



*DuPage Workforce Innovation Board Meeting Minutes*

**August 28, 2024**

**7:30am-9:00am**

**2525 Cabot Drive**

**Lisle, IL 60532**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

- Chair Jane Clark presided over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 am and a membership quorum was present.

**Members Present**

Dan Allen	Ian Hardie
Kevin Bass	Mary Keating
Joe Cassidy	Craig Meyer
Jane Clark	Rosanne Potter
Dan Deasy	Patti Romanowicz
Kim Godden	Tiffany Rotondo
Beth Goncher	Susan Ryan
Barbara Szczepaniak	Christine Torres
Tom Wendorf	Michael Wojtowicz
Kate Wollensack	

**Members Absent**

Gregory Bedalov	Nisha Patel
Patrick Chandler	
Michelle Einfalt	
Calvin Giles	
Louise Hruby	
TJ Jarman	

**Others Present**

Jamie Brown
Lisa Schwach

**Public Comment**

- There was no public comment

**Approval of the June 26, 2024 Minutes**

- Motion to approve by Member Keating
- Seconded by Member Szczepaniak
- All ayes, **MOTION APPROVED**

## **Member Minute**

Member Romanowicz presented the Member Minute. Member Romanowicz works for Aqueity Inc., an IT Services and Cybersecurity company. Member Romanowicz has over 15 years of HR experience, performing all functions including finding and hiring talent, training, benefits, and employee relations. Member Romanowicz shared best practices that she has found help Aqueity retain talent and build company culture such as working together in the office, employee outings, and cultivating relationships with staff. Member Romanowicz would like the WIB to get the word out about workNet DuPage because she feels it remains a “best kept secret.”

## **One Stop Operator Contract – Member Goncher recused herself from the vote.**

Board members discussed the proposal submitted in response to the RFP. Questions were taken from Board members.

- Motion to approve One Stop Operator Contract recommendation by Member Wendorf
- Seconded by Member Keating
- All ayes, **MOTION APPROVED**

## **Regional Plan Required Revisions**

Jamie explained the revisions to the Members, questions were taken from Board members.

- Motion to approve Revisions by Member Cassidy
- Seconded by Member Keating
- All ayes, **MOTION APPROVED**

## **Fiscal Report**

Member Cassidy presented the report to Board members. Items reported include the current budget, obligations, and direct training costs.

## **One Stop Operator Update/ Report**

Jamie spoke to the committee regarding partner referrals and shared a service integration success story.

## **Warn Report**

Jamie updated the committee on two affected companies, Twin Cleaning Professionals and Total Facility Maintenance, whose contracts were terminated by the Chicago Public schools. Virtual Rapid Response workshops were held for both in July 2024. Lisa Schvach pointed out ongoing challenges with the Rapid Response process and employer engagement.

## **workNet DuPage Update: Program Year Recap**

Lisa Schvach presented outcomes from PY23 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024). Highlighted were events & workshops held, spending of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act formula grant, and statistics on center activity by demographics. Ms. Schvach also discussed the DuPage economy, labor force, and employment by industry.

## **New Business**

There was no old business.

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There was no new business

## **Adjournment**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53am