



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 22, 2022

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM

College of Lake County's Advanced Technology Center (ATC)

The College of Lake County will offer tours of the ATC prior to the meeting starting at 7:30AM.

Present: Kim Wimer, Andrew Warrington, Carrie Espinosa, Christine Hammerlund, Dennis Kessler, Lori Suddick, Jennifer Harris, Jennifer Serino, Kathy Nellis, Laura Crivlare, Mary Ross-Cunningham, Michael Darling, Michael Karner, Pete Govorchin, Timothy Dempsey

Absent: Ann Maine, Carla Schroeder, Carlotta Roman, Dane Morgan, Darryl Rader, Emily Garrity, Josh Fischer, Julie Savitt, Kevin Considine, Kristi Long, Noelle Kischer-Lepper, Pastor Eugene Roberson, Patrick Statter, Steven Smart

I. Meeting Opening

1. Call to Order.....Kim Wimer, Chairwoman

Meeting called to order at 8:06 A.M.

A quorum was verified.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. Chairwoman's Report

1. Workforce Development Month

- Illinois Workforce Partnership Awards
- Lake County Board Special Recognitions
 - Honoring September 2022 as Workforce Development Professionals Month.
 - Ashanti Ross for her contributions and dedication to serving others within the Workforce Development industry.

In the spirit of Workforce Development Month, I wanted to mention some recent events and awards that have taken place.

On Thursday, September 8th the Illinois Workforce Partnership Awards took place in Springfield, Illinois. The following Lake County award recipients were recognized:

- *Individual Achievement Award Winner: Jodin Jenkins*
- *Business Leadership: SAI Infusion Technologies*

On Tuesday, September 13th the Lake County Board Recognized Ashanti Ross for her contributions and dedication to serving others within the Workforce Development industry and honored September as Workforce Development Professionals month. Thank you to the Workforce Development staff for their hard work.

III. Consent Agenda

Approve:

- June 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

[Attachment A](#)

Review

- DCEO Program and Fiscal Joint Monitoring Response
- Lake County Workforce Development Grant Reports
 - Grant Expenditure Report
 - WIOA Youth Plan Report

[Attachment B](#)

[Attachment C](#)

[Attachment D](#)

The DCEO monitoring response was good. A foundation of skilled talent is needed for manufacturing jobs.

Action: Member Ross-Cunningham motioned to approve the Consent agenda. Member Darling seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

IV. College of Lake County's Advanced Technology Center Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Ali O'Brien, Vice President of Community and Workforce Partnerships
with the College of Lake County

The College of Lake County ATC is one phase of manufacturer training. Develop communication training and certification careers in the manufacturing industry to high school and college students.

V. Lake County Manufacturing Panel and Discussion

[Attachment E](#)

Rocio Arreola-Escutia, Human Resources Director, Eirich Machines
Ali O'Brien, Domy Tool and Stamping Company
Jennifer Robbins, Senior Human Resources Manager, HyrdaForce

Dr. Warrington facilitated the manufacturing panel. Andrew Warrington is the Chief Executive Officer with UCC Environmental in Waukegan, IL. UCC is a manufacturer employing 360 people. The company is the market leader for environmental control systems for power plants including technologies for safe coal ash handling, air pollution control and water treatment. Andrew is a past chairman of the LWDB.

All three companies participated in a panel discussion regarding the board's Incumbent Worker Training Program. Representatives shared how IWT has benefited employee retention, up-skilling, and mitigating risk due to the Covid pandemic. Topics included cost savings, employee retention and development.

Rosio of Eirich Machines has a unique, continuous improvement program. The program received an Opportunity to continue. It is critical to help fill positions with internal training.

VI. Updates and Information

1. Lake County Regional Office of Education Update

Dr. Michael Karner, Superintendent of Schools

The regional office has a new location in Vernon Hills. The regional office is helpful to many school districts. Some of the services the office will continue offering are teacher licensure assistance, GED/HSE services by partnering with CLC, bus driver initial training and recertification annually, ISBE related grants, work permits/age certificates, alternative learning opportunity programs (ALOP), and implement courses for high school students to earn college credits with the help of Workforce Development career-based programs, Career Pathways: college versus career. The ability to take courses virtually and in-person training/education.

VII. Upcoming Board Meeting

1. Workforce Development Board Meeting – November 17th, 2022, at 8:00 AM

VIII. Adjournment

Before officially closing the meeting, I would like to thank the college and the ATC for hosting the meeting. Thank You! There are nine new board members awaiting the Lake County Board's approval of these new members.

Member Warrington motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Dempsey seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 A.M.