



**Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:00 AM**

**Zoom Meeting URL:**

<https://zoom.us/j/94258270087?pwd=RFImRytBeXZnbHZkbHkwcGFaMEgvUT09>

*Present: Andrew Worthington, Karen Stoneman, Kevin Considine, Michael Darling, Timothy Dempsey, Carrie Espinosa, Emily Garrity, Dennis Kessler, Noelle Kischer-Lepper, Ann Maine, Edward Melton, Kathy Nellis, Eugene Roberson, Carlotta Roman, Robyn Safron, Arlene Santos-George, Carla Schroeder, Jennifer Serino, Patrick Statter, Kimberly Wimer, Steven Smart*

*Absent: Laura Crivlare, Josh Fischer, Christine Hammerlund, Jennifer Harris, Kristi Long, Lori Suddick*

**I. Call to Order** .....Andrew Warrington, Committee Chairman

*Meeting was called to order at 8:02am.  
A roll call was taken for attendance.  
A quorum was verified.*

**II. Public Comment**

*No public comment.*

**III. Chairman’s Report** .....Andrew Warrington

*A presentation of the board’s successes during Chairman Andrew Warrington’s leadership was shared. Shared accomplishments: completed the recertification process for the Job Center of Lake County; Workforce policies were modified to meet the needs of Lake County’s population most impacted by Covid-19 and maintained the continuity of board and committee meetings as we transitioned to a virtual environment.*

**IV. Action Item**

Approve the Nominating Committee’s Recommended Slate of Officers for PY’21

- The Executive Committee voted at the June 9, 2021 meeting to recommend approval of the Slate of Officers presented by the Nominating Committee
  - o The Slate as recommended includes:
    - a. Karen Stoneman, Chair
    - b. Kimberly Wimer, Vice-Chair

*Action: Member Melton motioned to approve the recommended slate of officers. Member Santos-George seconded the motion.*

*An opportunity is available now for other Board Members to be nominated from the floor for consideration.*

*No additional nominations, all in favor of the nominated slate of officers.*

*No discussion or corrections.*

*A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried.*

*Karen Stoneman, new Chairwoman will take over the meeting now.*

## **V. Consent Agenda**

### **Approve:**

- April 2021 Board Meeting Minutes [Attachment A](#)
- Board Service Policy 5: Individual Training Account Modifications [Attachment B](#)
- As recommended by the Executive Committee, approve the PY' 21 Job Center of Lake County Memorandum of Understanding [Link 1 / Link 2](#)
- Approve the components of the Lake County WIOA Youth Action Plan as recommended by the Executive Committee [Attachment C](#)

*Action: Member Maine motioned to approve the consent agenda and Member Kessler seconded the motion.*

*No discussion or corrections.*

*A roll call vote was taken, the motion carried.*

*Eva Locke gave a brief overview of the Unify Job Center Partners new referral system website. The website will launch in July. This website is designed for frontline staff members of the 14 partner organizations that contribute to the Job Center of Lake County. Partners will be able to refer customers to the services of all our partner organizations. Together, we provide a broad array of services to ensure that individuals and businesses make a career connection.*

## **VI. New Business**

### **Action Item**

[Attachment D – E](#)

Approve the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act PY'21 Budget and Grant Plan:  
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act PY21 Allocations in the amount of \$5,070,538.

*Action: Member Wimer motioned to approve the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act PY'21 Budget and Grant Plan. Member Darling seconded the motion.*

*No discussion or corrections.*

*A roll call vote was taken, the motion carried.*

## VII. Lake County Workforce Development Business Service Team

Presenter: Antonio Garcia, Business Service Manager

*Chairwoman welcomed Antonio Garcia the new Workforce Development Department Business Service Manager.*

*Antonio presented the Business Plan for PY'21 – PY'22 Strategic Business Services Plan. The plan Acknowledges that Lake County has the lowest unemployment rate. Also, develop tools to make it easy for our customers to be approved for a WIOA Grant.*

## VIII. Updates and Information

### 1. Illinois Workforce Innovation Board (IWIB)

*Chair Warrington attended a virtual meeting last week for the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board (IWIB).*

### 2. Board's Inclusive Leadership Institute

Topic: Disrupting Bias - Breaking Down Barriers and Building Bridges for an Inclusive Workplace

Date: August 26 and 27

Time: 8:30AM – 10:00AM

*Member Roman noted that participants of the next workshop will be challenged to think critically and deeply about some of the more difficult and complex topics that center Diversity and Inclusion. This self-reflective and powerful workshop will examine the concepts of implicit bias, power, and privilege. Participants of this workshop will also explore the role that ethnocentrism, stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination play in creating barriers to an inclusive organization.*

### 3. Workforce Partners of Metropolitan Chicago

- 2020 Year-End Report

[Attachment F/Link](#)

*Member Serino gave an update on the Workforce Partners of Metropolitan Chicago who represent seven local workforce areas in the Northeast Economic Development Region of Illinois. In February 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic hit and the WPMC shifted their efforts to address the needs the needs presented by the pandemic.*

*The five WPMC Grants the WPMC has:*

- 1) Transportation/Distribution/Logistics \$777,917*
- 2) Apprenticeship Navigator = \$399,948*
- 3) Apprenticeship Intermediary = \$249,996, and*
- 4) Technical Assistance/Staff and Partner Integration = \$166,005.*

**IX. Upcoming Board Meeting**

1. Workforce Development Board Meeting – September 30, 2021 at 8:00 AM

*Chairwoman Stone shared that the next board meeting will be held at the Teacher's Union Hall – if anything changes a communication will be sent.*

**X. Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 9:06am*