

GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!
Career & Education Advisory Council
July 25, 2022

CEAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bush
Jennifer Geno
Don Johnson
Brian Klele
Raquel Perez
Colleen Markel
Brian McBride
Dr. Kelley Peatross
Erik Rodriguez
Toby Roth
Greg Schmidt
Eva Szelesi
Dan Wortman

CEAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Clark
John Kaczynski
Brian Sheets
Don Tilley

MWA STAFF

Christopher Rishko
Sarah Babcock
Ray Ogden

GUESTS

Jerrard Johnson – SVRC
Jes Ogan – State of Michigan
Jennifer Carrol – Delta College
Claire Bunker – MISTEM

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Co-Chairman Bush called the CEAC meeting to order on Monday, July 25th, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the CMURC at 2625 Denison Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

ITEM #2: ROLL CALL

The above members were present, and a quorum was met.

ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CEO Rishko presented the Agenda to the CEAC.

Klele motioned and Roth supported:

To approve the Agenda as presented to the CEAC.

The motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #4: INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CEO Rishko introduced Greg Schmidt from The Dow Chemical Company, who sits on the CEAC as well as the Workforce Development Board.

ITEM #5: AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC

Audience members introduced themselves and are listed above.

ITEM #6: CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES

A. Minutes from the April 25, 2022 CEAC Meeting

Minutes Approved

Wortman motioned and McBride supported:

To approve the April 25, 2022 Minutes as presented to the CEAC.

The motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #7: ACTION/DISCUSSION/REPORTS

A. CEAC Co-Chair Election – Private Sector

CEO Rishko explained to the CEAC that there is a vacancy in the CEAC leadership role of Co-Chair due to the departure of Bob Peters. Erik Rodriguez from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has volunteered to serve as the Co-Chair of the CEAC.

Co-Chairman Bush called for any other nominations from the floor three times.

McBride motioned and Klele supported:

To close nominations.

Wortman motioned and Johnson supported:

To elect Erik Rodriguez as the new Co-Chairman of the CEAC.

The motion passed by voice vote.

B. DOL Wagner-Peyser Rule Change Update

a. MW! System Impact

In 2020, the Department of Labor suggested a rule change that would take Wagner-Peyser staff and make them into Merritt staff. Because this was a nationwide change, there was pushback. There was overwhelming support, nationwide, to not implement this rule change. This could potentially be one of the largest impacts to the Michigan Works! system that has been seen in two decades. This wouldn't be a good change for the Michigan Works! system, but it looks like the end result is leaning the right way. CEO Rishko provided a flyer to the CEAC that shows the impact Wagner-Peyser staff had in the Michigan Works! system during the COVID-19 pandemic.

b. LEO Response

CEO Rishko provided the CEAC with LEO's response to the Wagner-Peyser change. The letter states that the change will take three years to implement, and confirms that the change will cost more than anticipated and that it will impact how effective the Michigan Works! system is.

C. GLBMW! Project Update/CEO Report

CEO Rishko presented the GLBMW! Project Update/CEO Report to the CEAC. Items included in this report are a Workforce update, including unemployment, wages and employment recovery, the WIOA Local Plan mid-term review, CMU MMU ARPA Grant Request update, Restaurant Ready Pilot-GPTF/ILC, MiCareerQuest Middle Michigan update, an update on the

GLBMW! Strategic Plan progress/process, and discussed childcare issues in the region.
Rishko stated that he is going to discuss childcare at every CEAC meeting from now on.

ITEM #8: ADJOURNMENT

Klele motioned and Roth supported:

To adjourn the CEAC meeting.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Co-Chairman Bush adjourned the CEAC meeting at 4:12 p.m.



Christopher Rishko, CEO

08/22/2022

Date