



LAWRENCEVILLE

GEORGIA

RECAST ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
6:00 PM

Third Floor GwMA Conference Room
70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09.

Approval of Agenda

The meeting returned to the Approval of Agenda and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes at 6:20 PM, after a quorum was recognized.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Martin, Seconded by Hudson.

Voting Yea: Jordan, Brown, Floyd-Bryant, Drane, Pino, Martin, Hudson, Washington

Citizen Comments

To participate in the Public Comment part of this agenda, you must register with the Advisory Board Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting. Presentations will be limited to two (2) minutes per person and the Board will not respond to comments.

No citizen comments were offered.

Due to a quorum not being recognized, the Chair moved ahead with the agenda to the General Discussion portion and the Board Check-In.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the prior meeting minutes was made by Brown, Seconded by Pino.

Voting Yea: Jordan, Brown, Floyd-Bryant, Drane, Pino, Martin, Hudson, Washington

General Discussion

Board Member Check-In

There was a board member check-in, sharing personal updates. During the check-in, Keira Drane shared that Phoenix High School is partnering with the Lawrenceville Housing Authority to host “Life After High School” – an event highlighting post-secondary options for Phoenix students. Board Chair, Chanda Floyd-Bryant, also shared regarding her recent completion of Community Resiliency Model (CRM) training; she is now equipped to share her learning using a community resiliency model.

While these updates were being offered, the board was joined by members Hudson (6:12) and Washington (6:17) and a quorum was recognized.

Georgia Center for Opportunities Update

Georgia Center for Opportunity Presentation and Update

Eric Cochling (Chief Program Officer and General Counsel) and Luisa Beeco (Program Manager, Better Work Gwinnett) updated the board on the workforce development work of GCO. They shared updates regarding

- The general work of GCO and the betterment for people in the areas of
 - Work
 - Education
 - Family
- The specific work of GCO for ReCAST Lawrenceville through their program entitled Better Work Gwinnett (formerly known as Hiring Well, Doing Good). They shared about
 - The program process
 - Their current numbers of participants

The board asked clarifying questions related to whether the 16 reported participants was cumulative or a monthly average. Mr. Cochling responded that it was a monthly average. The board also wanted to know how many participants have been employed by the program. GCO staff indicated that total employment is difficult to track because participants are less interested in follow-up 1) while they are actively seeking work 2) once they are fully employed.

The board indicated a desire to know specific employment numbers in the future.

Project Manager Update

Program Manager, Marcus Thorne, updated the board on several items including

- The recent resignation of member, Carol Caraballo, due to a change of address and compliance with board ordinance. The board expressed regret at her departure and offered recommendations for possible board additions

- Presenting the ReCAST marketing materials, inclusive of the bilingual flyer. Members were, generally, happy with the materials. Member Pino indicated a possible translation change on the Spanish side of the flyer.
- Pending updates to the ReCAST process inclusive of changes to the ReCAST webpage (hosted by the City of Lawrenceville) as well as internal changes to the way ReCAST makes referrals through Pokket (ReCAST's software referral platform). Members desired to see the Impact 46 logo included on the main page instead of the Lawrenceville Response Center. Members also expressed largely positive feedback about making the direct applications/service-links available to participants.

The board offered feedback, discussing the difficulties involved in helping individuals and families in crisis. In particular, members offered specific experiences of community members seeking support, but not showing a willingness to help themselves through available employment.

Other Business

There was no additional business.

Final Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Brown, Seconded by Jordan.

Voting Yea: Jordan, Brown, Floyd-Bryant, Drane, Pino, Martin, Hudson, Washington

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Minutes Signature

Chanda Floyd-Bryant

Marcus Thorne, Secretary