

Lake County Workforce Development Board
Employer Connections Committee
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:00AM

Zoom Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/93424322015?pwd=eDVjQ1ZvcXh5OTISY0JBSVdHUnQ5UT09>

Present: Chairwomen Karen Stoneman, Kevin Considine, Emily Garrity, Demar Harris, , Noelle Kischer, Sylvia Johnson Jones, Eric Kurtz, Kathryn Nellis, Carlotta Roman, Jennifer Serino, Arlene Santos-George

Absent: John Bradarich, Dennis Kessler

I. Call to Order..... Karen Stoneman, Committee Chair

Chairwoman Stoneman called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda [Attachment A](#)

- Committee Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2020

*Action: A motion was made by Member Roman, seconded by Member Harris, that the consent agenda be approved. A roll call vote was made, and all members voted “aye”.
The motion carried.*

III. Public

There was no public comment.

IV. Chairwoman’s Report..... Karen Stoneman

There was no report.

V. New Business

1. PY19 & PY20 WIOA Allocations [Attachment B](#)

Member Serino shared attachment B and the PY19 and PY20 WIOA Allocations.

2. Lake County Workforce Development Sector Specialists [Attachment C](#)

Member Harris explained attachment C and the WFDD Sector Specialist’s role and purpose.

3. Lake County Economic and Business Recovery Taskforce

Member Serino and Member Considine shared that Lake County has launched an economic recovery task force charged with brainstorming ways to restart the local economy.

4. IWIB Business Engagement Committee

IWIB's response to COVID-19 effect on businesses was to establish a business-focused standing committee, known as the IWIB Business Engagement Committee (BEC). Through this committee, the board seeks to gather input from businesses around workforce skills and education priorities and focus workforce development efforts on their identified needs. Member Serino and Member Safron will represent Lake County on this committee.

VI. Updates and Information

1. Local Apprenticeship Initiatives

Member Stoneman introduces Dan Ortego, Apprenticeship Manager from the College of Lake County who presented on CLC's new apprenticeship program.

- Presentation: College of Lake County
 - Dan Ortego, Apprenticeship Manager, CLC's Career and Job Placement Center

2. Business Service Team Update

- Workforce Development: 4th Quarter Business Services Outcomes Report [Attachment D](#)

Member Harris gave an overview of the 4th Quarter Business Services Outcomes Report. Please see attachment D in your meeting materials.

3. Regional Business Services Team

4. Lake County Unemployment April Rate: 16.4%

[Attachment E](#)

5. DCEO Rapid Response Small Business Layoff Aversion Grant

[Attachment F](#)

Member shared that the Office of Employment and Training (OET) has been reviewing applications in accordance with WIOA Notice 19-NOT-02 (in the order that they were received). The Department received more than 300 applications requesting more than \$7 million. OET logged all of the applications that were received through Friday, May 8, 2020 (286 applications requesting \$6.8 million). The Lake County Workforce Development Board received 23 applications requesting more than \$572,470 in grant funds – in total we had 61 inquiries. Five of Lake County Business have currently been granted the Rapid Response Small Business Layoff Aversion Grant funds for LWIA 1.

6. Covid-19 Related Layoffs

[Attachment G](#)

Member Serino gave an update on the Covid-19 related layoffs in Lake County. Lake County Workforce Development Department and Workforce Development Board have an established Rapid Response team that assist Lake County employers with consolidation, restructuring, layoffs, and downsizing assistance.

VII. Upcoming Board & Committee Meetings

- Workforce Development Board Meeting – June 25, 2020
- Employer Connections Committee Meeting – August 18, 2020

Member Stoneman announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for August 25 and the next Employer Connections Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2020. Venue/platform is still TBD.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by member Nellis and seconded by member Johnson Jones that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.