WORKFORCESOLUTIONS
GREATER DALLAS

BOARD BRIEFING MATERIALS

Monday
November 9th, 2026

WFSDallas Board Office
500 N. Akard Street, Suite 3030
Dallas, TX 75201

Virtual Link



NOVEMBER
2026

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I.	**CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST, Harry Jones, Board Chair**	
II.	**PUBLIC COMMENT**	
III.	**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS, Harry Jones, Board Chair**	Discussion
IV.	**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS, Laura Ward, President & CEO** • Partnership Agreement	Discussion/Action
V.	**ACTION ITEM** **CONTRACTS, Demetria Robinson, Executive Vice President** **PROCUREMENT, Connie Rash, Senior Vice President & Team** • Workforce System Operations & Strategic Service Delivery RFP	Discussion/Action
VI.	**CLOSED MEETING Pursuant to §551.071 and 551.0172, Texas Open Meetings Act**	Discussion
VII.	**RESUME OPEN MEETING/TAKE ACTION BASED ON CLOSED MEETING DISCUSSION**	
VIII.	**GENERAL DISCUSSION/OTHER BUSINESS**	
IX.	**ADJOURN (9:30 a.m.) All times are approximate**	

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special accommodations, should contact Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas at 214-290-1000, two (2) working days prior to the meeting, so we can make appropriate arrangements.

V. ACTION ITEMS

CONTRACTS

FY2027 ChildCareGroup Child Care Services Contract Amendment

The Board received a new grant to support direct child care services for mandatory priority populations, including individuals participating in Choices, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T), and child protective services programs. Accordingly, CCG's Child Care Services Contract must be amended to incorporate funding of up to $15,157,959 for direct care services for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION: Board authorization to amend CCG's FY2027 Child Care Services contract as specified above for direct care of mandatory priority populations.

PROCUREMENT

Workforce System Operations & Strategic Service Delivery RFP

Handout

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Typically, all meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at the **Dallas Regional Chamber (500 N. Akard Street, Suite 2600, Dallas, Texas 75201)**. Please note upcoming meeting dates and locations may vary. Always refer to our website (www.wfsdallas.com) for more information.

2026 BOARD SCHEDULE

Dates	Agenda (Tentative) Action Highlights
December 9-11, 2026	29th Annual Texas Workforce Conference - Dallas, TX ***Location: Sheraton Dallas Hotel** **400 Olive St., Dallas, TX 75201**



Register by November 11th https://qrco.de/bh3ptT

2027 BOARD SCHEDULE

Dates	Agenda (Tentative) Action Highlights
January 20, 2027	Board Orientation / Training
February 17, 2027	Budget review/approval and auditor engagement
MARCH	**No Meeting**
April 21, 2027	Procurement and Leases
May 19, 2027	Review and Approval of Contracts
June 16, 2027	Procurement, Contracts and Policy
JULY	**No Meeting**
August 18, 2027	Presentation of the Audit, and Review of Risk Management/Insurance Coverage
September 15, 2027	Approval of Fiscal Year Contracts
October 20, 2027	Annual Workforce Awards, Year-end Performance, and Recognize Appointments of Board Directors
TBA	Red, White and You! Statewide Hiring Fair (Attendance Optional)
TBA	30th Annual Texas Workforce Conference - Location TBA

2026
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD OFFICERS



Chair
Harry Jones
Polsinelli
Shareholder



Vice Chair
Rebecca Acuña
Beckon Strategies
Founder and Principle



Treasurer
Bessie Gray
Texas Instruments
Vice President & Ethics Director



J. Susie Upshaw Battie
American Federation of Teachers
Teacher



William M. Behrendt
Behrendt Consulting
Principal Consultant



Jeffrey K. Caldwell
HHSC
Program Manager - Region 3



Cristina Criado
Dunaway
Vice President and Principal



Carolyn Dent
OMNI Dallas
Managing Director



Rolinda Duran
Texas Workforce Commission, Vocational Rehabilitation
VR Manager



Lewis E. Fulbright
Dallas AFL-CIO
Political Director



Karen Hughes
Vogel Alcove
President



Phil Kendzior
Baylor Scott & White Health
Vice President Workforce Development Programs



Dr. Justin H. Lonon
Dallas College
Chancellor



Ken S. Malcolmson
N. Dallas Chamber of Commerce
President & CEO



Dan Micciche
DISD
Trustee

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Gunnar Rawlings
Trinity Public Affairs
Consultant



Crystal Sanders
Texas Workforce Commission
Integrated Service Area Manager



Grant Schmidt
The Human Impact
Board Chair



Kym Shaw
Help Me Grow North Texas
Co- Chair



John Votava
Kroger
Director, Corporate Affairs



Carlos White
PreXsentials
Founder



Board President
Laura Ward
WFSDallas
President & CEO



Board Secretary
Connie Rash
WFSDallas
Senior Vice President

2026
COMMITTEES

Harry Jones, Board Chair

Executive Committee

Officers:
Rebecca Acuña
Bessie Gray

Directors:
Karen Hughes
Ken Malcolmson
Dan Micciche

Achievement Alliance Committee

Chair: Rebecca Acuña
Cristina Criado
Carolyn Dent
Lewis Fulbright
Bessie Gray
Gunnar Rawlings
Grant Schmidt
(Vacancy)

Governance Committee

Chair: Joanne Caruso
Dr. Justin H. Lonon
Ken Malcolmson

Finance & Audit Committee

Chair: Bessie Gray
Cristina Criado
Dan Micciche
(Vacancy)

Child Care Advisory Council

Chair: Karen Hughes
Kym Shaw
Grant Schmidt

*Pending placement for Carlos White and Phil Kendzior