

**MINUTES OF THE  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**January 22, 2026**

The Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board met in person at Michigan Works! Clinton Township Career Center on Thursday, January 22, 2026, with 16 board members present during roll call, 5 board members arriving after roll call to reach 21 members, to meet quorum. The following members listed below joined:

**IN-PERSON ROLL CALL:**

John Tucker  
William Peterson  
Krista Barr  
Jodi Henry  
Linda Azar  
Pete Lacey  
Jason Peterson  
Tanise Hill

James Sawyer  
Tatjana Savich  
Karen Arondoski  
Shannon Williams  
Charles Shaw  
Christol James  
Debby Wolfe  
Heather Dombroski

**AFTER ROLL CALL:**

Melody Magee  
Vicky Rowinski  
Lesley Murphy

Dan Casey  
Brienne Steele

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kandyce Smith, Deputy Director  
Christina Seibert, Board Secretary  
Gwen McNeal, Bureau of Services for Blind Persons  
Tom Heuerman, 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 16 members. After the roll call, 5 members arrived, and a total of 21 members were present, allowing a quorum.

**3. Guest Introductions**

No guest introductions

**4. Hearing of the Public/ Public Comment**

No hearing from the public.

**5. Approval of Previous Minutes**

1. October 2025
2. December 2025

**WILLIAM PETERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2025 AND DECEMBER 2025 BOARD**

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TO: Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board  
FR: Jodi Henry, Chair  
RE: Workforce Development Board Meeting  
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**MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SUPPORTED BY TANISE HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **6. Chairperson Report**

Chairperson Jodi Henry introduced two new board members, Heather Dombroski and Tatjana Savich, and announced the resignation of Shannon Cruickshank.

### **7. Consent Agenda**

#### **A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

##### ***i. October 14, 2025***

##### **1. Recommendation to Approve**

- a. Regional Innovation Grant (RIP)
- b. Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) TAT funding

##### ***ii. January 13, 2026***

##### **1. Recommendation to Approve**

- a. FY 26 TAA Case Management
- b. FY 26 PATH
- c. PATH P&I
- d. RESEA modification
- e. PATH Support Service
- f. FY 26 Going PRO Talent Fund (GPTF) Employer Application Assistance

#### **B. ONE-STOP COMMITTEE**

##### ***i. January 13, 2026***

##### **1. Recommendation to Approve**

- a. FY 26 TAA
- b. FY 26 PATH and PATH P&I
- c. RESEA modification
- d. PATH Support Service
- e. FY 26 Going PRO Talent Fund (GPTF) Employer

**SHANNON WILLIAMS APPROVED ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS, SUPPORT BY CHARLES SHAW. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **8. Board Action Items**

#### **A. Michigan Works! System Plan**

This policy outlines requirements for Michigan Works! Agencies to complete and submit the Michigan Works! System Plan for Calendar Year 2026. The plan documents how workforce, education, and training services are delivered in compliance with WIOA and state guidelines. It also establishes requirements for governance, required assurances, and the competitive designation and oversight of one-stop operators.

#### **B. RIP grant acceptance**

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) launched the Regional Innovation Initiative (RIP) to strengthen local economies by supporting high-impact, community-driven projects. The

initiative funds regional partnerships that focus on business growth, talent development, and innovative approaches to economic resilience. By aligning local industry, education, and workforce partners, the program aims to accelerate job creation and advance key sectors across Michigan. Overall, it is designed to help regions build long-term capacity and compete more effectively in a changing economy.

C. MEDC TAT grant Acceptance

The grant is designed to strengthen talent pipelines by supporting employer-led hiring, upskilling, retention, and workforce stabilization for eligible Michigan employers. It allows Michigan Works! to deliver training, recruitment support, and short-term retention assistance—such as transportation, childcare, and relocation—based on employer need. Overall, the grant aims to provide flexible, locally informed solutions that help employers fill critical roles and keep Michigan’s advanced manufacturing workforce strong and competitive.

D. Warren Lease Termination

Consideration and possible action to terminate the lease for the Warren Service Center due to the landlord’s failure to meet the requirements necessary to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.

**WILLIAM PETERSON MOVED TO APPROVE ALL BOARD ITEMS A-D, SUPPORTED BY SHANNON WILLIAMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. Discussion Items**

- A. Open RFPs:
  - a. Clinton Township Office Location
  - b. Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works! website
- B. LEO Short Term grant opportunity
- C. Regional Innovation Partnership (RIP) and Talent Action Team (TAT) grants revoked

**10. Deputy 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.

**11. Informational Items**

- A. Member Highlights

**12. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

**13. Scheduling of Next Meeting:**

The meeting will be held at Michigan Works! Clinton Township Career Center on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 3:00 pm. Members will be notified, and packets will be sent electronically.

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary