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## Youth Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

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**October 22, 2020**

**Physical Location:** Workforce Solutions North Texas Board Office Conference Room  
1501 Midwestern Pkwy, Suite 101  
Wichita Falls, TX 76302

**Remote Location:** Zoom Conferencing

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Billy Clark, Helping Electra's Local People, Electra  
Synthia Kirby, Wichita Falls Independent School District

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Kendra Ball, Business and Outreach Manager  
Lisa McDaniel, Executive Director  
Brenda Roland, Student HireAbility Navigator  
Lyka Walton, Community Engagement Specialist

### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Michael Chapman, CTE Specialist, Region 9 Education Service Center, Wichita Falls  
Scott Essary, Program Supervisor, WSNT Center, Wichita Falls  
Crystal Ojeda, Project Director, WSNT Center, Wichita Falls

### **MEETING MINUTES:**

#### **1. Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair, Billy Clark.

- a. Introductions  
Brief introductions were made of members in attendance to guest.
- b. Review agenda  
Agenda was reviewed and accepted.
- c. Discuss additional agenda items  
None identified.

#### **2. Continued Impact of COVID-19**

Brenda Roland shared that outreach efforts focuses more on education and available resources as opposed to direct contact.

Synthia Kirby said there have been a lot of changes, despite the obvious challenges, the shift in education has provided more opportunities to students. She has noticed some increased stress on staff and students due to a lack of in-person contact.

Members agreed that once the COVID-19 pandemic settles down, we may see new opportunities for students and employers to engage.

Lisa McDaniel said, there is a lot of variation in how counties are responding to the coronavirus crisis.

**3. Discuss topics that were not completed in previous meeting.**

None.

**4. Announcement/New topics for this month's meeting**

- a. Report on Youth Career Expo held on 09/16/2020 – Crystal Ojeda gave the report (Youth Career Expo 2020 Results attached).
- b. Report on Transition Fair held on 10/21/2020 – Brenda Roland gave a brief overview. Kendra Ball gave the report (Transition Fair Committee Debrief attached).
- c. It's possible that once the COVID-19 pandemic settles down, we may see a continued increase in need of our services.

**5. Information to include in Board Report**

Mr. Clark suggested that the report include highlights from the Youth Career Expo and Transition Fair.

**6. Other Discussions**

None

**7. Next Meeting date**

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

**8. Adjournment**

Mr. Clark thanked everyone for their participation and reminded everyone to stay safe. There being no further business, Mr. Clark declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

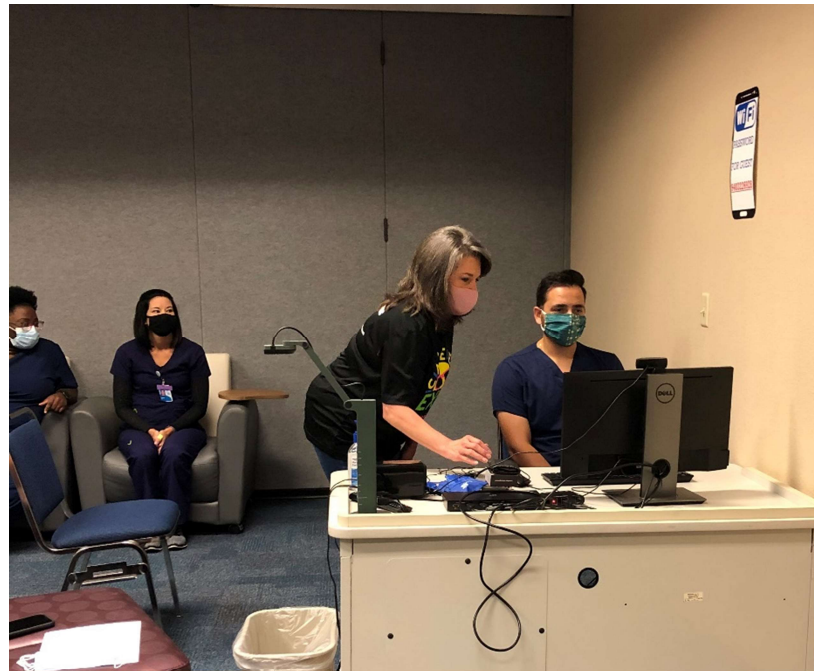
Brenda A. Roland  
Student HireAbility Navigator

