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**Alexandria/Arlington Regional Workforce Council  
Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2018  
8:00 am to 10:00 am**

**Attendance:** Kate Bates, Stephanie Briggs, Karen Brown, Dottie Brown, Stacey Butler, Sherri Chapman, John Gallagher, Lesa Gilbert (proxy given to Daniel Mekibib), Shana Hargrove, Elizabeth Jones (proxy given to Kate Bates), Alberto Marino, Kris Martini, Christine McCurdy, Erik Pages, Andrea Rubino, Marie Schuler, Chastity Thornton

**Absent:** Eduardo Achach, Lisa Bauer, Patrick Brennan, Dennis Desmond, Daniel Gomez, Ellen Harpel, David Harris, Maria Marion, Nate Mauer, Steve Partridge, Cynthia Richmond, Fernando Torrez, Ryan Touhill, Darren Tulley, Landon Winkelvoss

**Staff:** Alamelu Dev, Gabe Hamda, David Remick

Meeting commenced at 8:05am.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Tara Palacios, Director of BizLaunch, presented information about resources and services BizLaunch provides to small businesses and entrepreneurs in Arlington County. She also discussed provision of referrals to assist Alexandria small businesses. Information about BizLaunch is available at <https://www.arlingtoneconomicdevelopment.com/business-services/start-and-grow-your-small-business/>.
- Alex Cooley, Northern Virginia Community College, presented his own analysis and information regarding the prospects for Amazon locating its second headquarters in the Northern Virginia area. The meeting attendees discussed the potential economic and labor market implications for the area.

**ONE STOP OPERATOR REPORT:**

- Alamelu Dev, ICATT Consulting, provided an update on LWDA 12's Performance for Program Year 2018.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- David Remick presented several items requiring votes. For each item below, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.
  - Meeting minutes for April 12 and June 21, 2018 RWC meetings.
  - 2018-2019 WIOA Youth Waiver
  - RWC Bylaws



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- PY 18 Policy Manual, including updates to the Title I adult funding priority of service policy
- Consent agenda
- Membership of the Executive Committee

### **PARTNER UPDATES:**

- Washington Gas has committed to hiring several entry-level positions over next five years, in coordination with other industry competitors. Will provide on-the-job training and offer career paths. Candidates must pass Workkeys assessments.
- WAMTA is hiring bus drivers and has a high need for track inspectors. Focusing on youth hiring.
- Introduction of new Business Services Manager for the Alexandria Workforce Development Center, Linda Gilmore.
- Upcoming job fair in Arlington, October 17<sup>th</sup> at George Mason University at 10am.
- Comcast has a vast array of positions available, not only technicians, and will provide in-house training to candidates that pass a math and communications test.
- NOVA hiring for a PT graphic designer and a FT apprenticeship manager. They are also launching a new website soon.
- The APS CTE program successfully rolled out its cyber security program.
- Governor Northam will be visiting TC Williams HS for a ribbon cutting for the new Healthcare Academy. Features a partnership with GWU, including admission to GW or NOVA, for successful students. Academy offers seven pathways to choose from.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.