

**GST MICHIGAN WORKS
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020
9:30 A.M.**

I. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Leanne Panduren. Members present by virtual meeting are noted by the X.

Peter Batistoni		Sandi Mose (Jeff Cook)	x
Dennis Collison	x	Leanne Panduren	x
Tracie Lewis-Jennings (Patrick Hurst)	x	Lisa Rogers	x
Glenda Dunlap	x	Mark Ransford	x
Matt Ernst (Brenda Hinds)		Chuck Kunisch	x
Scott Turner (Megan Jacobs)	x	Annette Schlaud (Mary Shelton-Weise)	x
Howard Hipes	x	Jessica Joiner (Verona Terry)	x
Gerald Kariem (Brett Baker)	x	Kendra Stone	
Kyle McCree (Michele Eaton)	x	Laura Zuck	x
Scott Avendt	x	Harold Harrington	x
Vicky Schultz (Melissa Mehalko)	x		

Roll call vote noted 18 members present.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mark Ransford moved to approve the agenda. Dennis Collison supported the motion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for discussion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for a vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments

IV. Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

Howard Hipes moved to approve the December 13, 2019 minutes. Vicky Schultz supported the motion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for discussion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for a vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

B. Approval of March & June Plans

Dennis Collison moved to approve the March & June Plans. Kyle McCree supported the motion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for discussion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for a vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

C. Approval of March & June Policies

Scott Turner moved to approve the March & June Policies. Vicky Schultz supported the motion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for discussion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for a vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

D. Approval of Service Provider Recommendations

Mark Ransford moved to approve the service provider extensions recommendations. Howard Hipes supported the motion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for discussion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for a vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

V. Approval of Finance Report

A. Kelly Cook explained PY 20 Budget. Vicky Schultz moved to approve the report. Dennis Collison supported the motion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for discussion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

B. Approval of Grant Budget & Expenditure Report

Mark Ransford moved to approve the Grant Budget & Expenditure Report. Scott Turner supported the motion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for discussion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for a vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

VI. CEO Update - Jody Kerbyson

- Jody Kerbyson spoke on phone calls staff were answering since we have been out due to the pandemic. There have been over 30,000 calls and 29,997 UI issues. Statewide over 10 billion dollars have been paid out to 1.7 million people.
- Locally we are working with 350 Interactive regarding re-employment.
- We are not going to be back on-site until the UI situation is cleaned up.
- We have postponed the CareerQuest event for this year. We are looking at something virtual as a future event.

VII. Informational Items

Talent Talk, GST's Newsletter for this quarter was discussed. Information in the newsletter noted that 763 customers entered training and 78% exited to employment.

We are looking at a virtual job fair with the state. Business Services staff are working with employers in the Work Share program.

VIII. Partner Agency Update

Michigan Rehabilitation Services – Tracie Lewis-Jennings

- MRS is up and running virtually. Presently staff is off on Monday or Friday as with the Community Mental Health Department.
- Tracie Lewis-Jennings has been a part of the review of the Title II applications and appreciated the opportunity.
- Of great excitement is upcoming virtual job fairs.

Department of Health & Human Services – Sandi Mose

- As with MRS, they are off Mondays or Fridays.
- Child daycare benefits were extended 6 months.
- All services continue to be available by phone.
- There is EBT/Pandemic Assistance available.
- Caps for heat and utilities have been extended and work requirements have been waived.

Jeffrey Welch, representing Tuscola DHHS was present for Karen Southgate. Welcome Jeffrey. Adult Education – Mary Shelton-Weise

- Some remote services continue. Students are able to access in.
- The office is open for appointments only on Mondays. There is no GED testing in the region.

IX. Board Member Comments

Kyle McCree gave an update regarding the storm that was in the area. He thanked everyone for their patience as Consumers Energy did repairs.

Vicky Schultz informed members that Catholic Charities has been open since the pandemic began. They are part of the eviction diversion program.

Dennis Collison stated they are back to work as of last week. They are making calls and continuing with industrial activity.

Chuck Kunisch informed attendees that they are getting crops in. There will be less income due to the virus. They are looking at a real tuff year.

Verona Terry gave an update on Job Corps. Students have signed up for some work at home positions. USDOL awarded Job Corps a 2-billion-dollar grant. Forty students may attend college at no cost.

X. Adjournment

Seeing no other business, Chair Leanne Panduren called the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Mose, Secretary
Helen Brown, Support Staff

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9/11/20

Date

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