

**GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!**

**Joint Board of Directors Minutes**

**May 24, 2021**

**CONS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vaughn Begick: Monitor Twsp., MI  
Jan Bunting: Midland, MI  
Marie Fox: Kawkawlin, MI  
Jim Geisler: Midland, MI  
Tom Herek: Bay County, MI  
Gerald Little: Saginaw, MI  
Sheldon Matthews: Saginaw, MI  
Margaret McAvoy: Owosso, MI  
Scott Noesen: Midland, MI  
Carl Ruth: Saginaw, MI  
Jack Tany: Carrollton, MI  
Michael Webster: Saginaw, MI

**WDB MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bishop Larry Camel: Saginaw, MI  
Frank Cloutier: Mt. Pleasant, MI  
John Kaczynski: Kochville, MI  
Trevor Keyes: Bay County, MI  
Brian Klele: Bay City, MI  
Bryan Klett: Midland, MI  
Brian McBride: Bay City, MI  
Dr. Kelley Peatross: Saginaw, MI  
Bob Peters: Mt. Pleasant, MI  
Chris Taylor: Bay County, MI  
Dan Wortman: Frankenmuth, MI  
Chad Wurtzel: Saginaw, MI

**CONS BD  
MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jim Horton

**WDB MEMBERS ABSENT**

Melissa Bloom  
Michael Colby  
Colleen Markel  
Carrie Prosowski  
Brian Sheets

**MWA STAFF**

Christopher Rishko: Midland County  
Sarah Walker: Midland County

**GUESTS**

Robert Belleman: Saginaw County

**ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Co-Chair Ruth called the Joint Board of Directors Meeting to order Monday, May 24, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was held virtually and also in-person.

**ITEM #2: ROLL CALL**

The above members were present and a quorum was met.

**ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Co-Chair Ruth presented the Agenda to the Joint Board of Directors.

Cloutier motioned and Tany supported:

To approve the Agenda as it was presented to the Joint Board of Directors.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

**ITEM #4: INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

All Board Members introduced themselves. There were no new members present.

**Minutes Approved**

**ITEM #5: AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC**

Audience member, Robert Belleman, Saginaw County Controller, introduced himself to the Joint Board of Directors. Mr. Belleman stated that he believes it is a single-person effort to pull away from Saginaw County. He informed the board that Saginaw County allocates direct costs as it permitted under Federal Regulations, and that it employs all of the administrative staff and manages those employees' wages as agreed upon by the union. Mr. Belleman stated that Saginaw County does still continue to charge Michigan Works! for pension costs. He also stated that attempting to eliminate the union is wrong, as well as that trying to convince commissioners that there is a conflict of interest when a legal opinion is possessed to the contrary is wrong. Mr. Belleman's ending statement was that he wants to know what the true meaning behind wanting this change is.

**ITEM #6: CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES**

- A. Minutes from February 22, 2021 Annual Joint Board of Directors Meeting

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Minutes from the March 29, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting

Noesen motioned and Geisler supported:

To approve the February 22, 2021 and March 29, 2021 Minutes as presented to the Joint Board of Directors.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

**ITEM #7: CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Career Exploration & Experience (\$25,000)

CEO Rishko explained to the Joint Board of Directors that the funding awarded through this initiative will support similar career explorations and experience of multiple businesses and industries at a single, coordinated location, instead of individual, on-site efforts at single institutions.

Begick motioned and Herek supported:

To approve the Career Exploration & Experience allocations, as presented to the Joint Board of Directors.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

**ITEM #8: REPORTS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Reports:

- a) Fiscal Report FY 2020 Q3

CEO Rishko presented the Fiscal Report to the Joint Board of Directors. Items included in the Fiscal Report are the Administrative Budget Expenditures, Saginaw-Midland-Bay Cost Centers and Service Contract Allocations, Gratiot-Isabella Cost Centers and Service Contract Allocations, FY 2020-2021 GLBMW! PATH Expenditures, FY 2020-2021 GLBMW! ES (W-P, TAA) Expenditures, FY 2020-2021 GLBMW! Dislocated Worker Expenditures, FY 2020-2021 GLBMW! Adult Expenditures, FY 2020-2021 GLBMW! Youth Expenditures, and the GLBMW! Claims Report.

