

GST MICHIGAN WORKS!
GOVERNING AGENCY BOARD
MINUTES
November 12, 2021
9:30 A.M.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Bryant Nolden.

Sanilac Commissioner Ballard	X	Lapeer Commissioner Warren	X
Huron Commissioner Bodis	X	Shiawassee Commissioner Webster	X
Tuscola Commissioner DuRussel		Tuscola Commissioner Young	X
Sanilac Commissioner Heberling		Genesee County Alternate Ellenburg	X
Genesee Commissioner Newman		Lapeer County Alternate Zender	
Genesee Commissioner Nolden	X	Lapeer County Alternate Bishop	X
Shiawassee Commissioner Plowman	X	Sanilac County Alternate	
Lapeer Commissioner Roy		Shiawassee County Alternate	
Huron Commissioner Talaski		Tuscola County Alternate	

Roll-call vote conducted.

9 members were present. An X indicates present members.

Staff present were Jody Kerbyson, Wendy Paxton, Jessie Billiau, Kelly Cook, Sharon Bowen, and Annalisa King Przybysz.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Nolden announced that an item would be added to the agenda:

e. Approval of the appointment of Rick Baird.

Commissioner Nolden called for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Rick Warren moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Tom Young supported the motion. Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden called for vote.

All members present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Action Items

a. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting**

Commissioner John Plowman moved to approve minutes of September 10, 2021, meeting. Commissioner Rick Warren supported the motion. Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden called for vote.

All members present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

b. Approval of the appointment of Ann Finkbeiner

Commissioner Tom Young moved to approve the Appointment of Ann Finkbeiner to the Workforce Development Board for a term ending 12-31-24. Commissioner Rick Warren supported the motion. Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden called for vote.

All members present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

c. Approval of the appointment of Diane Ricevuto, alternate for Ann Finkbeiner

Commissioner Tom Young moved to approve the Appointment of Diane Ricevuto as alternate for Ann Finkbeiner on the Workforce Development Board. Commissioner John Bodis supported the motion. Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden called for vote.

All members present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

d. Move to approval meeting dates for 2022

Commissioner John Plowman moved to approve the meeting dates for 2022. Commissioner John Bodis supported the motion. Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden called for vote.

All members present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

e. Approval of the appointment of Rick Baird

Commissioner Rick Warren moved to approve the Appointment of Rick Baird to the Workforce Development Board for a term ending 12-31-24. Commissioner John Bodis supported the motion. Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden called for vote.

All members present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

V. Financial Report

Kelly Cook reviewed the Agency Budget & Expenditure report for July 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021. Commissioner John Bodis moved to approve the Agency Budget & Expenditure report. Commissioner Roger Ballard supported the motion. Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden called for vote.

All members present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

VI. Finance Committee Report

Commissioner Nolden reported that the check run had been reviewed by committee in the Finance Committee meeting and everything appeared to be in order. Commissioner Nolden called for approval. Commissioner John Bodis moved to approve the payment of invoices in check register payment history for Board report dated 9/1/21 – 10/31/21. Commissioner John Plowman supported the motion. Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden called for vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

VII. Updates – Jody Kerbyson

Jody Kerbyson announced that UIA has restarted the work registration requirement. Michigan Works! are required to offer in person and virtual registration options. Customer visits are steadily increasing. Jody also shared that she attended the first in-person Leadership Meeting in Lansing this week.

Rick Warren asked if we were requiring masks for visitors, Jody Kerbyson stated that GST Michigan Works! does not currently require masks for visitors due to safety concerns for staff.

Tom Young inquired about the lack of people in the workforce. Jody Kerbyson suggested some possible reasons such as difficulty in childcare, stimulus payments allowing people to get by at least temporarily, self-employment and retirements. Jessica Billiau offered to provide a report with all open jobs and sectors in GST Michigan Works! region, she will be emailing copies of the report to board members.

Ellen Ellenburg discussed vaccine mandates causing staffing issues for the healthcare industry in Genesee County and Rick Warren discussed Lapeer County also having issues.

Quentin Bishop asked about UIA and the effects of the stimulus. He questioned what the true number of jobs positions open and employees not participating due to stimulus. He shared that many companies are right sizing due to lack of labor force and this could cause problems when individuals return to the labor market. Jody Kerbyson stated that she shared a report several months ago that compared pre-pandemic labor force numbers with current data and will be updating that information to share with the board. Jessica Billiau discussed Industry 4.0 and how many employers will be looking at moving toward automation. Jessica also discussed difficulty in getting the Out-of-School Youth population to commit to training or STEP into Work programs.

VIII. Personnel Item – Jody Kerbyson

Jody Kerbyson asked all GST Michigan Works! staff but Wendy Paxton to leave the room for discussion with the board.

IX. Board Member Comments/Other Business

There we no additional comments

X. Adjournment

Seeing there was no other business, Commissioner Nolden called the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Warren, Secretary
Annalisa King Przybysz, Support Staff



Rick Warren, Secretary

07/10/2021

Date

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