**COE QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**

**January 15, 2025**

**Executive Committee Attendees:** Conneva Hall, Pat Jackson, Lorine Bizzell, Roslyn Sledge, Ericia King, Renee Burwell, Cynthia Donnell, Frankie Pendergrass, Janet Proctor, Merrill White, James Simon, Wilma Byrd, Barney Franklin, Reggie Hester, Dorothy Wright, Thomas Powe, Barbara Johnson, Wilma Byrd. Pat Jones, Angenell Nolton, Renee Burwell, Shaunte Ragin.

COE President, Conneva Hall welcomed all and called the Swearing-in Ceremony meeting and meeting to order at 1:00 PM. James Simon, Lou Walker Senior Center Facilities Coordinator also welcomed all to the Ceremony and introduced Dekalb County State Court Judge Phyllis R. Williams to administer the Oath for all Officers and Executive Committee Chairpersons. After all were sworn in by taking the Oath, 2024 COE President Hall turned over the Gavel to Pat Jackson, the new 2025 COE President. The President then introduced the COE Officers and Executive Committee Chairpersons. There were no Committee Reports.

Pat Jackson addressed the audience and encouraged all to participate in the COE. She explained that all who join the Center’s membership rolls are automatically members of the Council of Excellence. President Pat Jackson also shared her vision for leading the council this year.  “A council of Excellence that has all the tools, knowledge, funding and collaborative partnerships needed to achieve the goal of celebrating with excellence the center’s 25th year!”

A Question-and-Answer Open Forum followed President Jackson’s important address. The COE Executive Committee and LWSC Director, Ericia King and staff answered.

questions about various topics including the facility, kitchen upgrades, class suggestions.

The meeting ended with closing remarks by Ericia King, LWSC Director. She thanked the COE for helping to make the Center one of Excellence especially through accreditation and being the liaison between members and staff. She also stressed the importance of attending COE Meetings and becoming a COE Committee volunteer.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM. The next COE Quarterly Meeting will be April 24, at 1:00 PM. All are invited to the February 15, Executive Board COE Meeting at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

 COE Secretary, Lorine Bizzell