

**MINUTES OF THE
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

February 27, 2025

The Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board met in person at Michigan Works! Clinton Township Career Center on Thursday, February 27, 2025, with 12 board members present during roll call, 3 board members arriving after roll call to reach 15 members, to meet quorum. The following members listed below joined:

IN-PERSON ROLL CALL:

JENNIFER GAVIN	JASON GRUENWALD
DAVID JARACZEWSKI	JODI HENRY
PETE LACEY	LESLEY MURPHY
KAREN ROSINSKI	VICKY ROWINSKI
JAMES SAWYER	CHARLES SHAW
JOHN TUCKER	DEBBY WOLFE

AFTER ROLL CALL:

TANISE HILL	MELODY MAGEE
SHANNON WILLIAMS	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Justin Al-Igoe, Director
Christina Seibert, Board Secretary
Tom Heuerman, Bureau of Services for Blind Persons
Gwen McNeal, Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Jodi Henry called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with 12 members. After the roll call, 3 members arrived, and a total of 15 members were present, allowing a quorum.

3. Guest Introductions

No new guests were introduced.

4. Hearing of the Public

No hearing from the public.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes

**CHARLES SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE JANUARY 23, 2025; MINUTES AS PRESENTED;
SUPPORTED BY TANISE HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Chairperson Report

No updates from the chairperson.

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TO: Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board
FR: Jodi Henry, Chair
RE: Workforce Development Board Meeting
DA: February 27, 2025
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7. Presentation- Susan Paternoster, PATH Coordinator

Susan Paternoster, the PATH Coordinator, presented information and requirement criteria for customers assigned to the program while receiving cash assistance from the State of Michigan.

8. Consent Agenda

- A. Administrative Committee
 - i. Meeting February 11, 2025
 - 1. Recommendation to Approve
 - a. FY 2025 RESEA budget (additional funds)
 - b. Skilled Immigrant Integration Program (SIIP) budget extension
 - c. Early Childhood and Education (ECE) Apprenticeship
 - d. MEDC Direct Talent Action Team support

MELODY MAGEE MOVED TO APPROVE ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS LISTED A-D, SUPPORTED BY SHANNON WILLIAMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Board Action Items

- A. Grant Extensions
 - i. RESEA

Additional allocation of \$618,088 with grant extension to June 30, 2025. This is reimbursement from the State for re-employment customers assigned to Michigan Works!.

- ii. Skilled Immigrant Integration Program (SIIP)

The proposed budget of \$125,000 to be utilized for program management with grant extension until September 30, 2025.

- B. PY 2024 Early Childhood Apprenticeship grant acceptance

The State of Michigan has allocated additional funds to our Early Childhood Apprenticeship grant program. For the time period 9/3/24 through 2/19/2026, we will have an additional \$148,507 allocation.

- C. MEDC funding acceptance

The MEDC has awarded funding to support identified local employers with any sort of workforce/talent development activities they need. These are very flexible funds that we can use on training, promoting job openings, holding job fairs, etc... The total amount of the award is \$110,000 for 1/1/25 through 9/30/25.

We expect that most employers identified for these funds will be related to the Michigan Maritime Manufacturing (M3) initiative but may be expanded to other sectors.

- D. 2025 WIOA Young Professionals SWA grant acceptance and budget

The State of Michigan released a competitive bid for funding to support Workforce Development programming for Youth. Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works! applied and was awarded \$188,345 for the time period 3/1/2025 through 2/28/2026.

With this funding, we plan to focus on supporting On-the-Job Training and Paid Work Experiences for youth with disabilities. We will be partnering with two agencies: Warren Woods Public School and St. Clair RESA. We estimate we'll be able to support around 40 Youth with these funds.

E. 2025 GoingPro Talent Fund Cycle I budget
Approved proposed budget of \$1,843,036 for employee training dollars for companies who were awarded with \$129,013 utilized for administrative costs.

SHANNON WILLIAMS MOVED TO APPROVE ALL BOARD ITEMS LISTED A-E, SUPPORTED BY CHARLES SHAW. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Discussion Items

A. Firearms ban in Career Centers

11. Executive Director's Report

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

12. Informational Items

A. Annual updates: Equal Opportunity, Grievance, Nepotism policies

13. Other Business

No other business discussion.

14. Scheduling of Next Meeting:

The meeting will be held at Michigan Works! Clinton Township Career Center on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 3:00 pm. Members will be notified, and packets will be sent electronically.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Seibert

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Recording Secretary

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