

**Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas
Board Meeting Minutes
Jasper Welcome Center – Jasper Economic Development Corporation
500 South Wheeler, Jasper, Texas 75951
October 23, 2024**

I. CHAIR KELLI MARSHALL CALLED THE BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:03 P.M.

MS. MARSHALL ANNOUNCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION (WD LETTER 28-19) DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2019, REGARDING THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 551 ALLOWING THE USE OF VIDEO-CONFERENCING AS A METHOD FOR CONDUCTING BOARD MEETINGS, THE BOARD IS PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ITS BOARD MEETING AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE AND VIA VIRTUAL MEETING WEB LINK. SHE ALSO SAID THE MEETING IS BEING RECORDED AND THE OPEN SESSION PORTION OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST. THE BOARD SERVES TWELVE (12) COUNTIES AND LISTED THE HOST LOCATION; AND PRESIDING OFFICER, KELLI MARSHALL, WAS PHYSICALLY PRESENT.

AFTER THE ROLL CALL, MS. MARSHALL CONFIRMED THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT:

Members Present: Joe Clyde Adams, Kerry Ballast, Lisa Balty, Tyane Dietz, Tim Ditoro, Eddie Hopkins, Garvey Jackson, Melody Jenkins, Gene Lee, Matthew Lowery, Kelli Marshall, Robert McLeod, Ellen Mills, Benjamin Mott

Members Absent: Rebekah Burkhalter, Ashley Courtney, Phyllis Grandgeorge, Anita Humphreys, Kotosha Jeffery, Dan Kern, Quincy Martindale, Marisa Phillips, Jessica Rogers, Rich Scott, John Allen Slocomb, John White

Board Staff Present: Mark Durand, Dara Harmon, Debb Homman, Sarah Milligan, Kim Moulder, Maribel Soto, Karen Stubblefield

Visitors: Sam Matthews, JEDCO

KELLI MARSHALL, REMINDED THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION.

Ms. Marshall asked that all members sign a conflict of interest declaration and submit the form to Board Staff.

WELCOME OF GUESTS:

None.

II. Public Comments

None.

III. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Open Session (Action Item 24-26) – as a result of Executive/Finance Committee Meeting held October 17, 2024, Regarding Possible Appointment of Interim Executive Director, Gov't Code Section 551.074

Motion: The Executive/Finance Committee recommended approval to enter into negotiations with potential Interim Executive Director with a salary cap of up to \$100/hour.
Second: Tyane Dietz
In Favor: All
Oppose: None
Abstain: None
Motion: Passes

IV. Discussion of issues to be brought before the Committee
None.

V. Adjourn

Kelli Marshall adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Duly passed and approved on this 12 day of November 2024

Attest



Kelli Marshall, Chair



Dara Harmon, Exec. Administrative Assistant