

# Youth Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday

August 22<sup>th</sup>, 2023

12:00 PM-2:00pm

Huntington One Stop Office

**Meeting Facilitator:** Melissa Bias, Executive Director of Region 2 Workforce Investment Board

**Present:** Chairman Charles Shaw, Katlan Maynard (MCTC), Brian Hankins (DHHR), Jill Goheen (Marshall Advanced Manufacturing), Chad Porter (Catholic Charities), Wesley Varney (Medcare), Olivia Bird (MCTC), Melissa Bias (Region 2), Burcu Delph (Region 2), Tasha Perry (WIOA Youth), Jakki Jackson (Region 2), Emma Ferguson (WIOA Youth), Heather Merritt (Region 2), Malissa Dishman (Region 2), and Adam Warden (Region 2).

**Call to Order:** Pastor Charles Shaw – Youth Chair

## **Minutes:**

- There was a motion to approve the minutes for our last meeting on 06.27.23. Brian Hankins motioned to approve the minutes and Jill Goheen seconded the motion.

## **Executive Director Report:**

- Melissa Bias discussed various WIOA Youth Programs available.
- Discussed the need to streamline and have the basic knowledge to point the youth in the right direction

### **Youth Presentation:**

- Melissa Bias presented Adam Warden, who introduced and demonstrated the Career Exploration 2.0 through Transfr VR; he discussed the various modules available for the youth/adults in our WIOA Programs to explore and enhance their careers.
- The Youth Career Planners explained their youth's progression of the Penn Foster Program, their W.E. Contract, as well as their Career Explorations.
- Present WIOA Youth shared their stories and experiences with the Region 2 WIOA Youth Program.

### **Updates:**

- Discussions are being made for a Job Fair, hosted by One-Stop (Region 2), at Mountain Health Arena in Huntington, WV; we will provide an update ASAP.

**Adjourned at 1:18pm**

**Respectfully Submitted by Raymond Adam Warden and Malissa Dishman**