Youth Career Expo



Virtual Presentations

	Presentation	Attendees
1	Athletics	118
2	Firefighting	103
3	Robotics	103
4	Health Sciences	97
5	Criminal Justice, Police	93
6	Engineering	75
7	Ag & Animal Sciences	74
8	Culinary Arts	58
9	Dental	58
10	Audio/Visual	55
11	Automotive	55
12	Employment Tips	53
13	Construction	52
14	Fine Arts	48
15	Criminal Justice, Sheriff	44
16	Education	41
17	Cosmetology	13



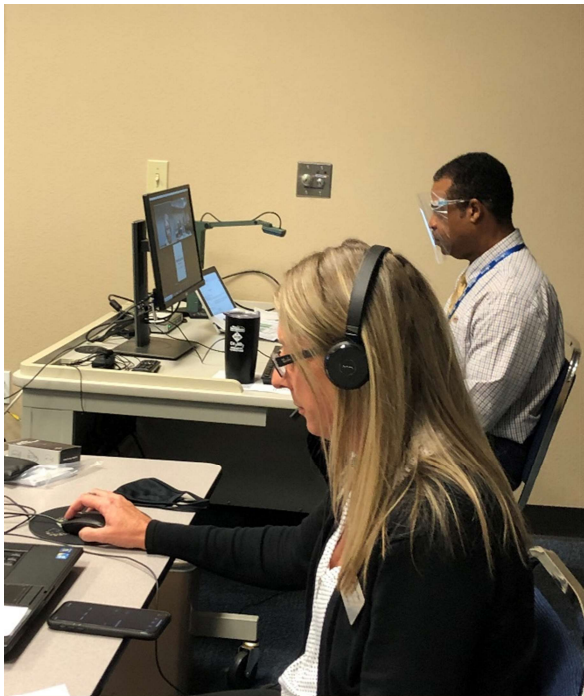
Schools	
1	Graham
2	Forestburg
3	Throckmorton
4	Crowell
5	Nocona
6	Wichita Christian
7	Munday

Guests	
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Texas Workforce Commission	
Workforce Solutions North Texas Board	

