Consortium Members			Alternates		
	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Chairman – Hon. James Holland , Chesterfield	x		Dr. James Worsley		x
Vice-Chairman - Hon. Steve McClung , Powhatan	x		Bret Schardein		x
Hon. Ryan Patterson , Charles City	x		LaToya Johnson-Davis	x	
Hon. Jonathan Christy , Goochland		x	Vacant		
Hon. Sue Dibble , Hanover		x	James Taylor	x	
Hon. Daniel Schmitt , Henrico	x		Monica Smith-Callahan	x	
Hon. John Moyer , New Kent	x		Rodney Hathaway		x
Hon. Ann Frances Lambert , Richmond		x	Hon. Kristen Nye		x

Guests attending: Mr. Drexel Harris, CRWDB; Ms. Traci DeShazor, City of Richmond; Ms. Shanita Starke, Mr. David Leonard and Mr. Roberto Ford, Equus; Mr. Dennis Woodard, VEC; and Ms. Lizzie Hays, Ross. Staff attending: Mr. Brian Davis, Ms. Krishawn Monroe, Ms. Carla Cosby and Dr. Mychael Lee.

- I. Welcome and Introductions. Chairman Holland called the meeting to order.
- II. Public Comment Period. No persons spoke for public comment
- III. Approval of the Minutes from February 16, 2024 Meeting. Mr. Patterson moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Moyer second the motion. The motion carried.
- IV. Review of Spending to Budget - Mr. Davis reviewed the status of spending looking at the most recent numbers.
- V. Budget Modification – Equus Workforce Solutions Contract. After review and discussion of the budget request modification for the addition of \$80,000 to allow for training services to continue through June 30, Mr. Patterson moved to approve the budget as presented; Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- VI. Discussion of Local Workforce Development Board representation. Within the context of the Workforce Board roster which will be up for review soon, Mr. Davis stated that the term for Ms. Kiva Rogers, Chesterfield Social Services expires June 30 and there was agreement to rotate the DSS seat among jurisdictions. This could be an opportunity to have Charles City, Goochland or New Kent representation. Mr. Davis will contact the jurisdictions.
- VII. “Know your local labor market?” Members engaged in an interactive labor market presentation. They were intrigued to learn of the region’s high school completion, rate educational attainment, and demographic statistics. Members would like to receive jurisdiction-specific data and expressed interest in youth and high school equivalency efforts.
- VIII. Youth Events Report. Ms. Monroe shared a video of the recent youth events co-sponsored or led by CRWP. It is posted on the VCW website. She also shared information on the Teen Summit and Boss’n Up entrepreneurial events. Mr. Holland suggested that Ms. Monroe consider expanded programming for regional financial literacy and entrepreneurship.
- IX. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.