

Governor's State Workforce Development Board  
Collaboration and Partnership Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2018

**Members Present:**

Valerie Richardson  
Robert J. Friedman\*

**DEW Staff Present:**

Nithya Pramekumar  
Towanna Hicks  
Shuana Davis  
Amanda Grainger

**Guests:**

Joette Dukes\*

**Excused Absence**

Rep. Michael Forrester  
Michael King  
Michael Sexton  
Cheryl M. Stanton  
Clifford Bourke  
Trip DuBard  
Dr. Tim Hardee

**\*Via Conference Call**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks, Approval of Minutes\***

Ms. Valerie Richardson, Committee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was not present. The August 16, 2018 meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the next committee meeting.

**Review of Committee Action Items**

Ms. Shauna Davis provided an update on the Talent Pipeline Initiative, including the Supply Gap Analysis, and state-level key partnership efforts.

Ms. Davis stated that the Supply Gap Analysis of 2017 is currently being updated to reflect the latest job opening projections and recapped that the Supply Gap Analysis compares projected job openings for the top occupations within each of the five sectors to the number of educational completers for each of the occupations. She emphasized that with South Carolina's economy expanding so quickly, we are expecting to see some significant increases in demand from just a year ago.

Ms. Davis discussed the alignment between Talent Pipeline efforts and the Education and Economic Development Act Coordinating Council and provided a summary of the Commission on Higher Education's (CHE) efforts to inventory sector-related training in each of the regions.

Ms. Davis stated that an overview of the road map to build Sector Partnerships and Career Pathways will be presented to the State Chamber of Commerce and Education Workforce Committee this week (October 24-26, 2018) and next week (Oct. 29-31/Nov. 2, 2018) to CHE.

Ms. Davis reported that at the regional level, site visits have begun and the purpose is to bring together partners from education, workforce and economic development to ensure that teams are well positioned to move forward with Sector Partnerships.

Ms. Davis announced the excitement about the Winter Academy that will bring together national expertise from around the country to engage state and regional teams, along with key stakeholders.

### **Career Readiness Assessment Update**

Ms. Amanda Grainger reported that from the launch date of July 1, 2018 - to present, there are 10,908 people who have WIN Career Readiness accounts, and 3,776 Ready to Work credentials and 376 Essential Soft Skills have been awarded.

Ms. Grainger reported that the last training sessions took place regionally in the following areas: Greenville, Florence, Columbia and Summerville during October 16-19, 2018, and that more sessions will be scheduled in the future.

### **Other Business/Adjourn**

No other business was discussed. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.