

Peninsula Council for Workforce Development and
Greater Peninsula Workforce Development Board of Directors
March 23, 2017

Present:

Dr. Larry Dotolo	Dr. Rex Evans	Dr. John Olson
Everett Jordan	Greg Garrett	Joan Peterson
Joseph Johnson	Hon. James Gray	Dale Stone
Donna Crittenden-Barton	Hon. Herbert Green	Jason Thorton
Pam Croom	Ronald Jackson	Peter Walentisch
Dr. John T. Dever	Whitley Lester	Barbara Watson
Sharon Johnson	Andrew Martin	Randy Wheeler
Bob Ernst	Sheri Newcomb	Dr. Deborah Wright
Hon. Benny Zhang	Rhonda Bunn	Gerald Dix
Charity Gavaza	Kasia Grzelkowski	Valencia Huggins
Dr. Robin Nelhuebel	Pete Peterson	Hon. Tina Vick

PCFWD Staff Present:

Matthew James, Bill Mann, Gary Butler, Lisa Zahraiddin, Terri Partain, Cathy Ellis, Shannon Trochuck, Rita Bond, Sharyna Smith, Carolyn Tarrant, Jeanne Smith

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Chairman Dr. John Olson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. The meeting was held at the Newport News Marriott at City Center.

II. Breakfast

A plated breakfast was served from 9:00 to 9:20 a.m.

III. Presentation

A special presentation was given by Sharon Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board. The title of her presentation was "Optimizing Local Workforce Development Board Effectiveness". She began by stating that as workforce leaders and professionals, we must re-evaluate how our boards are growing in their professional capacity to do their jobs better. She further discussed the LWDB Pillars, High Impact LWDB Operational Indicators, Effective Nonprofit Board Behavioral Characteristics. Also discussed was contextual board characteristics, implementation activities, interpersonal characteristics and implementation activities. Some of the study observations included: all boards operate at a level of effectiveness, boards want to do a good job and are eager to learn more, want to retain flexibility, core group of Board members, average board member participation.

At the conclusion of her presentation, Ms. Johnson answered questions from Board members and encouraged their comments.

IV. President's Report

Matthew James reported on the presentation of the State of the Workforce and Gap Analysis which is scheduled for April 18, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. to be held at the Virginia Modeling and Simulation Center in Suffolk.

In addition, Matthew discussed the following issues:

- State Budget
- Budget included raises for State Troopers and Teachers
- Passed that 35% of the lottery will go for education
- Go Virginia
- Enterprise Zones
- Grants
- Locally distressed cities

V. Chairman's Remarks

John Olson reported on four success stories. He announced that Board member Robin Nelhuebel has completed her work for her PhD. She is now Dr. Nelhuebel.

The next success story was that the Council newsletter is complete and has been published and is posted on the website. The third success story was that the annual auction was held in partnership with the AGC (Associated General Contractors). The final success story was the Youth Career Expo which was held with approximately 2,500 students attending.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Jeanne Smith, Recording Secretary