

**MINUTES OF THE
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

December 7, 2023

The Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board met in person at Aspen Restaurant on Thursday, December 7, 2023, with 10 board members present during roll call, 4 board members arriving after roll call to reach 14 members, to meet quorum. The following members listed below joined:

**AT ROLL CALL:
In Person**

Karen Arondoski	Krista Barr
Jonathan DeRoo	Jennifer Gavin
David Jaraczewski	Lamarr Jones
Karen Rosinski	Nathanial Shrapnell
Shannon Williams	Maria Zardis

AFTER ROLL CALL:

Dan Casey	James Sawyer
Melody Magee	Catherine Susko

OTHERS PRESENT:

Justin Al-Igoe, Executive Director
Christina Seibert, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Jennifer Gavin called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with 10 members. After roll call 4 members arrived for a total of 14 members to be present allowing quorum.

3. Hearing of the Public

No hearing from the public.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

SHANNON WILLIAMS MOVED TO APPROVE OCTOBER 26, 2023 MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY KRISTA BARR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson, Jennifer Gavin introduced new board members: Jonathan DeRoo and Catherine Susko.

6. Guest Speaker- Mark Hackel, County Executive, Macomb County

County Executive of Macomb County, Mark Hackel presented information on how Macomb County attract people and businesses to move to Macomb County. He provided marketing information based on Southeast Michigan and Macomb County.

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7. Board Approval

A. Budget Modifications

a. FY 2023 Partnership, Accountability, Training and Hope (PATH)

Updated budget of \$3,955,363 that was a decrease of proposed budget of \$4,176,450 for Fiscal Year 2024.

b. FY 2023 PATH Penalty and Interest

Updated budget of \$333,846 that was a decrease of proposed budget of \$368,280 for Fiscal Year 2024.

B. Career and Education Advisory Council (CEAC) Appointment

A nomination to CEAC has been submitted for Jennifer Weot. Jennifer works for Macomb Planning and Economic Development as a Senior Talent Specialist for the Fueling the Talent Pipeline Initiative. Her work and knowledge of Career and Education partnerships would be a strong addition to CEAC.

C. National Dislocated Worker Grant acceptance and budget

The State of Michigan applied for funding (on behalf of the entire State) for Dislocated Worker funds due to an increase in layoffs/company closures across the State. A little under \$1.3 million was awarded to the State. Of this, \$88,671 was allocated to Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works! These funds will be added to or Dislocated Worker funding to help with job seekers who are on unemployment insurance.

D. TANF Refugee Grant acceptance and budget

The Office of Global Michigan (OGM) has identified Macomb County as a site for the resettlement of refugees during FY 2024 (10/1/23 through 9/30/24). It is expected that 25 refugees will be located here. \$58,365 was allocated to Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works! to support their job search. In partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services, we will provide job search assistance services (like we do in the PATH program) to any refugee referrals.

E. TANF Support Services Grant acceptance and budget

The Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) has entered into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to provide support service funding for PATH participants. \$38,924 was allocated to Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works! These funds will be solely utilized for support services such as textbooks, car repair, mileage, etc... Other funds can also be utilized for support services so this grant will be braided with those funds.

F. Going Pro Talent Fund Cycle II budget

Budget of \$544,071 to allow cost for employee training dollars for companies who were awarded.

JAMES SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE ALL ACTION ITEMS LISTED A-F, SUPPORT BY DAN CASEY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Executive Director's Report

The board received a report from the Executive Director on federal, state and agency updates. Other items listed in the report include: WIOA enrollment report and Service Center traffic report.

10. Informational Items

No informational items presented.

11. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

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12. Scheduling of Next Meeting

Scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024 @ 3:00 pm being held at the Michigan Works! Clinton Township Career Center. Members will be notified, and packets will be sent electronically.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Seibert

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Recording Secretary