

Michigan Workforce Development Board Meeting

December 6, 2021, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Operating Engineers 324 Construction Career Center
275 E. Highland Road, Howell, MI 48843

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Minutes of Meeting

Members Present In-Person:

Cindy Pasky, Board Chair, President and CEO, Strategic Staffing Solutions
Susan Corbin, Acting Director, Dept. of Labor & Economic Opportunity
Senator Kevin Daley, Michigan Senate
Representative Ben Frederick, Michigan House of Representatives
Lee Graham, Executive Director, Operating Engineers 324
Russ Kavalhuna, President, Henry Ford College
Rachel Lutz, Owner, Peacock Room Boutique, Yama, and Frida Clothing Stores

Members Attending Virtually:

Jeff Donofrio, Board Vice Chair, President/CEO, Business Leaders of Michigan, attended from Detroit, Michigan
Dr. Robert Davies, President, Central Michigan University, attended from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
Jennifer Geno, Executive Director, Career/Technical Education, Saginaw Intermediate Schools, attended from Saginaw, Michigan
Peter Hungerford, Chief Operating Officer, ADAC Automotive, attended from Grand Rapids, Michigan
Leigh Kegerreis, Administrative Assistant to the President of the UAW, attended from Monroe, Michigan
Shana Lewis, Executive Director of Talent Acquisition, Trinity Health, attended from Lansing, Michigan
Senator Mallory McMorrow (Royal Oak, MI), Michigan Senate, Ex-Officio, attended from Royal Oak, Michigan
Dave Meador, Chief Administrative Officer, DTE Energy, attended from Oakland County, Michigan

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

Members Absent (excused):

Representative Sarah Anthony, Michigan House of Representatives, Ex-Officio
Steve Claywell, President, Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council
Awenate Cobbina, Chair, MEDC Executive Committee
Martha Zehnder Kaczynski, Vice President, Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Corp., Bavarian Inn Lodge, and the Frankenmuth Cheese Haus
Jessica Robinson, President, Detroit Mobility Lab and Michigan Mobility Institute and Co-Founder and Partner Assembly Ventures
Ari Weinzweig, CEO, Zingerman's Community of Businesses
Matthew Wesaw, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Pastor George Wilkinson, President of NorthGate and Pastor, Word of Life Christian Church

Board Staff Present:

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

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ms. Pasky welcomed everyone to the meeting. Operating Engineers 324 (OE324) hosted the meeting. Board member Lee Graham, OE324 Executive Director for Labor Management Division, welcomed the board along with OE324's President Ken Dombrow, John Hartwell, Outreach & Career Coordinator, and John Osika, Training Director. They shared the history and current operations at OE324 and offered a tour of the facility after the meeting.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chairperson Cindy Pasky. Susan Corbin, Director, Michigan Labor & Economic Development, conducted roll call. A quorum was not immediately present due to technical difficulties. Once difficulties were resolved, members were able to join the meeting and a quorum was met.

Since a quorum was not yet present, continued on to New Business until two members were able to resolve technical issues and join the meeting.

New Business

Talent Cultivation/Aptitude Pairing Workgroup Report was presented by work group lead Jenny Geno. Ms. Geno reported a recap of the recommendations and current best practices along with community support from Saginaw, additional recommendations regarding K-12 schools, adult career awareness and strategic proposals. The full report is posted on the [Board's](#) website.

Director Corbin shared LEO Executive Remarks regarding Governor Whitmer's MI New Economy Plan, which is a plan to grow our middle class, support small businesses and build strong communities. She shared seven criteria for decision-making across all investments, Michigan's biggest economic challenges and plans to meet those challenges and concluded with visions for these challenges. Director Corbin's presentation is posted on the [Board's](#) website.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Pasky brought the consent agenda before the board for consideration and approval. These items were provided to board members for review prior to the meeting. Consent agenda items consisted of,

1. The proposed December 6, 2021, Meeting Agenda,
Lee Graham moved to approve the proposed Dec. 6, 2021, agenda. Jeff Donofrio supported. All members were in favor. The motion carried.
2. The Draft Minutes of the September 16, 2021, board meeting, and,
Lee Graham moved to approve the draft Minutes of the September 16, 2021, meeting. Rachel Lutz supported said motion. All members were in favor. The motion carried.
3. The Unified State Plan Modifications,
Representative Ben Frederick asked questions regarding reskilling and upskilling of Michigan's workforce. The Plan does address those items.

There being no further questions, Ms. Pasky called for a motion to approve the modifications. Senator Kevin Daley moved to approve the Unified State Plan Modifications. Susan Corbin supported said motion. All members were in favor. The motion carried.

New Business

Workgroup Status and Opportunities – Director Corbin presented a side-by-side comparison of the findings and recommendations of each of the Board's workgroups to the Governor's MI New Economy Agenda. Director Corbin's presentation is posted on the [Board's](#) website.

Presentation: Fast/Quick Start

The Boston Consulting Group presented an external view of best practices from other states for fast/quick start programs and opportunities. Fast/economic development programs/Overview of Existing Programs in the Country. The presentation is posted on the [Board's](#) website.

Questions/Comments

There were no further questions or comments.

Public Comment

Ms. Pasky called for public comment at 2:24 p.m. There being no response after three calls, the meeting continued.

Closing Remarks/Comments

Ms. Pasky conveyed that the next meeting is March 7, 2021. Details on the location of the meeting will be forthcoming. Our hosts of the meeting, board member Lee Graham and his team at Operating Engineers 324 (OE324) will share videos of OE324 that will be shared with attendees and posted to the Board web page. Also, OE324 invited meeting attendees to tour their construction training center after the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business. A motion was made by Senator Kevin Daley to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by Susan Corbin. Motion approved unanimously. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Meeting materials and meeting information are posted at [Labor and Economic Opportunity - Michigan Workforce Development Board](#).

Meeting Schedule FY2021-22

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

March 7, 2022 – Meeting format/location to be determined

June 13, 2022 – Meeting format/location to be determined

September 12, 2022 – Meeting format/location to be determined