

**MiSTEM Advisory Council Meeting**  
**December 9, 2019, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity  
201 N. Washington Square  
Lansing, MI 48933

For those that could not attend in person, a virtual option was provided:  
Dial-In Number: 1-248-509-0316 Conference ID: 799762040

Council Members Present:

Michelle Richard, Chair, *Ex Officio*  
Daniel Williams, Vice Chair  
Sheila Alles, *Ex Officio*  
Gail Alpert  
Mary Bacon  
Lee Graham  
Jacqueline Huntoon  
Representative Padma Kuppa

Tonya Matthews  
Representative Brad Paquette  
Aarica Smith for Senator Dayna Polehanki  
Chris Velasquez  
Wendy Winston  
Adam Zemke  
Shane Preston for Senator Dale Zorn

Staff Present:

Megan Schrauben, Executive Director, MiSTEM Network  
Alicia Kirkey, Department Analyst, Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity – Workforce Development

MiSTEM Regional Directors Present:

Jason Luke, Region 1 – Southwest  
Scott Heister, Region 2 – Southeast  
Greg Johnson, Region 3 – Wayne  
Mike Gallagher, Region 5 – Oakland  
Sarah Keenan-Lechel, Region 6 – I69  
Lory Thayer, Region 7 – Mid-Michigan  
Kristofer Pachla, Region 8 – Greater West Michigan  
Lisa Wininger, Region 9 – West Central  
Claire Bunker, Region 10 – East Central Michigan

Kristen Zagorski, Region 11 – Upper Thumb  
Laura Percival, Region 12 – Northwest Michigan  
Andrea Weiner, Region 13 – Northwestern Lower Michigan  
Kevin St. Onge, Region 14 – Eastern Upper Peninsula  
Chris Standerford, Region 15 – 906 Central  
Emily Gochis, Region 16 – Western Upper Peninsula

Guests present:

Stephanie Beckhorn, Director, Dept. of Labor and Economic Opportunity-Employment and Training  
Ruth Anne Hodges, Manager, Michigan Department of Education  
Cody Williams and Mark Jenness, Western Michigan University  
Diane Miller and Ginger Rohwer, MiSTEM Region 8 - Greater West Michigan

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chair Michelle Richard.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Michelle Richard, Chair, welcomed the new council members to the first meeting of the new council. Council members then introduced themselves.

## APPROVAL OF PHASE 1 MiSTEM COUNCIL GRANTS

Executive Director Megan Schrauben asked for any council members to identify potential conflicts of interest with respect to the MiSTEM grants that would prevent them from voting on the package of grants being considered at the meeting. Council Members with conflicts of interest that will be exempt from voting: Gail Albert and Jacqueline Huntoon.

Ms. Schrauben discussed the context of the MiSTEM Council grants, their alignment with all four MiSTEM pillars and the grants requirements. The grants provide the funding to incentivize districts to address all four pillars. Per legislation, the Council must recommend to the Michigan Department of Education by December 15, 2019 the programs they wish to see funded in Michigan.

Prior to the meeting, Ms. Schrauben and the MiSTEM Regional Directors reviewed the identified areas of need, the proposed program alignment in meeting those needs, and prepared their recommendations for consideration of the Council. After fielding questions from Council members, Chair, Michelle Richard indicated she was prepared to consider a motion for approval. A MOTION was made by Chris Velasquez to approve the recommendations before the Council. The motion was SECONDED by Sheila Alles. The motion was put to a voice vote of the council members. All were in favor. No objections. The motion was APPROVED.

Next step: Ms. Schrauben will now communicate the recommendations with the Michigan Department of Education program office in order to build out what the consortium applications will look like across the state.

## 2020 EXPECTATIONS

An in-person retreat will be held January 29, 2020. To the extent members can attend in person, it would be valuable. However, a virtual option will be offered for those that cannot attend in person.

Ms. Richard asked for council members to share any topics for the 2020 schedule as those meetings are scheduled and agendas are being created.

## PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 minutes allotted for each speaker

There were no public comments.

## NEXT MEETING:

Date: January 29, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Office of Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity  
2nd Floor-Landmark Building, 105 W. Allegan St. Lansing, MI 48933:

CLOSING REMARKS were provided by Chair Michelle Richard.

There being no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

*Drafted 12/11/19 by A. Kirkey.*