



NEWDB Board Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. Grand Gateway 333 Oak St, Big Cabin, OK 74332

1. Welcome and Introductions	David Chaussard
David Chaussard welcomed all board members, guests and	
recognized new board members: Grant Kernan, Newell Coach	
and Heather Smoot, Adams PARC.	
2. Roll Call	
Members Present: Kenneth Adams, Jerry Atkinson, David	
Chaussard, Jeanine Coleman, Scott Fry, John Hawkins, Grant	
Kernan, Kari Mace-Russell, Lori Nichols, Heather Smoot, Pamela	
Bridwell, Brad Ford, Jack James, Sherry McCurley, Mary Millikin	
and Robbin Rogers	
Members Absent: Caitlin Blizzard, Miriam George, James	
Perryman, Judee Snodderly, Amy Wyrick, Sondra Baker, Karen	
Geiger, Diane Kelley, Tami McKeon, and Alan Shipman	
Guests Present: Michelle Bish, Gail Armstrong, Gretchen Evans,	
Linda Wilson, Cathy Spencer, Paul Marquez, Angie Ryan, Pamela	
Hunnicutt, Laci Robertson, Marsha Cunningham, and Brenda	
Dawes	
3. Discussion and approval or disapproval of 8.10.16	David Chaussard
meeting minutes:	
David Chaussard reminded board members the meeting minutes	
were emailed for review prior to the meeting. Kenneth Adams	
made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Jack James	
seconded the motion. No discussion. All voted approval.	
4. WIOA Participant Presentation:	Laci Robertson
David Chaussard introduced Laci Robertson to the board. Laci	
gave a verbal presentation of the services she was given. She	
thanked the board for the opportunities she was afforded and	
relayed how these services benefited her as well as her family.	
5. Workforce System Certification: Accessibility for All Job	Brenda Dawes,
Seekers in Oklahoma	Program Manager
Brenda gave a general overview of the services and training	Oklahoma ABLE Tech
available through ABLE Tech to customers and staff. She also	
discussed the ADA certification process for the NEWDB and	
system partners. Board members were provided informational	



handouts.	
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6. CONSENT AGENDA	David Chaussard
NEWDB Work Experience Policy	
NEWDB ITA Policy	
NEWDB Monitoring Policy	
NEWDB Supportive Services	
NEWDB Youth Policy	
 NEWDB Assessment & ISS Policy & Procedures 	
 NEWDB Internal Controls Policy 	
 NEWDB Approved Training Programs 	*
David Chaussard reminded board members the consent agenda	
items had been emailed prior to the meeting for review. He	
asked for a motion to approve the items listed. Scott Fry made	
the motion to approve. Jerry Atkinson seconded the motion. No	
discussion. All voted approval.	
7. Discussion/Action for Elevate Expense Report	Michelle Bish
Michelle Bish gave a report on the Elevate 2016 expenses. The	
checking account balance is currently \$13,171.85 which will be	
used for Elevate 2017. All invoices have been paid and all monies	
have been received from sponsors, exhibitors and participants.	
David Chaussard asked for a motion to accept the Elevate	
Expense report. John Hawkins made the motion to approve.	
Kenneth Adams seconded the motion. No discussion. All voted	
approval.	
8. Discussion/Action Budget vs Actual Report	Gail Armstrong
Gail Armstrong presented the Budget vs. Actual Report and	
explained the report shows the actual dollars spent versus the	
amounts budgeted. Ms. Armstrong advised that the provider had	
funds available in all programs, especially youth. David Chaussard	
asked for a motion to accept the Budget vs Actual Report as	
presented. Kenneth Adams made the motion to accept. Jeanine	
Coleman seconded the motion. No discussion. All voted approval.	
9. Discussion/Action Regarding PY 16 Proposed Budget	Gail Armstrong
Gail Armstrong presented the Total PY16 Revised Proposed	
Budget in the amount of \$1,213.178. She noted it reflects the	
TAA and incentive funds, she also explained the purpose of the	>
reserve funds. She further noted, at this time, the budget is in	
good shape. John Hawkins asked the percentage of funds being	
spent on training. Gail advised 30% of total grant. David	