Cloutier motioned and Peters supported:

To approve the Fiscal Report as presented to the Joint Board of Directors.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

b) Program/Performance Program Year 2021 Quarter 3 Report

CEO Rishko presented the Program/Performance Report to the Joint Board of Directors. Tables included in the Program/Performance Report are 2020-2021 Q3 WIOA Performance, 2020-2021 Q2 WIOA Performance, 2019-2020 WIOA Performance, 2020-2021 Q3 WIOA Adult Program Performance, 2020-2021 Q3 WIOA Dislocated Worker Program Performance, 2020-2021 Q3 WIOA Youth Program Performance, 2020-2021 Q3 Trade Adjustment Act Program Performance, and 2020-2021 Q3 Wagner Peyser Program Performance.

**Wurtzel motioned and Tany supported:**

To approve the Program/Performance Report as presented to the Joint Board of Directors.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

B. Discussion:

a) JBD Perkins Review

Joint Board of Directors Members Brian McBride presented the Perkins Review to the board. A preliminary budget was created to connect activities to core performance indicators. This is not an approval of the budget, but an acceptance that the information has been provided to the board.

**Little motioned and McAvoy supported:**

To approve the Perkins Review as presented to the Joint Board of Directors.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

b) Fiscal/Administrative Entity Selection

An administrative entity can be voted on once an Interlocal Agreement is written and accepted by all five counties. McAvoy stated she is confused by the amended packet. McAvoy also stated that she does not think GLBMW! should move towards a 501c3. McAvoy asked that a 501c3 vote does not happen today at this board meeting. She stated that the worst case scenario is staying in the same position we are in right now, that this whole process has been troublesome, and that the board is not prepared to vote for anything in regards to the Interlocal Agreement. Begick stated that he has had the chance to review our options, and that he believes a 501c3 is the best way to go because GLBMW! is currently missing out on a lot of funding in its current situation. Begick stated that he would like to see a vote on the 501c3 today. Noesen stated that the issue of a 501c3 is a stand-alone issue, and does not relate to getting rid of an administrative and fiscal agent. Noesen also stated that a 501c3 arm should happen. McAvoy replied by stating private funds are received in Isabella County, and that she is not prepared to make a vote today. Webster stated that he agrees with McAvoy in regards to moving to a 501c3 structure. Webster also stated that he is concerned with the Interlocal Agreement process that has taken place over the last couple of months, and that an Interlocal Agreement brings us together with partnership, but this process has brought county versus county. From a process standpoint, Webster begged GLBMW! to stand back and see the bigger picture, and that a 501c3 does not interfere with the Interlocal Agreement, but he is not prepared to vote on the 501c3 today. Noesen stated that being a 501c3 could solve some of our problems, and stated that it is a wise way

to go. Ruth stated he is not prepared to vote on the 501c3 today. Noesen stated that a full meeting of the Consortium Board needs to take place because it is going to require debate and discussion.

**Begick motioned and Geisler supported:**

To table the 501c3 discussion, and discuss and vote at the next Joint Board of Directors meeting in August.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

C. Action

- a) Approval to create a 501c3 Organization

This discussion was tabled for the next Joint Board of Directors meeting in August.

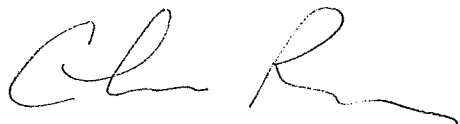
ITEM #9: ADJOURNMENT

**Noesen motioned and Geisler supported:**

To adjourn the Joint Board of Directors meeting.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Co-Chair Ruth adjourned the Joint Board of Directors meeting at 4:33 p.m.



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Christopher Rishko, CEO

6/1/2021

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Date