

**GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!**  
**DRAFT** Joint Board of Directors Minutes  
February 26, 2024

**CONS BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT**

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

**WDB MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brian Klele  
Brian McBride  
Carrie Prosowski  
Erik Rodriguez  
Raquel Perez  
Mary Ellen Johnson  
Seth Godley  
Chris Taylor  
Cheryl Krieger  
Greg Schmidt

**CONS BD MEMBERS**

**ABSENT**

**WDB MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chad Wurtzel  
Jody Thompson  
Marcia Ditmyer

**MWA STAFF**

Kristen Wenzel  
Earlene Bohlen  
Ray Ogden

**GUESTS**

Anna Willman-Onstott – Delta College  
Lisa Kleekamp – GLBMW  
Jennifer Carroll – Delta College  
Kim Onstott - GIRESD  
George Wright – SVRC

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

Chairman Begick called the Joint Board of Directors Meeting to order Monday, February 26, 2024 at 3:32 p.m. The meeting was held at The Great Hall, 5121 Bay City Rd, Midland, MI 48642.

**ITEM #2: ROLL CALL**

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

**ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**McBride motioned and Taylor supported:**

To approve the agenda as presented to the Joint Board of Directors

**Approved by voice vote.**

**ITEM #4: AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC**

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

**ITEM #5: CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES**

A. Minutes from the November 27, 2023 Annual Joint Board of Directors meeting

**Tany motioned and Matthews supported:**

To approve the minutes as presented to the Joint Board of Directors

**Approved by voice vote.**

**ITEM #6: CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. State Policy Issuances:**

- a) Refugee Cash Assistance (\$20,000)
- b) LEAP Fiscal Year 2024 (\$130,716)
- c) Talent Action Team Allocation (\$500,000)
- d) Going PRO Talent Fund FY2024 (\$1,658,060)

**B. Local Policy Issuances:**

- a) PI 23-501.00 – Wagner-Peyser
- b) PI 23-201.00 – WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Program
- c) PI 23-104.00 – WIOA Youth Program and Jobs for Michigan Grads (JMG)

**Herek motioned and Bunting supported:**

To approve the Consent Agenda items as presented to the Joint Board of Directors

**Approved by voice vote.**

**ITEM #7: REPORTS/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Reports:**

- a) Fiscal and Performance Reports

Interim CEO Wenzel presented the report with focus on the 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR. It was also shared that the hyperlinks imbedded into the report provide additional detail for the fiscal and performance reports presented.

**Frost motioned and Little supported:**

To approve the Fiscal and Performance report as presented to the Joint Board of Directors

**Approved by voice vote.**

b) CEO Report

Interim CEO Wenzel presented the CEO Report to the Joint Board of Directors. Highlighted items included the Enhanced Service Delivery, By the Numbers, WIOA Reauthorization Advocacy, which includes a link to elected officials to voice your comments and concerns, Customer Outreach and Quarterly Participant and Employer Success Stories.

**Matthews motioned and Perez supported:**

To approve the CEO report as presented to the Joint Board of Directors

**Approved by voice vote.**

c) Michigan Works! Systems Plan Certification Award Letter

Interim CEO Wenzel presented the Michigan Works! Systems Plan Certification award letter.

d) Cycle III Monitoring

Interim CEO Wenzel presented the Cycle III monitoring findings and informed the board members that all findings have been satisfied. Chairman Begick commented, with regards to the interest reporting, the interest finding that has been a repetitive finding for years has now been finally corrected.

**B. Discussion:**

a) Changing Fiscal Agent

Chairman Begick and Interim CEO Wenzel shared information regarding the cost of current fiscal year charges to GLBMW by Saginaw County for defined benefit and retiree healthcare expenses and compared the charges to program expenses that would directly support job seekers.

After board discussion, additional information was requested. The board specified :

1. A side-by-side comparison of employee costs including salary and benefit comparison between Saginaw County and Isabella County for GLBMW board staff.
2. Legacy cost transfer of retirees. This issue needs to be resolved.
3. Legacy cost actuarial study for the period of 2012 to current year charges to determine if the monies paid during that period for the eligible pensioners and retirement healthcare would have funded the eligible retirees and beneficiaries if the monies had been directly applied to that group.

Interim CEO Wenzel stated to the Consortium Board a special meeting can be held to discuss the additional information requested.

b) WIOA Reauthorization Advocacy

Interim CEO Wenzel stated that this was already discussed in the CEO report.

c) Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Webster suggested that we invite the new Chief Growth Officer Hilary Doe to speak at a meeting regarding the growth for the State of Michigan and how we can incorporate that vision locally.

- d) Board Round Table  
No remarks from the board members

**C. Action:**

- a) Election of Officers

Chairman Begick presented the slate of officers for the Workforce Development Board, noting the Vice-Chair seat was vacant and asked for nominations from the floor. Raquel Perez volunteered for the vacant Vice-Chair seat on the Executive Committee. Chairman Begick confirmed there were no other nominations and called for the approval of the slate proposed, including Raquel Perez as Vice Chair.

**Klele motioned and McBride supported:**

To approve the complete slate presented to the Joint Board of Directors.

Chair:	Erik Rodriguez (Isabella County Appointee)
Vice Chair:	Raquel Perez (Saginaw County Appointee)
Executive Committee Member:	Brian McBride (Bay County Appointee)
Executive Committee Member:	Carrie Prosowski (Midland County Appointee)

**Approved by voice vote.**

Co-Chairman Rodriguez presented the election of officers for the Consortium Board. No changes were made to the current members.

**Matthews motioned and Tany supported:**

To approve the Election of Officers presented to the Joint Board of Directors.

Chair:	Vaughn Begick (Bay County)
Vice Chair:	James Geisler (Midland County)
Executive Committee:	Jan Bunting (Gratiot County)
Executive Committee:	Gerald Little (Saginaw County)

**Approved by voice vote.**

- b) Nomination of a GLBMW! WDB Member for the Michigan Works! Association Board of Directors

Chairman Begick presented the nomination of Erik Rodriguez for the position on the Michigan Works! Association Board of Directors.

**Little motioned and Perez supported:**  
**Rodriguez accepted the position.**

To approve the Nomination to the Michigan Works! Association Board of Directors presented to the Joint Board of Directors

**Approved by voice vote.**

c) Occupation in Demand list

Interim CEO Wenzel presented and explained the Occupation in Demand list. Items included in the discussion were the additions and deletions and what resources are used to develop the list.

**Herek motioned and Matthew supported:**

To approve the Occupation in Demand list presented to the Joint Board of Directors

**Approved by voice vote.**

d) CEO Search

Chairman Begick presented to the board members the detailed process of the CEO Search Committee. Chairman Begick presented to the board the committee's unanimous nomination as Kristen Wenzel for the position of CEO of Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!

**Matthews motioned and Geisler supported:**

To approve the nomination of Kristen Wenzel as the CEO of GLBMW! as presented to the Joint Board of Directors

**Approved by voice vote.**

**ITEM #8: ADJOURNMENT**

**Poirier motioned and Geisler supported:**

To adjourn the Joint Board of Directors meeting.

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

**Chairman Begick adjourned the Joint Board of Directors meeting at 4:33 p.m.**

*Kristen Wenzel*

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Kristen Wenzel, Interim CEO

February 28, 2024

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