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Chaussard asked for a motion to accept PY16 Proposed Budget as	
presented. John Hawkins made the motion to approve. Kenneth	
Adams seconded the motion. No discussion. All voted approval.	
10. Discussion/Action on IRS Form 990	Gail Armstrong
Gail Armstrong reported there was no additional cost to the	
NEWDB to prepare the IRS Form 990. The IRS Form 990 covers	
the Elevate monies. David Chaussard asked for a motion to	
accept the IRS Form 990 as prepared. John Hawkins made the	
motion to accept. Robbin Rogers seconded the motion. No	
discussion. All voted approval.	
11. Discussion/Action PY15 Audit Report	Gail Armstrong
Gail Armstrong reported Southern Workforce Board had a clean	
PY 15 Audit. The final audit has been received and provided to	
NEWEDB members and includes all Northeast activities for the	
period 7.1.15 through 6.30.16. The total cost was \$2,760 which	
was a savings of \$6,155 from previous audit. The cost savings	
reflects a shared audit and not a separate audit of NE funds.	
David Chaussard asked for a motion to accept the PY15 Audit	
Report as provided. Kenneth Adams made the motion to	
approve. Heather Smoot seconded the motion. No discussion. All	
voted approval.	
12. Discussion/Action Regarding NEWDB 2017 Meeting	David Chaussard
Dates	
David Chaussard reminded board members they were emailed	
the NEWDB 2017 Meeting Calendar. He asked for a motion to	
approve these meeting dates and locations. John Hawkins made	
the motion to approve. Scott Fry seconded the motion. No	
discussion. All voted approval.	
13. Update from NEWDB Chair regarding Cost Sharing	David Chaussard
David Chaussard reported the NE Planning Region includes	
Northeast, Eastern and Tulsa workforce boards. They have met	
and have been productive. WIOA encourages costs sharing and,	
for that reason, Northeast is looking at the opportunity for	
Eastern to assume the fiscal agent duties. The LEO's will meet	
and vote on this action.	
14. Discussion/Action NEWDB Employer of Record	David Chaussard
David Chaussard reported the NEWDB Employer of Record is	
contingent upon the LEO's decision to approve a change of fiscal	
agent. He asked for a motion to approve this action. Kenneth	
Adams made the motion to approve the designation of EWIB as	





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the employer of record for NEWDB board staff contingent upon				
the LEOs approval of EWIB as the fiscal agent. Scott Fry seconded				
the motion. No discussion. All voted approval.				
15. Partner Updates/Performance Reporting	Michelle Bish and			
Michelle Bish reported there are currently issues with the data	Gretchen Evans			
collection using OSL. The system is not reflecting the change from				
WIA to WIAO on all measures, nor is it capturing all required data				
to track the measures. In the reports provided, common				
measures vs contractual measures – the contractual measures				
are correct. Gretchen Evans reported on the OK Works system				
that includes the WIOA core partners. DHS, DRS, ABE, OESC,				
Career Tech and Higher Ed are all a part of the workforce system.	*			
In addition to the performance reports, Gretchen provided the				
Employment Services summary report for the NE area. Gretchen				
also shared some of the activities of the partners in NE, including				
efforts to provide services and assistance to area employers for				
new hires and expansions.				
16. Monitoring Report	Michelle Bish			
 The monitoring report was presented to board members. 				
The report shows the services monitored over the last				
quarter. Board staff is currently reviewing all local policies				
to ensure they are WIOA compliant.				
During review of the DESI final invoice the monitor				
observed costs associated with wages paid above				
prevailing wage that were not allowable, per local policy,				
in the amount of \$1525. That amount was withheld from				
the final reimbursement to DESI and the finding has been				
fully resolved.	NA:-h-H- Di-h			
17. Director's Update	Michelle Bish			
Claremore Office Closure - Michelle Bish reminded board				
members of the decision by OESC to close the Claremore				
Workforce Center effective 12.30.16. All equipment will				
be relocated by 12.21.16. Michelle added consideration is				
being given for out of the box solutions to help serve				
individuals with transportation barriers that may not be				
able to travel to other career centers in the area.				
NEWDB PY 15 Monitoring – Michelle stated she had				
participated in a monitoring exit call and a full written				
report will be provided within 30 days. There were no				
significant findings discussed on the exit call.				





 Elevate meetings are being held monthly in planning for the 2017 event. 2017 Elevate will focus on STEM 	
activities.	
18. New Business as defined by the Open Meetings Act	David Chaussard
None	
19. Old Business as defined by the Open Meetings Act	David Chaussard
None	
Adjourn	
John Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. Jack James seconded	
the motion. All voted approval and meeting was adjourned by	
David at 10:35 a.m.	

David Chaussard, Chair

Northeast Workforce Development Board

Vice Chair for 2-8-17

Date Signed