

Southeast Tennessee Workforce Development Board
Opportunities Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT
November 20, 2024 | 3:00pm | via Zoom

Committee Members in Attendees: Corey Raburn, Jennifer Thacker, Angela Cooper, Bethany Waters, Cynthia Brooks

Other Attendees: Bre LaMountain, Roxana Horruitiner, Jorge Vera, Nedra Wakefield

Staff: Alicia Zuidema, Christi Chapman, Maty Partin, Kevin Treadway

Call to Order

Corey Raburn opened the meeting at 3:04pm.

Approval of Minutes

The 8/28/2024 minutes were approved as drafted. Motion by Jennifer Thacker, seconded by Cynthia Brooks.

Community Resources for Holiday Support

Alicia Zuidema discussed various community events and resources available for individuals with barriers, particularly during the holidays. SETHRA's Commodity Food box distributions dates across the region were provided along with Thanksgiving dinners offered in Hamilton, Grundy, Rhea, and Bledsoe Counties. Community Events including a Marathon Recovery Meeting, 5k walk/run, and events dedicated to providing free resources to unhoused individuals and those in need were also mentioned. Kevin Treadway added that the Salvation Army Angel Tree program and a coat drive at The Caring Place in Cleveland were also happening. Alicia encouraged participants to share any additional events or resources.

Partner Program Updates

Cynthia Brooks announced a flooring institute program starting December 2nd, offering scholarships for those interested in construction or flooring. Jorge Vera confirmed the availability of the program's flyer in AJC resource rooms. Nedra Wakefield shared a partnership with the City of Chattanooga for a resource fair for Justice-Involved Youth on January 30th at the downtown library. Angela Cooper mentioned a successful Justice-Involved job fair held this past Friday, with 70 attendees.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19th, 2025.

Adjournment

Corey Raburn adjourned the meeting at 3:26pm with a motion made by Jennifer Thacker.