

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020
9:38 A.M.**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Chair, Leanne Panduren. Members present at the virtual meeting are noted by the X.

Peter Batistoni		Sandi Mose	X
Dennis Collison		Leanne Panduren	X
Tracie Lewis-Jennings (Chris Gilbert)	X	Lisa Rogers	
Glenda Dunlap	X	Mark Ransford	
Matt Ernst	X	Chuck Kunisch	X
Scott Turner	X	Annette Schlaud	X
Howard Hipes		Jessica Joiner (Verona Terry)	X
Gerald Kariem		Kendra Stone	X
Kyle McCree	X	Harold Harrington	
Scott Avendt	X	Mia McNeil	X
Vicky Schultz	X		

14 members were present.

County Commissioners Present: Bryant Nolden, John Bodis, Rick Warren, Bob Conely, Tom Young, John Plowman and Mark Jensen

Staff Present: Jody Kerbyson, Sharon Bowen, Kelly Cook, Jessica Billiau, Wendy Paxton, JulAnn Kuenzli and Helen Brown

Others Present: Shelly Basile, Quentin Bishop and Nicholas Morehead

II. Approval of Agenda

Chair Leanne Panduren, called for approval of the agenda. Scott Turner moved to approve the agenda. Vicky Schultz supported the motion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for discussion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for a vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

III. Election of Officers for 2021

Chair Leanne Panduren called for nomination of officers for 2021. Scott Turner moved that the present officers hold their positions for 2021. Those officers are:

Chair – Leanne Panduren

Vice Chair – Dennis Collison

Secretary – Sandi Mose

Vicky Schultz Supported the motion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for discussion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

Scott Turner moved to approve the September 11, 2020 minutes. Annette Schlaud 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 Appointments to Michigan Works Association Board

Kyle McCree moved to approve the appointment of Ed Benning and Jody Kerbyson as representatives on the Michigan Works Association Board of Directors. Vicky Schultz 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 2021 Meeting Schedule

Scott Turner moved to approve the 2021 Meeting Schedule. Annette Schlaud 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 GST Plans for December 2020

Sharon Bowen presented the December 2020 plans, which were: UI Funding for Reclassified Claims Assistance Expenditures, Clean Slate Pilot Program and the BRN Program. Kyle McCree moved to approve the plans for December 2020. 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. Approval of Finance Report

Kelly Cook presented the Grant Budget Expenditure report for July 1, 2020 – October 31, 2020. Scott Turner moved to approve the report. Verona Terry supported the

motion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for discussion. Chair Leanne Panduren called for vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

VII. CEO Update - Jody Kerbyson

- Jody Kerbyson informed attendees that Liza Estlund Olson has been appointed acting/interim Director of the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency. Hundreds of thousands of claims have been suspected to be fraudulent, so UIA staff is having to address each situation, one at a time. This has caused a major backlog which they are trying to work through as quickly as possible.
- The Talent Talk Newsletter for this quarter was presented. The spotlight this quarter was on the newest board member, Mia McNeil, representing the Education Sector on the board. Mia is Director of Governmental and Community Relations at the University of Michigan-Flint.
- March 26th through December 4th, staff provided service to 72,203 UIA callers.
- Success stories were highlighted as well as an update on the Business Resource Network (BRN) program from Success Coach, Joyce Sanders.

VIII. Informational Items

- Chair Leanne Panduren spoke on the Conflict-of-Interest Attestation form included in the packet. Members who have not completed that form were asked to do so as soon as possible and forward to staff at GST.
- Jessica Billiau commented that we are wrapping up with our Going Pro applications. Thirty-eight (38) applications have been submitted. 1.7 million dollars have been requested for training.
- Unfortunately, it does not appear that we will be able to hold our MiCareerQuest East event again this year. The plan is to seek out alternate avenues for virtual career exploration experiences for youth in the region. This work is on-going and will include collaboration with our CEAC.

IX. Partner Agency Update

Michigan Rehabilitation Services – Chris Gilbert

- We are open for business (by appointments) and accepting referrals.
- Our supervisor and director are out on leave. Alvin Brewer has taken over in their absence.
- We continue our relationship with the high schools, working with our virtual career assessment program.
- We will be working remotely until March 2021.

Department of Health and Human Services – Sandi Mose

- MDHHS is open for appointment only – everything we do can be done over the phone. If a resident has questions about our services (cash assistance, food assistance, state emergency relief, childcare assistance, Medicaid) - Genesee, Shiawassee, St. Clair, Sanilac

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- Families are suffering during this pandemic. Staff also have challenges, working from home, children and balancing the increase in case load.
- Nicholas Morehead, representing Huron, Tuscola and Lapeer county MDHHS, complimented GST staff on their exceptional customer service during this pandemic on their work assisting UIA customers in addition to their regular workload.

Adult Education – Annette Schlaud

- A review of our 2019-2020 WIOA Adult Ed Final Narratives were turned in. This is informational for the board. Anyone wanting copies of those narratives may request copies from GST staff. Much of what they needed to do as an adult education provider could not be done because of COVID.
- Adult Ed is not shut down. Our new training programs will start in January.
- A success story was shared of an adult education participant who had a goal of being a truck driver. She went from the entertainment industry to receiving her diploma and has started truck driving school.

X. Board Member Comments/Other

Verona Terry, Job Corps, informed members they have ten students presently at the Center in the Jobs for Michigan's Graduates program.

Vicky Schultz, Catholic Charities, spoke of a "work ready" room they have to assist individuals in dressing for success when they have interviews, etc. They are also able to refer individuals to other community services.

Mia McNeil, University of Michigan-Flint, spoke of programs available at the University. She talked specifically about the Cyber Security program which is non-degree. They have a new Nursing Program Dean. An I-69 report will be coming out in January.

Kyle McCree, Consumers Energy, will be joining the Consumers Energy State Government Affairs team as Director, in mid-January. He thanked GST for having the opportunity to serve and reminded everyone that Consumers Energy has an energy store with great Christmas gifts.

Chair, Leanne Panduren, asked attendees to share the Talent Talk Newsletter with other groups, committees and boards they are involved with. She thanked everyone for their support and commitment this year.

XI. Adjournment

Seeing no other business, Chair Leanne Panduren called the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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

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Sandi Mose, Secretary

3/12/2021

Date

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