

**GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!**  
**Joint Board of Directors Minutes – Board Training**  
**January 18, 2023**

CONS BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT

Vaughn Begick  
 Jan Bunting  
 Christopher Embrey  
 Nicole Frost  
 James Geisler  
 Gerald Little  
 Sheldon Matthews  
 Dennis Poirier  
 Alaynah Smith  
 Richard Spitzer  
 Jack Tany  
 Michael Webster

WDB MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Ellen Johnson  
 Trevor Keyes  
 Brian Klele  
 Colleen Markel  
 Brian McBride  
 Raquel Perez  
 Carrie Prosowski  
 Erik Rodriguez  
 Greg Schmidt  
 Eva Szelesi

CONS BD MEMBERS

ABSENT

Tom Herek

WDB MEMBERS ABSENT

John Kaczynski  
 Toby Roth  
 Chris Taylor

MWA STAFF

Kristen Wenzel  
 Ray Ogden  
 Sarah Babcock  
 Amy Pringle  
 Wonzella Doyal  
 Craig Clark  
 Esther Sanders

GUESTS

Melinda Shriner – The Barckholtz Group  
 Anna Willman-Onstott – Delta College  
 Jerrard Johnson – SVRC  
 Janet Bloomfield – Janet Bloomfield Consulting

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

Chairman Rodriguez called the Joint Board of Directors Board Training Session to order Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 1:04 p.m. The meeting was held at The Great Hall at 5121 Bay City Road Midland, Michigan 48642.

Chairman Rodriguez led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM #2: ROLL CALL**

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

**ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Rodriguez presented the Agenda to the Joint Board of Directors. There was one amendment to the Agenda, which is to add Introduction of New Board Members after Item 3.

**Matthews motioned and Begick supported:**

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

**Minutes Approved**

Approved by voice vote.

**ITEM #4: INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Interim CEO Kristen Wenzel introduced new Board Members:

- Mary Ellen Johnson – President & CEO of Youth Protection Council
- Christopher Embrey – Isabella County Commissioner
- Dennis Poirier – Bay County Commissioner
- Alaynah Smith – Midland County Commissioner
- Richard Spitzer – Saginaw County Commissioner

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

Members of the audience introduced themselves. There was no public comment.

**ITEM #6: REPORTS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Reports:

None

B. Action:

None

C. Discussion

a) Board Training Session Presentation – Janet Bloomfield

Each Board Member was given a binder that contained the following information that was presented to them by Janet Bloomfield:

1. The History of Federal Job Training (Michigan Works! System Overview and Michigan Works! System Principles)
2. Design and Structure (WIOA Vision and Key Highlights, Introduction to WIOA Titles, Workforce Structure, Local Workforce System Overview, Consortium Board (Membership), Workforce Development Board (Membership), Administrative Unit Overview, Michigan Works! Agencies, Michigan Works! Agency Map, and Planning Regions)
3. Programs and Funding (LEO Initiatives, Demand-Driven System, Programs and Money, Program Details (Wagner-Peyser ES, Fidelity Bonding Program, Pure Michigan Talent Connect, Reemployment Services & Eligibility Assessment, WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker, Trade Adjustment Assistance, WIOA Youth, Young Professionals, MiCareerQuest Middle Michigan, PATH, LEAP, PATH Refugee Program for RCA Recipients, FAE&T, Clean Slate Pilot Program, Barrier Removal Employment Success, Going PRO Talent Fund and Integrated Education and Training), Fast Start Training, Regional Talent Innovation Grant, Adult Education and Family Literacy, MI Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Services for Blind Persons, Veterans Employment Services, and Michigan Agricultural Services)
4. Performance Measures (WIOA Adult/DW/WP, WIOA Youth, and PATH Work Participation Rate)
5. Additional Acronyms and Glossary

ITEM #7: ADJOURNMENT

McBride motioned and Begick supported:

To adjourn the Joint Board of Directors Board Training Session.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman Rodriguez adjourned the Joint Board of Directors Board Training Session at 4:00 p.m.

  
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Kristen Wenzel, Interim CEO

02/21/2023  
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