



DuPage Workforce Innovation Board Meeting Minutes

**March 22, 2023
7:30am-9:00am
2525 Cabot Drive
Lisle, IL**

Call to Order/Roll Call

- Chair Jane Clark presided over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 and a membership quorum was present.

Members Present

Greg Bedalov (Rita Haake)	Calvin Giles
Joe Cassidy	TJ Jarman
Patrick Chandler (Gary Vanek)	Marilyn Liwanag
Jane Clark	Nisha Patel
Marianne Considine	Tiffany Rotondo
Laura Crawford	Barry Saltzman
Michael Wojtowicz	Barbara Szczepaniak
Susan Ryan	Christine Torres
Tom Wendorf	Kate Wollensak

Members Absent

Kevin Bass	Ian Hardie
Dan Allen	Tamryn Hennessy
Rosanne Potter	Mary Keating
Dan Deasy	Darlene Ruscitti
Michelle Einfalt	Kim Dolder
Erika Ford	

Others Present

Jamie Brown
Miriam Jones
Lisa Schvach

Rita Haake

Public Comment

- There was no public comment

Approval of the January 25, 2023 Minutes

- Motion to approve by Member Giles
- Seconded by Member Liwanag
- All ayes, **MOTION APPROVED**

Member Minute

Member Jarman discussed the IBEW 701 and his role there. Member Jarman discussed some of the challenges in finding good talent in today's market and his thoughts on the labor shortage.

OSO Report

Miriam presented the OSO report. Referrals remain consistent with COD and IDES receiving the most referrals. The referrals have also increased year over year which could be attributed to more people entering the workforce as well as the outreach conducted by workNet to bring job seekers into the Center. Miriam shared a service integration success story in which an individual was able to take advantage of services from IDES, workNet DuPage as well as College of DuPage to become re-employed.

Fiscal Report

Member Cassidy presented the fiscal report. Expenditures are on schedule to meet the 80% obligation requirement by 6/30/23. The 50% Direct Training Minimum requirement is being met as well.

Transitional Jobs Policy

Lisa presented the New Transitional Jobs policy and fielded questions regarding the program, cost and possible worksites. Member Saltzman will connect Lisa with the President of DuPage SHRM, as they may have contacts.

- Motion to approve by Member Rontondo
- Second by Giles
- All ayes, **MOTION APPROVED**

OSO Contract Renewal

Jamie informed the group that the contract for the One Stop Operator will expire on 6/30/2023. The current contract can be extended for up to two years. The group discussed and several Members expressed their satisfaction with Miriam's reporting.

- Motion to approve a 2 year contract extension for The Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce by Member Giles
- Second by Member Crawford
- All ayes, **MOTION APPROVED**

workNet DuPage Update

Lisa presented the workNet DuPage update. Traffic in the Center remains steady. There continues to be significant numbers of Ukrainian refugees coming into the Center for services. The Department of Labor conducted a monitoring of the Dislocated Worker CAREER Grant. The monitoring results were positive, and no findings are anticipated.

Choose DuPage

Rita Haake presented information on the latest Choose DuPage initiatives Connect DuPage and Sustainable DuPage.

Old Business

Member Wendorf spoke about the findings of the Workforce Commission report and the newly created position of Chief Workforce Officer who would report to the Governor.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02am