

Michigan Workforce Development Board Meeting

May 6, 2021, 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, joined from Detroit, Michigan

Kerry Ebersole, Board Executive Director and Director of Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity, Office of Sixty by 30, joined from East Lansing, Michigan

Steve Claywell, President, Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council, joined from Lansing, Michigan

Susan Corbin, Acting Director, Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity, joined from Petoskey

Senator Kevin Daley, Michigan Senate, joined from Lum, Michigan

Dr. Robert Davies, President, Central Michigan University, joined from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Jeff Donofrio, President/CEO, Business Leaders of Michigan, joined from Detroit, Michigan

Representative Ben Frederick, Michigan House of Representatives, joined from Lansing, Michigan

Jennifer Geno, Executive Director, Career/Technical Education, joined from Saginaw Intermediate Schools, Saginaw, Michigan

Lee Graham, Executive Director, Operating Engineers 324, joined from Bloomfield Township, Michigan

Peter Hungerford, Chief Operating Officer, ADAC Automotive, joined from Grand Rapids, Michigan

Russ Kavalhuna, President, Henry Ford College, joined from Dearborn, Michigan

Martha Zehnder Kaczynski, Vice President, Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Corp., Bavarian Inn Lodge, and the Frankenmuth Cheese Haus, joined from Frankenmeuth, Michigan

Leigh Kegerreis, Administrative Assistant to the President of the UAW, joined from Monroe, Michigan

Shana Lewis, Executive Director of Talent Acquisition, Trinity Health, joined from Lansing, Michigan

Rachel Lutz, Owner, Peacock Room Boutique, Yama, and Frida Clothing Stores, joined from Detroit, Michigan

Senator Mallory McMorrow, Michigan Senate, Ex-Officio, joined from Royan Oak, Michigan

Dave Meador, Chief Administrative Officer, DTE Energy, joined from Bloomfield Township, Michigan

Tony Retaskie, Executive Director, Upper Peninsula Construction Council, joined from Marquette, Michigan

Jessica Robinson, President, Detroit Mobility Lab and Michigan Mobility Institute and Co-Founder and Partner Assembly Ventures, joined from Detroit, Michigan

Nicole Sherard-Freeman, Executive Director of Workforce Development and Detroit at Work, City of Detroit, Designee of Michael Duggan, Mayor, City of Detroit, joined from Detroit, Michigan

Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Council Chairman, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and Chairman and CEO, Pokagon Gaming Authority Board, joined from Lansing, Michigan

Pastor George Wilkinson, President of NorthGate and Pastor, Word of Life Christian Church, joined from Flint, Michigan

Members Absent:

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

Awenate Cobbina, Chair, MEDC Executive Committee

Ari Weinzweig, CEO, Zingerman's Community of Businesses

Board Staff Present:

Alicia Kirkey, Departmental Analyst, Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity

Guest Presenters:

Dave Massaron, Budget Director, Michigan Department of Management and Budget

Call to Order and Roll Call

The virtual meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chairperson Cindy Pasky. Executive Director Kerry Ebersole conducted roll call. A quorum was present for this meeting.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ms. Ebersole and Susan Corbin, Acting Director of the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Pasky brought the consent agenda before the board. Lee Graham made a motion to approve the proposed February 8, 2021 Meeting Agenda, the proposed minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting and the updates to the *Michigan Training Connect* Manual. Bob Davies supported. All members were in favor. The motion carried.

New Business

Election of Vice Chairperson: Ms. Ebersole opened the floor for Vice Chairperson nominations. Rachel Lutz nominated Jeff Donofrio. Rachel Lutz moved that Jeff Donofrio be elected Vice Chair. Motion was supported by Tony Retaskie. All members were in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Executive Committee - Ms. Ebersole described the role of the Executive Committee and the membership, which consists of the Chair, Vice Chair, and representatives from labor, community-based organizations and business. Kerry Ebersole nominated Lee Graham and Nicole Sherard-Freeman to the committee as well. Jeff Donofrio moved that these nominations be accepted. Bob Davies supported. All were in favor. Motion carried. The Executive Committee will consist of Cindy Pasky, Chair, Jeff Donofrio, Vice Chair, Lee Graham and Nicole Sherard-Freeman

Workgroups:

- Job Matching Workgroup – Lead by Peter Hungerford and joined by Bob Davies, Kerry Ebersole, Representative Ben Frederick, Russ Kavalhuna, and Leigh Kegerreis, this group will analyze and advise avenues to match graduates to interviews to improve retainment of Michigan graduates. Michigan Works! is a good partner in this area.
- Policy Workgroup – Lead by Jeff Donofrio, joined by Kerry Ebersole, Representative Ben Frederick, Brandy Johnson, Shana Lewis, Senator Mallory McMorrow, and Nicole Sherard-Freeman, this group will analyze policies that adversely affect underserved areas in Michigan and policies that may be reauthorized and provide recommendations for changes to the administration/Legislature.
- Support Services Workgroup – Lead by George Wilkinson, joined by Martha Zehnder Kaczynski, Leigh Kegerreis, Tony Retaskie and Monica Chrzaszcz, this group will analyze Barriers, such as childcare and transportation, and offer suggestions how to address these barriers.
- Talent Cultivation & Aptitude Pairing Workgroup – Lead by Jenny Geno, joined by Lee Graham, Rachel Lutz and Megan Schrauben, this group will cultivate programs such as Futures for Frontliners and Reconnect and others.

The workgroups will be meeting in the upcoming months and report to the full board at the next meeting on September 16, 2021.

Presentation

- Budget Presentation was presented by Dave Massaron, Budget Director, Michigan Department of Management and Budget.
*** presentation available upon request and on website ***

Public Comment

Ms. Pasky called for public comment. There being no response after a second call, the meeting continued.

Questions/Comments:

There were no further questions or comments.

Closing Remarks/Comments

Ms. Pasky conveyed that the next meeting is September 16, 2021. The format of the meeting will be determined. The workgroups will be meeting soon and will report to the full board in September.

Adjournment

There being no further business. A motion was made by Jeff Donofrio to close the meeting. Supported by Rachel Lutz. Motion approved unanimously. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Meeting Schedule:

February 8, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

May 6, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

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

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