

**Lake Cumberland Area Development District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 27, 2025 @ 11:00 am CST (12:00 pm ET)**

Call to Order

Judge-Executive John Frank, Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 am CT in the large conference room of the LCADD in Russell Springs, Kentucky. This meeting was held in-person as well as by Zoom.

Opening Prayer

Prayer was given by Mayor Robert Lawson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Waylon Wright, Executive Director led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Ms. Ronda Abrell, Assistant gave the roll call. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Frank asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion to approve was made by Judge-Executive Randy Dial. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Guest Speaker

Chairman Frank introduced Ms. Laurie McKnight, Ohio University Advanced Air Mobility/Electric Aviation. Ms. McKnight presented a PowerPoint over Preparing Appalachia for a Sustainable Electric Aviation Future. Some of the main points were On-Demand Air Taxi, Regional Air Mobility, Airport Shuttle, Emergency Services, Business Aviation, Cargo Delivery, Flight Instruction, Tourism, and Leisure. Chairman Frank thanked Ms. McKnight for the presentation.

Director's Report

Mr. Wright reported on the items listed below:

- In February 2025 the Executive Committee voted to appoint Ms. BJ Wilkerson as the Director of WIOA department. Ms. Wilkerson has been exploring trying to find additional opportunities that would bring in more funding to help our WIOA programs stay competitive, as well as drawing in some new workforce activities. Ms. Wilkerson has been working with the Office of Vocational Rehab with an Individual Placement and Support (ISP) Supported Employment Efforts Program for people that have abilities. Next month we hope to hire two new case managers that will be working with the ISP program.

- PRE-ETS is another program that Ms. Wilkerson has been exploring that works through vocational rehab with 9th and 10th graders on career exploration.
- The General Assembly in 2024 provided funding through HB1 that can be used for young people ages 16 to 24. We've projected service to approximately 250 youth to be served through LCADD WIOA programs. Mr. Wright shared that Cumberland's Workforce Development Board Director Wilson had played a large part in getting that funding.
- In October 2024 the LCADD received funding from the Opioid Abatement Mission Grant to serve people coming out of recovery that's ready for workforce re-entry and training.
- May 2025 Cumberland County Judge-Executive Luke King will be presenting his intern program to the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board.
- The Department of Commerce has recently given the LCADD Revolving Loan Fund program an "A" rating. With LCADD having one of the best RLF programs within the state, Mr. Wright commented that Ms. Lyndsey Brown and her staff have been doing an excellent job with that.

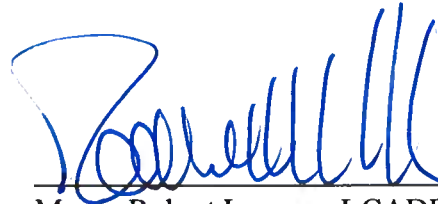
Other Business

Chairman Frank introduced Ms. Hunter Whitaker, Field Rep. for Senator McConnell's office, Ms. Sandy Simpson, Field Rep. for Congressman Comer's office, and Ms. Donna McClure, Field Rep. for Senator McConnell's office.

With no other business Chairman Frank asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:17 pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Judge-Executive Randy Dial. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in Favor. Motion Carried.



Judge-Executive John Frank, LCADD Chairman



Mayor Robert Lawson, LCADD Secretary