

Minutes
Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board
Executive Committee
March 20, 2026

The Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board Executive Committee met virtually and in person, on March 20, 2026, in the Tom Catlett Executive Board Room at the CAPDD Office located at 902 North Center St., Lonoke, Arkansas. The purpose of the meeting was due to lack of quorum on March 2, 2026, CAWDB meeting.

Chair Brad Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

CAWDB Executive Members in attendance by zoom

Hughes, Brad	Virtual
Perry, Mark	Virtual
Young, Clevon	Virtual

There were no guests in attendance.

CAPDD Staff in attendance were Carmen Edwards and Rhonda Robinson.

Chair Brad Hughes called for the approval of December 1, 2025, CAWDB meeting minutes. Mark Perry moved to approve December 1, 2025, CAWDB minutes, as presented; Clevon Young seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Brad Hughes requested Carmen Edwards to present the RFP Review Committees scores and recommendation for the Title I Monitoring Service. Carmen reported after scoring both proposals the RFP Committee voted to recommend Hightower Workforce Initiatives for selection as the Title I Monitor for the Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area. After discussion, Clevon Young moved to approve the recommendation of Hightower Workforce Initiatives, as presented by the RFP Review Committee, Mark Perry seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Brad Hughes requested Carmen Edwards to present the list of Eligible Training Provider Applications. After discussion Mark Perry moved to approve the Leverage approved Training Provider applications (Renewals and New), as presented; Clevon Young seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Leverage Approved (Renewal)

PROVIDER NAME	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM COST	MEETS ADA	APPLICATION TYPE
Arkansas Employment Career Center	Certified Clinical Medical Assistant	\$2,850.00	Yes	Renewal
Arkansas Employment Career Center	Certified Pharmacy Technician	\$1,899.00	Yes	Renewal
Arkansas Employment Career Center	Certified Nursing Assistant	\$1,599.00	Yes	Renewal
NCSI	Remote Medical Coding Preparation	\$12,400.00	Yes	Renewal
River Rock CDL Training, LLC	Truck Driver Training	\$5,500.00	Yes	Renewal

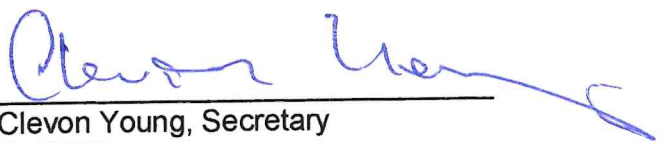
Leverage Approved (New)

PROVIDER NAME	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM COST	MEETS ADA	APPLICATION TYPE
Gateway Allied Health, LLC	Certified Limited License Radiologic Tech	\$3,822.51	Pending	New
Gateway Allied Health, LLC	Certified Medical Assistant	\$3,358.00	Pending	New
Gateway Allied Health, LLC	Certified Medical Coding & Billing Specialist	\$3,632.99	Pending	New
Gateway Allied Health, LLC	Certified Patient Care Technician	\$2,985.00	Pending	New
Gateway Allied Health, LLC	Certified Pharmacy Technician	\$1,370.00	Pending	New
Gateway Allied Health, LLC	Certified Phlebotomy Technician	\$1,545.00	Pending	New
Gateway Allied Health, LLC	Certified Surgical Technician	\$3,815.00	Pending	New
Gateway Allied Health, LLC	Nursing Assistant Program	\$975.00	Pending	New

Being no other business, Chair Brad Hughes called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Perry moved to adjourn the meeting; Clevon Young seconded the motion; Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

APPROVAL:


 Brad Hughes, Chair
 CAWDB


 Clevon Young, Secretary
 CAWDB

ATTEST:


 Rodney Larsen, Executive Director
 CAPDD

Dated: 6/8/2026