



Business Education Committee Meeting Minutes
07/20/2026 12:00 PM CDT to 1:00 PM CDT
Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area

Members Present

Mary Helen Martinez
Kelly Moreno
Becky Garlick
Christian Fletcher
Laura Lucas
Megan Gandy
Mike Grant
Nikki Stallings
Mike(Larry) Crane
Paul Fletcher

Members Absent

Paul Boff
Kwee Lan Teo
Alfonso Sifuentes
Meranda Stanley
Jeff Light
Elva Zdeb
Frank Leonardis

1. Call the meeting order - Roll Call

Presented By Nikki Stallings at 12:02 pm

2. Vote on January and April meeting minutes

Presented By Nikki Stallings - motion by Christian Fletcher, second by Mike Grant - motion passed

3. Icebreaker Question - What's one workforce challenge or trend you are seeing in your organization?

Presented By Nikki Stallings - Nikki shared they are having challenges finding skilled labor to meet their needs. They are reviewing job descriptions and other ways to assist in attracting the right talent. Kelly introduced Friend of the Board Robert Andrade - Director of Economic Development for Smithville

4. Business Services Workshop Working Group

Reviewed the PowerPoint presentation that will be presented at the board retreat. Kelly will update the Business Consultant page and add success stories.

5. Workforce Update

Presented By Kelly Moreno - shared the Career Ready website is live - <https://careerreadyctx.com/>. Stephanie Mora and Laura Rosen provided updates on apprenticeships and the healthcare report (releases in August). TVC Veteran's Job Fair Con - 7/22 - Kalahari; 7/24-25th - SHINE Symposium (Early learning teachers and Childcare Directors Conference) - Kalahari. K12 team is building out the school year 26-27 calendar - new event - 9/16/26 - LEAP - multi county/ISD career fair at the Caldwell Evacuation Center. Board staff continues to search for new funding opportunities.

6. Open Discussion

Presented By Kelly Moreno - Becky Garlick shared concerns about the community colleges change to the funding formula from a static, enrollment-based system to a performance-based model - House Bill 8 - 89th legislative session - <https://www.acct.org/center-for-policy-practice/DualEnrollment/TX-House-Bill-8>

Larry Crane shared about the Horseshoe Bay and TX State training program to upskill hospitality staff. It took 2 years to get it up and running and it has started out strong.

7. Adjourn

Presented By Nikki Stallings at 12:32