

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2008**

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>MWA STAFF</u>
Ed Dornseifer	Gary Shepherd	John Nagy	Ed Oberski
Ruth Retlewski	William Borch, Jr.	Mike Beyer	Ken Kurecka
Tom Begin	Joseph Powe	Talmadge Battle	Ray Ogden
Jim Bates	Robert O’Hara	Tim Quinn	Rose Onan
Amy Rodriguez	Lillie Williams	Kathy Czerwinski	Linda Sandefur
Laura Hamilton	Steve Jonas	Gregory Skufca	
Terry King	Odail Thorns	Bernell Wiggins	
Dave Herrala	Dave Corcoran	John Hill	
Bruce Grant	Yves Hamel		
Kevin Gay			

GUESTS

Olga Pilar, Arnold Center
George Wright, APT
David Scott, Midland DHS
Larry Sanders, SVRC Industries
Tim Worthington, BST

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Merry Beard, SVRC Industries
Kristen Wenzel, BST
Brent Gilbert, Delta Corporate
Grace Burger, Bangor Twp Schools
Trisha Andrzejewski, Saginaw FOC

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ed Dornseifer called the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Midland Michigan Works! Service Center, McQuaid Room, 1409 Washington, Midland, Michigan.

ITEM #2: ROLL CALL

The above members were present.

ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #7-A: Termination of Consultant Contract and Creation of MWA Staff position was added to the agenda.

ITEM #4: CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES

Motion by: Dave Herrala; Supported by: Tom Begin:

That the Board approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board minutes dated February 5, 2008.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #5: AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC

The audience introduced themselves. There was no public comment.

ITEM #6: INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

ITEM #7: [listed as Item #8 in agenda package]: ACTION ITEMS:

A. Recommendation to Terminate Consultant Contract and Creation of MWA Staff Position

Director Oberski reported on the need to have control and oversight over the Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative (MPRI) Community Coordinator position. Currently, the MPRI Community Coordinator is an independent contractor that works with a high degree of autonomy, independent from oversight and control of Michigan Works! administration. The current contract allows for termination without cause upon 30-days notice. All four MPRI Co-Chairs support the termination of the current contract. In addition, termination of the contract has been reviewed by the County Attorney, and he has given his approval from a legal perspective. An in-house MWA position similar to a Program Planner/Coordinator would be created to perform the duties of MPRI Community Coordinator.

Motion by: William Borch, Jr., supported by: Dave Herrala:

To terminate the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative (MPRI) Community Coordinator, and create an in-house MWA Program Planner/Coordinator staff position to perform the MPRI Community Coordinator job functions.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #8: [listed as Item #7 in agenda package] PRESENTATION:

Director Oberski gave an update on the two-year strategic plan, and achievement of plan goals. Roles, responsibilities and strategic purpose of the Workforce Development Board, per Department of Labor & Economic Growth guidelines, were also highlighted.

ITEM #9: REPORTS:

A. Chairperson's Report

Chairman Dornseifer reported on a recent NAWB trip to Washington, D.C., which included Director Oberski, Assistant Director Kurecka and WDB Second Vice-Chair Terry King.

The Chair also discussed next steps and committee formation for a new strategic planning process.

B. Fiscal Report

The Board reviewed the monthly Fiscal Reports.

C. Performance Reports:

1. General Program Reports

The general monthly program reports were reviewed.

Friend of the Court Performance Reports

The monthly FOC performance reports were reviewed.

D. Directors Report

The Board reviewed the handout “Unemployment Variance from State Unemployment Years 2004-2007 by Quarters”.

It was reported that the Governor’s budget proposed an additional \$40 million in funding for the No Worker Left Behind Program. WDB members may be asked to speak to legislators in support of the \$40 million allocation.

ITEM #10: COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letter to Senator Stabenow regarding Trade Adjustment Act reauthorizations

The Board reviewed the letter to Senator Stabenow regarding Trade Adjustment Act reauthorizations

B. Article from Governing Magazine February 2008 entitled “Is Welfare Working”?

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ITEM # 11: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Bruce Grant; supported by: Yves Hamel:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.