



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 30th, 2021 at 8:00 AM

Zoom Meeting URL:

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Present: Andrew Warrington, Karen Stoneman, Kevin Considine, Michael Darling, Tim Dempsey, Carrie Espinosa, Emily Garrity, Jennifer Harris, Dennis Kessler, Noelle Kischer-Lepper, Ann Maine, Edward Melton, Kathy Nellis, Carlotta Roman, Robyn Safron, Dr. Arlene Santos-George, Carla Schroeder, Jennifer Serino, Patrick Statter, Kimberly Wimer, Steven Smart, Mary Ross-Cunningham

Absent: Laura Crivlare, Josh Fischer, Christine Hammerlund, Kristie Long, Pastor Eugene Roberson, Dr. Lori Suddick

I. Call to Order Karen Stoneman, Committee Chairman

Meeting called to order at 8:01am.

Roll call was taken.

There is a quorum.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Chairman’s Report Karen Stoneman

- Welcome to Mary Ross-Cunningham, Lake County Board Member (District 9) and new Lake County Workforce Development Board Member

Please join me in welcoming Lake County Government Vice-Chairwoman Mary Ross-Cunningham to the Lake County Workforce Development Board.

Vice Chairwoman Ross-Cunningham serves as the Lake County District 9 County Board Member, representing portions of Waukegan and North Chicago. Vice Chairwoman has been on the board since 2002. In addition to serving as the Board Vice Chair, she also serves as Chair of the Law & Judicial Committee and the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, as Vice-Chair of the Reapportionment Committee and as a member of the Health & Community Services, and Rules committees. In addition, she serves on the Lake County Community Health Center Governing Council. Vice Chair Ross-Cunningham’s main priorities are jobs and affordable housing.

IV. Consent Agenda

Approve:

- June 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

[Attachment A](#)

Accept:

- DOL Dislocated Worker Navigator Grant the amount of \$325,000
- DOL Emergency Assistance Grant in the amount of \$156,454.00

[Attachment B](#)

[Attachment C](#)

Review:

- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Fiscal and Programmatic Monitoring: Corrective Action Plan Accepted
 - PY20 WIOA Youth Formula Grant Waiver and DCEO Approval
- Lake County Workforce Development Grant Reports
 - WIOA PY'19/20 Grant Expenditure Report
 - July 2021 Grant Expenditure Report

[Attachment D](#)

[Attachment E](#)

[Attachment F](#)

[Attachment G](#)

Action: Member Maine motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Warrington second the motion.

No discussions or corrections.

Roll call was taken

Motion carried.

V. New Business

- Introduction to [New Ways to Work](#)
Robert Sainz, President and Executive Director

[Attachment H](#)

The Board will be consulting with New Ways to Work, a nonprofit focusing on advocacy and technical assistance for the improvement of workforce and education programs systems serving young adults, especially those from foster, probation and homeless systems.

New Ways to Work will work with us on how to better serve and increase Youth populations to increase young people's access to services to address the difficult problems of low-income residents, including the challenges of juvenile delinquency, youth and adult unemployment, and youth disconnected from education and work.

VI. Workforce Development Month

Chairwoman Stones welcomed the Board to Workforce Development Month! Workforce Development month was created in 2005 by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) to raise awareness about the importance of our industry to a growing national economy. Originally celebrated in May, NAWDP moved the designation to September in 2012. This year NAWD announced the U.S. Senate recently passed a resolution naming September 2021 Workforce Development Month.

In celebration of Workforce Development Month, we will recognize some of the hard work of our workforce development professionals.

- Lake County Workforce Development Board's Marketing and Communications Plan
George Dimotakis, Pat Davis Design Group, Inc.
 - New Website is Live - <https://www.lakecountyworkforce.org/>
 - Social Media Links:
 - a. LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/lakecountywdb/>

- b. Twitter: <https://twitter.com/lakecountywdb>
 - c. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lakecountywdb>
 - o [Lake County Workforce Development Board Brand Manual](#)
- [NAWB recognizes Eva Locke, Job Center of Lake County, One Stop Operator](#)
Congratulations to Eva Locke, Job Center of Lake County One Stop Operator for being recognized as a Workforce Hero by NAWB. Congratulations Eva!!
- [Workforce Development Success Newsletter Vol. 21 Ed. 2](#)
Ashanti Ross, Project Lead Planner with the Lake County Workforce Development gave an update of the most recent Success Newsletter.
- [Summer Youth Employment Program Press Release](#)
Pamela Walker, Career Specialist, Project Lead Planner with Lake County Workforce Development gave an update on the Summer Youth Employment Program.
- [Workforce Development Brief vol. 21 ed. 3](#)
- Equity Task Force
 - o Next Task Force Meeting: November 19, 2021 at 10am
 - o Inclusive Leadership Institute Final Session: October 28 and 29 at 8:30am
- Topic: Standing in Solidarity with Black Americans:
Disrupting Anti-Black Racism in the Workplace

Member Roman shared an update of all the hard work of the Board's Equity Task Force.
- Workforce Skills Gap and Opportunities Discussion
Facilitators: Chairwoman Stoneman and Vice Chairwoman Wimer

VII. Upcoming Board Meeting

- Workforce Development Board Meeting – November 18, 2021 at 8:00 AM

The next Board meeting will be held via Zoom unless otherwise communicated.

VIII. Adjournment

Member Wimer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Considine seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:19am