



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 26, 2022**  
**8:00 AM - 9:15 AM**

*Present: Karen Stoneman, Andrew Warrington, Carla Schroeder, Carlotta Roman, Christine Hammerlund, Darryl Rader, Dennis Kessler, Arlene Santos-George, Lori Suddick, Jennifer Serino, Josh Fischer, Kathy Nellis, Michael Darling, Michael Karner, Peter Govorchin, Sandra Tran, Steven Smart, Timothy Dempsey, Kimberly Wimer*

*Absent: Anne Maine, Carrie Espinosa, Dane Morgan, Emily Garrity, Jennifer Harris, Julie Savitt, Kristi Long, Kevin Considine, Laura Crivlare, Mary Ross-Cunningham, Noelle Kischer-Lepper, Patrick Statter, Pastor Eugene Roberson, Troy Mcintosh*

**I. Call to Order . . . . . Karen Stoneman, Committee Chairman**

*The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m.  
A quorum was verified.*

**II. Public Comment**

*No public comment.*

**III. Chairman’s Report . . . . . Karen Stoneman**

**1. Lake County Workforce Development Board Leadership**

*Chair Stoneman will be retiring from Sysmex next week. She is stepping down as the Chairwoman of the Lake County Workforce Development Board as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. We appreciate Karen’s service to LCWDB.*

*The LCWDB Chairman and Vice-Chairman roles are open. These positions will be voted on after June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in learning about these leadership roles, please contact Tim Dempsey, Nominating Committee Chairman. You may also contact Jennifer Serino or Laura Gergely for a detailed description of the roles. The LCWD Board follows Robert’s Rules of Order.*

*The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board shall be selected from among the Board’s business representatives. Officers shall be nominated for election through an ad-hoc nominating committee appointed by the Board Chairperson. The officers of the Board shall serve for a one-year term and may be reelected for up to a third one-year term upon nomination by the ad-hoc nominating committee and subsequent election by the Board.*

#### IV. Consent Agenda

##### Approve:

- February 2022 Board Meeting Minutes Attachment A
- As recommended by the Executive Committee, approve the [Link 1/Link 2](#)  
PY2022 Job Center of Lake County Memorandum of Understanding
- As recommended by the Executive Committee, approve the Attachment B  
Memorandum of Understanding between Lake County Workforce Development Board and the One-Stop Operator Consortium (Illinois Department of Employment Security, the College of Lake County, ILDHS Division of Rehabilitation Services and the Lake County Workforce Development Department) in the amount of \$46,455.25

##### Accept:

- Accept the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act PY21 Attachment C  
Revised Allocation modification in the amount of \$139,211

##### Review

- Lake County Workforce Development Grant Reports Attachment D
  - Grant Expenditure Report Attachment E
  - WIOA Youth Plan Report
- The Lake County Workforce Development Success newsletter  
<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/DocumentCenter/View/45317/Success-Newsletter-Vol-22-Ed-1-PDF>
- The Lake County Workforce Brief  
<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/DocumentCenter/View/45421/Workforce-Brief-Vol-22-Ed-2>

*Action: Member Wimer motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Santos-George seconded the motion.*

*All in favor.*

*Motion carried.*

#### V. Action Items

1. Approve the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) [Link](#)  
Four-Year Plan for the Northeast Economic Development Region (2020-2024) Modifications

*Action: Member Kessler motion to approve the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Four-Year Plan for the Northeast Economic Development Region (2020-2024) Modifications. Member Wimer seconded the motion.*

*All in favor.*

*Motion carried.*

2. Approve the Lake County Workforce Development Board WIOA [Link](#)  
Four-Year Local Plan (2020-2024) Modifications  
Speaker: Eric Nordstrom, Career Specialist,  
Lake County Workforce Development

*Eric Nordstrom, Career Specialist at Lake County Workforce presented information on the Local Plan modifications. The Local Plan modifications are due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Some Services were converted to virtual. This enables LCWD to reach more individuals. We have data to compare pre-pandemic versus current virtual services.*

*Action: Member Dempsey motioned to approve the Lake County Workforce Development Board WIOA Four-Year Local Plan (2020-2024) Modifications. Member Govorchin seconded the motion. All in favor.*

*Motion carried.*

## **VI. Workforce Development Customer Success Spotlight – Youth**

Speaker: Jose Garza Garcia, Intern, Lake County Public Works  
Juan Cisneros, Maintenance Supervisor, Lake County Public Works

*Jose was referred to the Job Center by a family member to apply for the WIOA Grant. He chose the HVAC field as a career. He received his credentials for HVAC. Jose became a LCWD Intern at Lake County Public Works. He was hired full-time as a Utility Worker after completion of his work experience. Juan enjoys his job, and no day is the same.*

*Juan has mentored Jose and notes Jose has a good work ethic and attitude. The Partnership with LC Job Center is positive and has yielded talented individuals.*

## **VII. Workforce Development Partner Update – College of Lake County**

Speaker: Lori Suddick, Ed.D.  
President, College of Lake County

*Dr. Lori Suddick provided an overview of Student Success, Dual Credit Pathways, the Advanced Technology Center and Apprenticeship Program updates, Lakeshore Campus Revitalization and Resources for innovative education and workforce solutions. Congressman Schneider's IL-10 Federal Appropriation of \$900,000 will establish manufacturing Alliance, support students via scholarships, Apprenticeships and support program certification exams and equipment. CLC success and equity are the same as Workforce Development. Reengineer*

## **VIII. Lake County Workforce Development Board WIOA Local Plan Strategies**

1. [Lake County Youth Refresh Report](#)
2. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

*The Youth Refresh Report will provide the most recent data on Lake County's young adult population, collect feedback and input from diverse stakeholders. The recommendations for future systems will be led by the WDB Youth Taskforce.*

*The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding will expand programs for technical and interpersonal skills needed in the workplace. Approximately 200 individuals will be served and 150 work experiences will be funded at 80 small businesses.*

## **IX. Updates and Information**

1. LCWDB May 2022 Newsletter

*Highlights of Job Center and program updates for Revive Lake County, Summer Internship opportunities, and the Summer Youth Program. It will also highlight upcoming meetings and events. Partner Spotlight, and Job Seeker and Employer Success Stories.*

2. DCEO Program and Fiscal Joint Monitoring scheduled for May 23, 2022
3. PY 22 WIOA Annual Allocations

*The State of Illinois revised formula allocations for PY21 for the Dislocated Worker funding under Title 1 of the WIOA. Lake County is receiving a total restoration allocation in the amount of \$139,211. The Lake County WIOA allocations for PY22 were reduced by 10.53% for youth, 10.58% of adult and 1.12% for Dislocated Workers.*

**X. Upcoming Board Meeting**

1. Workforce Development Board Meeting – June 23, 2022, at 8:00 AM

**XI. Adjournment**

*Member Stoneman adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.*