

Employer Connections Committee

Minutes

May 17, 2023, at 9:15 AM

Consumers Credit Union
1075 Tri-State Pkwy, Gurnee, IL 60031

Present: Michael Darling, Carrie Espinosa, Josh Fischer, Antonio Garcia, Pete Govorchin, Sylvia Johnson-Jones, Dennis Kessler, Eric Kurtz, Mary Ross-Cunningham, Julie Savitt, Jennifer Serino, Steve Smart, Thomas Maillard (proxy for Noelle Kischer-Lepper)

Absent: Kevin Considine, Troy McIntosh

I. Meeting Opening

1. Call to Order..... Michael Darling, Chairperson
Called to order: 9:18 A.M.
Quorum: Yes

2. *No Public Comment.*

II. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the March 2023 Employer Connections Meeting Minutes [Attachment A](#)
Motion to approve: Member Kessler
Seconded: Member Govorchin
No discussions or corrections.
All in favor: Motion carried.

III. Welcome

1. Consumers Credit Union
 Carla Schroeder, Talent Acquisition Director

Carla presented an overview of Consumers Credit Union. Consumers is a not-for-profit financial institution and one of the largest credit unions in Illinois. It was established in 1930. There are over 500 employees in 15 branch locations. Consumer Credit Union will be moving to Lake Forest in 2024. Currently, there are 17 interns/apprenticeships, both full-time and part-time, entry level to senior level.

IV. Presentation

1. Agnes Masnik, Northeast Regional Manager, Office of Regional Economic Development
 Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Agnes Masnik is with DCEO Regional Economic Development team and works closely with workforce and economic development. Agnes provided an overview of the work and programs DCEO has available to businesses. DCEO is the state’s economic development dedicated to creating economic opportunity for all Illinoisans by attracting job creators and bolstering small businesses. Top priorities are attracting and

retaining businesses, supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs, and building clean energy.

V. Updates and Information

1. PY'23 WIOA Grant Allocations

The PY'23 WIOA Formula Grant has a 7% budget increase over last program year's grant.

2. Workforce Board Service Policies

The Employer Connection Committee is responsible for the review and approval of the following Service Policies. Workforce Development will present recommended and required policy modifications at the August committee meeting.

- *Local Training Provider*
- *Incumbent Worker Training*
- *On-the-Job Training*
- *Wage Replacement*
- *Work Experience*

Additional key updates

- *DCEO completed their annual financial and programmatic monitoring earlier this month. The initial exit reported no fiscal findings and some participant file findings.*
- *Workforce Development is working with Pat Davis Design on a system-wide strategic communication plan to support recruitment and community engagement efforts.*
- *Workforce Development will be working with partners, College of Lake County and the City of Waukegan once the Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) Notices of Funding is released.*
- *DCEO released a Notice of Funding to local workforce boards in response to a DOL Apprenticeship Expansion Grant.*

VI. Upcoming Board & Committee Meetings

1. Workforce Development Board Meeting – June 22, 2023, at 8:00 A.M.
2. Employer Connections Committee Meeting – August 16, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

VII. Adjournment

<i>Motion to adjourn:</i>	<i>Member Schroeder</i>
<i>Second:</i>	<i>Member Johnson-Jones</i>
<i>Meeting adjourned:</i>	<i>10:12 A.M.</i>