



Minutes
May 8, 2024
Lake County Tech Campus

Present:

Kimberly Wimer, Kevin Considine, Carrie Espinosa, Timothy Dempsey, Edward Gallagher, Rachel Loberg, Carlotta Roman, Carla Schroeder, Jennifer Serino, , Ken Swanson, Mary Ross-Cunningham, Lisa Johnson, Jennifer Robbins, Josh Fisher, Yvette Ewing, Marcus Jordan, , Demitri Katsulis, Kristi Long, Tasha Shell, Julie Savitt, Ali O'Brien (proxy for Lori Suddick), Darryl Rader, Kathy Nellis

Absent: Andrew Warrington, Christine Hammerlund, Dennis Kessler, John Castillo, Jennifer Harris, Kristi Long, Ann Maine, Troy Mcintosh, Michael Karner, Laura Crivlare, Noelle Kischer-Lepper, Carla Schroeder.

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:15am

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments

III. Chairwoman's Report.....Kim Wimer

- Chair Kim Wimer congratulated Ashananti Ross and Sara Espeland on recent promotions within the organization.
Chair Wimer also thanked Lake County Tech Campus for hosting the meeting during Youth Apprenticeship Week.
Ally O'Brien provided an update on the Manufacturing Alliance, including the hiring of Jim McConoughey as Director. Plans were discussed to officially launch the Alliance with a membership drive and public event.

IV. Reports

- NAWB Forum Experience .....Marcus Jordan

Member Jordan shared his experience at the NAWB forum in Washington DC, highlighting that the LCWD Boards engagement and labor representation made them particularly relevant. He encouraged other board members to consider attending NAB in the future for training opportunities.

V. Consent Agenda

- February 2024 Lake County Workforce Development Board Minutes
Accept WIOA IE Grant Modification
Accept Low to Moderate Income Eligible Individuals Grant
Approve Employer Incentive Policy
Apprenticeship Illinois Expansion Grant Fund (PY23) Policy

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. The vote passed unanimously.

## VI. Action Items

- Approve the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Four-Year Plan (2024 – 2028) for the Northeast Economic Development Region and the Local Plan

*A motion to approve was made by Member Fischer, seconded by Member Dempsey. The motion passed unanimously.*

- Approve the PY24 Job Center of Lake County MOU and Cost Sharing Agreement for July 2023 – June 2024

*A motion was made to approve the Job Center of Lake County MOU by Member Dempsey and seconded by Member Roman . The motion passed unanimously.*

## VII. Regular Agenda

- WIOA Re-Authorization

*Jennifer Serino provided an update on the bipartisan WIOA reauthorization bill currently in the Senate. Challenges and opportunities from potential changes were discussed. The biggest concern that will need to be monitored is that governors would now be allowed to change boundaries or combine local areas. Lake County is between Cook County which is much larger, McHenry County who works very closely with the Rockford area DuPage. The board agreed that this should be monitored as the bill progresses.*

- Strategic Planning

*Board members are still being sought to participate in reviewing the strategic plan. The first meeting will be held in June.*

## VIII. Presentation

- Pace Services – VanGo & On-Demand

Member Ed Gallagher

## IX. Announcements

## X. Updates/Other Items

## XI. Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:36am.*