

**GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!**  
**DRAFT Executive Committee Minutes**  
**January 27-2025**

**EXEC COMM MEMBERS**

**PRESENT**

Brian McBride  
Erik Rodriguez  
Gerald Little  
Raquel Perez  
Vaughn Begick

**EXEC COMM MEMBERS ABSENT**

Carrie Prosowski  
Jan Bunting

**MWA STAFF**

Kristen Wenzel  
Ray Ogden

**GUESTS**

Craig Clark – GLBMW  
Kim Onstott - GIRESD  
Anna Willman-Onstott – Delta  
College  
Lisa Kleekamp – GLBMW

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

Chairman Begick called the Executive Committee Meeting to order Monday, January 27, 2025 at 2:31 p.m. The meeting was held at the Midland Service Center at 1409 Washington Street, Midland, MI 48640.

**ITEM #2: ROLL CALL**

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

**ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Begick presented the Agenda to the Executive Committee. No amendments were made to the Agenda.

**McBride motioned and Perez supported:**

To approve the Agenda as it was presented to the Executive Committee.

**The motion was approved by voice vote.**

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

All members of the audience introduced themselves and are listed above.

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

None

ITEM #6: REPORTS/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

**A. Reports:**

a) WIOA Reauthorization Update

CEO Wenzel provided an update on the status of WIOA Reauthorization. It was not included in the continuing resolution passed prior to the 2024 Congress concluded in December. Efforts to engage with key committee members and our federal elected representatives are ongoing. State officials are going to be in Washington D.C. in February and CEO Wenzel will be in D.C. for the NAWB conference in April, which includes visits with legislators. CEO Wenzel will keep the board informed and share advocacy opportunities for board members.

**B. Action**

a) None

**C. Discussion**

a) Changing Fiscal Agents

- i. Introduction of Brian Smith, Isabella County Administrator/Controller
- ii. MERS participation in February Meeting

CEO Wenzel reviewed information provided at the November 2024 board meeting in support of the request for a change in fiscal agents. After discussion, it was suggested that GLBMW participate in a joint meeting with MERS representatives, Saginaw County and Isabella County representatives, to address questions regarding the employee transfer in MERS.

Brian Smith, Administrator/Controller with Isabella County, was introduced to board members present. Mr. Smith expressed Isabella County's willingness to serve as GLBMW's fiscal agent.

ITEM #7: **ADJOURNMENT**

**Little motioned and Perez supported:**

To adjourn the Executive Committee meeting.

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

**Chairman Begick adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 3:08 p.m.**

Kristen Wenzel  
Kristen Wenzel, Interim CEO

1-28-25  
Date

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