



# SWIB | State Workforce Investment Board

The State Workforce Investment Board convened on  
 Wednesday, February 28, 2024  
 AccelerateMS Office, 4400 Old Canton Road, Suite 200, Jackson

## Call to Order:

Patrick Sullivan, Chairman of the State Workforce Investment Board called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. on February 28, 2024. It was determined that a quorum was present.

## SWIB Members in Attendance:

Board Members	Present	Agency Represented
Patrick Sullivan	X	Chair, State Workforce Investment Board
John McKay	X	MS Manufacturers Association
Scott Waller	X	MS Economic Council
Nic Parish	X	Burns Dirt Construction
Daniel Sparks	X	MS Senate
Bob Anderson	X	MS Dept of Human Services
Trey Baxter	X	Madison County Board of Supervisors
Bill Cork	X	MS Development Authority
Lance Evans	X	
Monica Harrigill	X	
Kisty Luse	Virtual	CREATE Foundation
Carolyn McAdams	X	Mayor of Greenwood
Bobby Morgan	X	Atmos Energy
Al Rankins	X	MS Institutions of Higher Learning
Kell Smith	X	MS Community College Board
Robin Stewart	X	MS Dept of Employment Security
Valmadge Towner	X	Coahoma Community College
Jacqueline Beasley	X	MINACT, Inc.
Brad Bounds	X	Working Solutions, LLC

A motion to approve all items on the consent agenda was made by Carolyn McAdams and seconded by Trey Baxter. Motion carries by a unanimous vote.

## **Topics of Discussion:**

### **Secondary Education Strategy –**

Executive Director, Ryan Miller presented an update on AccelerateMS Secondary Education Strategy.

- K-12 Industry Certifications
- Career Technical Education
- Career Coach Update

### **Post-Secondary Education Strategy –**

Deputy Director for Strategy & Programs Dr. Courtney Taylor presented an update on AccelerateMS Post-Secondary Education Strategy.

- Status Update
- Gap Analysis
- Updates to SWIB K-12 Priority Credentials List -
  - Software Development Pathway (C-Spire)
    - i. PCEP – Certified Entry-Level Python Programmer.
    - ii. CIW JavaScript Specialist.
- Accelerated Training for Adults

A copy of the Power Point presentation used during the updates on Secondary Education Strategy and Post-Secondary Education Strategy is attached.

A motion to approve the updated credentials list, attached hereto, was made by Trey Baxter and seconded by Monica Harrigill. The motion carried with the following vote:

Patrick Sullivan, Chairman - aye  
Scott Waller - aye  
John McKay - aye  
Nick Parish - aye  
Bob Anderson - aye  
Trey Baxter - aye  
Bill Cork - aye  
Lance Evans - aye  
Monica Harrigill - aye  
Kristy Luse - aye  
Carolyn McAdams - aye  
Bobby Morgan - aye  
Al Rankins - aye  
Kell Smith - aye  
Robin Stewart - aye  
Valmadge Towner - aye  
Jaqueline Beasley - aye  
Brad Bounds - aye  
Daniel Sparks - abstention

### **SWIB Recommendations List –**

Chairman, Patrick Sullivan discussed the SWIB Recommendations List, a copy of which is attached, with the Board.

### **Closed Session**

Trey Baxter moved to go into closed session to determine whether an Executive Session was needed. The motion carried with the following vote:

Patrick Sullivan, Chairman - aye  
Scott Waller - aye  
John McKay - aye  
Nick Parish - aye  
Bob Anderson - aye  
Trey Baxter - aye  
Bill Cork - aye  
Lance Evans - aye  
Monica Harrigill - aye  
Kristy Luse - aye  
Carolyn McAdams - aye  
Bobby Morgan - aye  
Al Rankins - aye  
Kell Smith - aye  
Robin Stewart - aye  
Valmadge Towner - aye  
Jaqueline Beasley - aye  
Brad Bounds - aye  
Daniel Sparks - abstention

### **Executive Session**

Nick Parish moved, seconded by Trey Baxter, that the Board has reason under Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (k), as amended, to go into Executive Session, namely to discuss personnel matters relating to terms of the potential hire, and terms of same, for the position of Executive Director based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried with the following vote:

Patrick Sullivan, Chairman - aye  
Scott Waller - aye  
John McKay - aye  
Nick Parish - aye  
Bob Anderson - aye  
Trey Baxter - aye  
Bill Cork - aye  
Lance Evans - aye  
Monica Harrigill - aye  
Kristy Luse - aye  
Carolyn McAdams - aye  
Bobby Morgan - aye  
Al Rankins - aye  
Kell Smith - aye  
Robin Stewart - aye  
Valmadge Towner - aye  
Jaqueline Beasley - aye  
Brad Bounds - aye

Daniel Sparks - abstention

During Executive Session, Trey Baxter moved to hire Dr. Courtney Taylor as the Executive Director of Accelerate with an employment date beginning March 16, 2024. Monica Harrigill provided the second. The Board took the following vote:

Patrick Sullivan, Chairman - aye  
Scott Waller - aye  
John McKay - aye  
Nick Parish - aye  
Bob Anderson - aye  
Trey Baxter - aye  
Bill Cork - aye  
Lance Evans - aye  
Monica Harrigill - aye  
Kristy Luse - aye  
Carolyn McAdams - aye  
Bobby Morgan - aye  
Al Rankins - aye  
Kell Smith - aye  
Robin Stewart - aye  
Valmadge Towner - aye  
Jaqueline Beasley - aye  
Brad Bounds - aye  
Daniel Sparks - abstention

Scott Waller moved to exit Executive Session. The second was provided by Nick Parish. The motion carried with the following vote:

Patrick Sullivan, Chairman - aye  
Scott Waller - aye  
John McKay - aye  
Nick Parish - aye  
Bob Anderson - aye  
Trey Baxter - aye  
Bill Cork - aye  
Lance Evans - aye  
Monica Harrigill - aye  
Kristy Luse - aye  
Carolyn McAdams - aye  
Bobby Morgan - aye  
Al Rankins - aye  
Kell Smith - aye  
Robin Stewart - aye  
Valmadge Towner - aye  
Jaqueline Beasley - aye  
Brad Bounds - aye  
Daniel Sparks - abstention

### **Actions Taken During Executive Session**

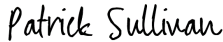
The Board unanimously passed the motion to hire Dr. Courtney Taylor as the Executive Director of Accelerate with an employment date beginning March 16, 2024.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bob Anderson moved, seconded by Nick Parish, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm. The motion carried with the following vote:

Patrick Sullivan, Chairman - aye  
Scott Waller - aye  
John McKay - aye  
Nick - aye  
Bob Anderson - aye  
Trey Baxter - aye  
Bill Cork - aye  
Lance Evans - aye  
Monica Harrigill - aye  
Kristy Luse - aye  
Carolyn McAdams - aye  
Bobby Morgan - aye  
Al Rankins - aye  
Kell Smith - aye  
Robin Stewart - aye  
Valmadge Towner - aye  
Jaqueline Beasley - aye  
Brad Bounds - aye

\_\_\_\_\_ (legislator) - abstention  
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Patrick Sullivan, SWIB Chairman