



Michigan Workforce Development Board Meeting

November 4, 2020, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Members Present:

Cindy Pasky, Board Chair and President and CEO, Strategic Staffing Solutions
Kerry Ebersole, Board Executive Director and Director of Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity, Office of Sixty by 30
Steve Claywell, President, Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council
Susan Corbin, Acting Director, Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity
Robert Davies, President, Central Michigan University
Jennifer Geno, Executive Director, Career and Technical Education, Saginaw Intermediate Schools
Lee Graham, Executive Director, Operating Engineers 324
Peter Hungerford, Chief Operating Officer, ADAC Automotive
Russ Kavalhuna, President, Henry Ford College
Rachel Lutz, Owner, Peacock Room Boutique, Yama, and Frida Clothing Stores
Dave Meador, Chief Administrative Officer, DTE Energy
Tony Retaskie, Executive Director, Upper Peninsula Construction Council
Jessica Robinson, President, Detroit Mobility Lab and Michigan Mobility Institute and Co-Founder and Partner Assembly Ventures
Nicole Sherard-Freeman, Executive Director of Workforce Development and Detroit at Work, City of Detroit
Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Council Chairman, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and Chairman and CEO, Pokagon Gaming Authority Board
Pastor George Wilkinson, President of NorthGate and Pastor, Word of Life Christian Church
Martha Zehnder Kaczynski, Vice President, Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Corp., Bavarian Inn Lodge, and the Frankenmuth Cheese Haus
Senator Kevin Daley, Michigan Senate
Senator Mallory McMorrow, Michigan Senate, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

Awenate Cobbina
Leigh Kegerreis, Administrative Assistant to the President of the UAW
Birgit Klohs, President and CEO, The Right Place, Inc.
Patti Poppe, President and CEO, CMS Energy & Consumers Energy
Ari Weinzwieg, CEO, Zingerman's Community of Businesses

Representative Ben Frederick, Michigan House of Representatives

Representative Sarah Anthony, Michigan House of Representatives, Ex-Officio

Staff Present:

Alicia Kirkey, Departmental Analyst, Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity

Guests Present:

Jeff Donofrio, Former Director, Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity

Stephanie Beckhorn, Senior Deputy Director, Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity -
Employment & Training

Ben Damerow, Director, Michigan Works! Southwest

Heather McBrien, Operations Director, Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity

Megan Schrauben, Executive Director MiSTEM, Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity

Ashley Batteen, Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development

Jonathan Smith, Chief of Staff, Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity

Erica Quealy, Communications Office, Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity

Michael Snyder, Communications Office, Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity

Call to Order and Roll Call

The virtual meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chair Cindy Pasky. A quorum was present for this meeting. Board Executive Director Kerry Ebersole conducted roll call.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ms. Pasky welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Ebersole also welcomed the board and shared that she will be staffing the board as the Executive Director.

Ms. Ebersole then introduced Governor Gretchen Whitmer whose remarks were shared via recorded message. The Dept. of Labor and Economic Opportunity's former Director Jeff Donofrio and Acting Director Susan Corbin also addressed the board.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairperson Cindy Pasky brought the consent agenda before the board. Tony Retaskie made a motion to approve the proposed November 4, 2020 Meeting Agenda, draft Bylaws, and the proposed 2021 quarterly meeting dates of February 8, 2021, May 6, 2021, September 16, 2021, December 6, 2021. Bob Davies supported. All members were in favor. The motion carried.

New Business

Next meeting will discuss the board structure, position of Vice Chairman, and the Executive Committee, and board committees.

Presentations

The Strategic Plan was presented and discussed by Kerry Ebersole, Director, Sixty by 30, and Stephanie Beckhorn, Senior Deputy Director, LEO-Employment & Training.

*** presentation available upon request and on website ***

Michigan Works! Presentation was given by Ben Damerow, Director of Michigan Works!
Southwest

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Questions/Comments

Suggestion to identify quick wins in first 90 days. As a new board, identify successes that can be accomplished during the first 90 days while continuing to build toward more substantial change.

Suggested agenda item for a future meeting: With regard to adults with disabilities, would like to identify a baseline and an understanding of the State of Michigan programs/initiatives and possible best practices to take to scale.

Ms. Ebersole will be meeting one-on-one with all board members regarding focus of work, committees, short-term wins, other engagement, etc. Also, reminder that additional orientation materials will be sent to board members.

Public Comment

Ms. Pasky called for public comment. There being no response, meeting continued.

Closing Remarks/Comments

Ms. Pasky thanked the board members and presenters. She looks forward to working with this board and make a difference for the people of Michigan.

Adjournment

Motion made by Bob Davies to close the meeting. Supported by Lee Graham. Motion approved unanimously. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meetings:

February 8, 2021 – meeting format/location to be determined

May 6, 2021 – meeting format/location to be determined

September 16, 2021 – meeting format/location to be determined

December 6, 2021 – meeting format/location to be determined