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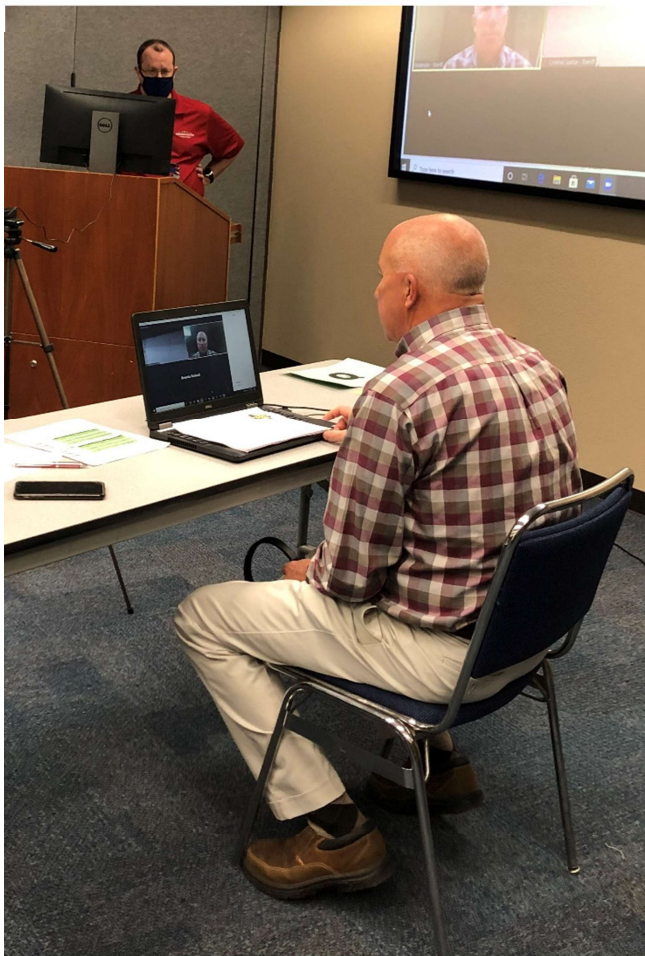
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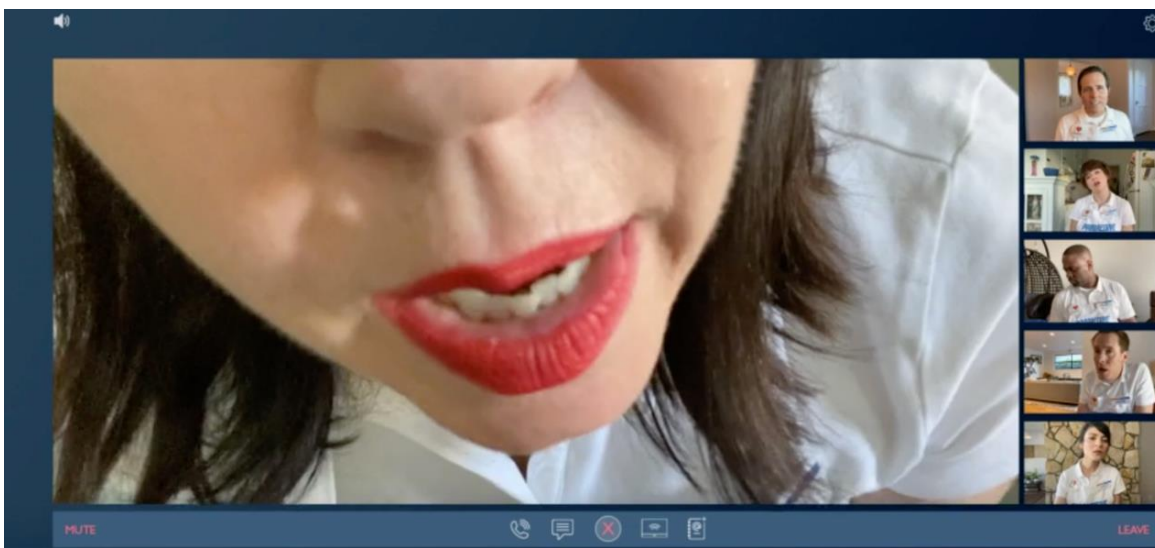
Get ready to explore careers in Texas industries during this **virtual** event for juniors and seniors!

**Transition Fair 2020**

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

### Feedback from event committee:

1. Questions applicable to the speakers
2. Liked that there was not a keynote speaker
3. Moderator training & a LOT more practice ahead of time
4. Capture unanswered Q&A
5. Make sure the schools understand that there is a parent session they need to send info out to parents.
6. Do not use "special needs" but "people with..."
7. Self-Advocacy was VERY popular, so be sure to include that in future too.
8. Have the presenter pick questions beforehand even if we have pre-determined questions OR have them bring FAQs
9. Have someone who can mute/unmute
10. Have someone play presenter and do 3 presenters start from finish for moderators to get the hang of it.
11. Provide descriptions of each session to students.
12. Turn off camera before sharing screen.



## Virtual Transition Fair 2020 SESSION REGISTRATION SUMMARY

Session	# Registrants
Amerigroup	1
Graham Regional Medical Center	9
Midwestern State University (MSU)	12
MyStaf	5
North Central Texas College (NCTC)	16
Parent Session	9
River Bend Nature Center	9
Self-Advocacy	15
The Arc	5
United Market Street	9
Vernon College	15
Weatherford College	13
WIOA	7
Work Services Corporation	9
Workforce Solutions - Employment Tips for Beginners	11
Workforce Solutions Vocational Rehabilitation Overview	12

## Virtual Transition Fair 2020 SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANTS

### High Schools / ISDs

Archer City High School
Burkburnett High School
Graham High School
Nocona ISD/Montague Co SSA
Olney High School
WFISD - Hirschi High School
WFISD - Wichita Falls High School
WFISD Education Center

### Other Attendee Organizations

Midwestern State University
Region 9 ESC
Texas Workforce Solutions - Vocational Rehabilitation
Workforce Solutions North Texas