



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 23, 2022

College of Lake County - Lakeshore Campus
Eleanor Murkey Community Center

Present: Kim Wimer, Ann Maine, Carrie Espinosa, Andrew Warrington, Carlotta Roman, Lori Suddick, Edward Gallagher, Jennifer Harris, Jennifer Serino, Josh Fischer, Kathy Nellis, Kevin Considine, Kenneth Swanson, Lisa Johnson, Michael Darling, Melissa O'Neill, John Castillo, Demetri Katsulis, Marcus Jordan (Zoom)

Absent: Carla Schroeder, Christine Hammerlund, Dennis Kessler, Jennifer Robbins, Julie Savitt, Kristi Long, Mary Ross-Cunningham, Noelle Kischer-Lepper, Michael Karner, Pastor Eugene Roberson, Pete Govorchin, Sandra Tran, Troy McIntosh, Tim Dempsey, Laura Crivlare-Maglio, Kristi Long, Darryl Rader, Steve Smart, Marcy Thompson

I. Meeting Opening

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

Meeting called to order: 8:10 A.M.

Quorum: Quorum is not met due to the incremental weather several members called in absent or attended via Zoom

- 2. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. Chairwoman's Report

- 1. Welcome New WDB Member:

- a. Ken Swanson -- Local 881 Union Representative

Welcome our new Board member, Kenneth Swanson who was just appointed by the Lake County Board on Tuesday. Kenneth is replacing long-standing board member Patrick Statter.

- 2. Recognition of Service:

- a. Patrick Statter
b. Laura Gergely

Thank you to Patrick Statter for 15-years of service on the Workforce Development Board and your contributions.

Thank you to Laura Gergely for your years of work as the Board Coordinator, you have made a difference in our work and the work of the system. You will be missed but we look forward to continuing to work with you in your new role as Director of Development with the College of Lake County Foundation.

III. College of Lake County – Lakeshore Campus Welcome

Jesus Ruiz, Dean of Lakeshore Campus

Jesus Ruiz shared an overview of the campus and the vision for its growth: To create a vibrant urban campus environment with dynamically beneficial experiences between the College, students and the community that are meaningful to those we serve.

- *Health and Health equity*
- *The Arts*
- *Business and technology*
- *Sustainable Urban Agriculture*
- *Workforce Development*
- *Racial and Social Justice*
- *Student learning beyond the classroom*

The new CLC Lakeshore Campus is expected to be a hub of activity beyond the classroom.

IV. Consent Agenda

Approve:

- November 2022 Board Meeting Minutes [Attachment A](#)
- As recommended by the Executive Committee approve the Lake County Partners' Salesforce Agreement [Attachment B](#)
- As recommended by the Executive Committee approve the Pat Davis Design Consulting Agreement for the WDB Strategic Outreach and Communication Plan [Attachment C](#)

Accept:

- The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Trade Adjustment Act Assistance (TAA) grant in the amount of \$18,610.79. [Attachment D](#)

Review:

- Lake County Workforce Development Grant Reports
 - Grant Expenditure Report [Attachment E](#)
- [Lake County Workforce Development Newsletter – SUCCESS](#)
- Workforce Partners of Metropolitan Chicago Regional Workforce System Impact – Business Services [Attachment F](#)

Motion to approve: Consent Agenda was unable to be brought forward for action due to a lack of quorum. Items have all be approved by the Executive Committee on February 22nd and will be brought back to the Board at the next meeting for consideration.

V. Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership

Kevin Considine, President Lake County Partners

Member Considine shared information on the newly formed Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership. Partnership Members include: City of Chicago via World Business Chicago, Cook County, Lake County, McHenry County, Kane County, Will County, DuPage County, and Kendall County

VI. U.S. DOL Employment and Training Youth System Building Academy

Jennifer Serino, Director Lake County Workforce Development

Member Serino shared an overview of the new DOL YSB Academy, and the application submitted by Lake County Workforce Development was one of nine selected to be part of the YSB Academy. The YSB Academy team from Lake County includes workforce development, College of Lake County, ROE representative and WDB member Marcus Jordan representing labor. The team will be traveling to DOL in Washington D.C. in March and June to work on the youth action plan.

VII. Updates and Information**1. Workforce Development Board's Equity Task Force**

Member Roman shared the current work of the Equity Taskforce

- *Working on adding items to the current customer survey to improve data regarding the customers' experience.*
- *Will be working on a stakeholder survey as well as a program evaluation process.*
- *All board members and community members are welcomed to join.*
- *Inclusive Leadership 2.0 is on everyone's to-do list, record a short video on how you live out inclusive leadership.*

2. National Association of Workforce Boards

Member Harris shared the NAWB Forum will take place in March in Washington, D.C. and several members will be in attendance. The Forum provides an opportunity to meet with and learn promising practices from workforce boards throughout the country.

3. Illinois Workforce Investment Board

Member Warrington shared that the Governor's office has not made any new appointments to the IWIB resulting in not enough business leaders represented on the IWIB. Member Warrington shared the work being done in Lake County LWIA 1 continues to be a #1 and a leader in the state.

VIII. Upcoming Board Meeting**1. Workforce Development Board Meeting – Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 8:00 AM**

The next board meeting will be April 27th at the Lake County University Center in Grayslake.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Member Harris

Second: Member Darling

Meeting adjourned: 9:20 A.M.

X. CLC Lakeshore Campus Tour

Everyone is welcome to take a tour of the new College of Lake County Lake Shore Campus Student Service Center.