



The public meeting of the State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) convened at the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, Mississippi on August 28, 2018.

Board Members in Attendance:

Member	Present	Represented by	Member	Present	Represented by
Mr. Ron Aldridge			Mr. Dave Liffrig	X	
Mr. John Arledge	X		Dr. Andrea Mayfield	X	
Dr. Jackie Beasley			Mr. Glen McCullough	X	
Rep. Donnie Bell			Dir. Garry Mercer	X	
Dr. Steve Bishop		Wendy Smith	Mr. Mike Monk	X	
Mr. Brad Bounds	X		Mr. Joe Morton		
Sen. Terry Burton			Mr. Robert Mullins		
Ms. Margaret Chapman	X		Mr. Terrance Nellum	X	
Mr. Robert Clark	X		Dr. Mimmo Parisi	X	
Mr. John Davis			Dr. Al Rankins	X	
Mr. Charles Evers			Mr. Jeremy Robinson	X	
Dr. Mary Graham		Tracey Walters	Mr. Pat Ross		
Dor. Steve Gray	X		Mr. Patrick Sullivan	X	
Sen. Josh Harkins			Mr. Lex Taylor	X	
Dir. Mark Henry	X		Mr. Michael Thomas		
Mayor Billy Hewes		Cheryl Millender	Rep. Jerry Turner		
Mr. Charles Holder	X		Dir. Shari Veazey		
Dir. Chris Howard		LaVonda Hart	Mr. Scott Waller	X	
Mr. Edmond Hughes			Mr. Lance Walters	X	
Mr. Darius Johnson	X		Mr. Paul Watson		
Mr. JR Jones	X		Dr. Carey Wright		Wendy Clemons
Mr. Ed Langton					

There were approximately 29 guests in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Henry called the full board meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

It was determined through board member sign-in that a quorum was present. Members were directed to the minutes for the Full Board Meeting on July 31, 2018, in the back of their folders. Chairman Henry called for a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Lex Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Andrea Mayfield. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation

Chairman Henry introduced Dr. Andrea Mayfield, Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board. Community colleges are the primary source for career training in the state of Mississippi, and Dr. Mayfield will speak on the role community colleges play in workforce in the state.

Dr. Mayfield's presentation focused on current graduate production, growing job opportunities, and workforce needs in Mississippi.

Dr. Mayfield reminded members that during last month's SWIB meeting, they viewed a brochure for Preparing, Connecting, and Sustaining the workforce. Developers look for these three things when they are considering locating or expanding in our great state.

Dr. Mayfield concluded by suggesting that the SWIB consider creating a task force.

Many questions and concerns were presented by the members.

MOTION: Scott Waller made a motion to create a task force to address the state's capacity to meet the demands for higher earning careers.

The motion was seconded by Glen McCullough. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Smith asked members to email her if they would like to volunteer for the task force.

Reports

Executive Director's Report, Dr. Laurie Smith, informed members that the new SWIB website (www.swib.ms.gov) is live. She covered items that are currently on the site, items that will be on the site, and encouraged members to explore the site.

Dr. Smith introduced **Ms. Paige Johnson,** Topp McWhorter Harvey, PLLC (TMH), who was given time to address the SWIB. TMH has been retained to review and improve policies and procedures of the SWIB, ensuring the board has proper oversight. Ms. Johnson explained that TMH will identify strengths and weaknesses in financial and program functions of the board. She reported that TMH has completed all eleven site visits and the report is in the preliminary stages. A draft of findings should be complete in a week or so and the final report by the next SWIB meeting.

Dr. Smith asked members to look at their binders. She explained each section and asked members to review these before the next SWIB meeting. Dr. Smith asked that each committee answer the guiding questions in section four and be prepared to provide feedback at the SWIB meeting next month. Their reports will assist in formulating the budget.

Time was provided for breakout sessions for the committees to discuss the guiding questions.

New Business

Chairman Henry and Dr. Smith

- **Date of the Next Meeting** - September 25, 2018, the Mississippi Capitol Building, Room 216 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Technology** – Dr. Smith explained that not all businesses in Mississippi are using MS Works. She presented an idea that the board could take action and allow Dr. Parisi to reach out to business leaders on the board about using MS Works.

MOTION: Dr. Andrea Mayfield made a motion to allow Dr. Mimmo Parisi to reach out to business members on the SWIB board in order to learn more about how to engage business and industry and to encourage them to take advantage of the MS Works system. The motion was seconded by JR Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION: Lex Taylor made a motion to accept to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Andrea Mayfield. The motion passed unanimously.