



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
MINUTES  
March 10, 2023  
9:30 A.M.**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chair Leanne Panduren.

Avendt, Scott		Jacobs, Megan	X
Baird, Rick	X	Kunisch, Chuck	X
Batistoni, Peter	X	Lewis-Jennings, Tracie/Steve Peterson	
Brinkman, Mary		Mose, Sandi/Jeff Cook	X
Collison, Dennis	X	Nas, Paula	
Ernst, Matt/Jannie Kilpatrick	X	Panduren, Leanne	X
Esselink, Robert	X	Rogers, Lisa	
Finkbeiner, Ann/Diane Ricevuto	X	Schlaud, Annette/ Mary Shelton-Weise	X
Fountain, Samantha	X	Sheppard, Daniel/ Verona Terry	X
Gaudet, Dan	X	Turner, Rafael	X
Hipes, Howard/Scott McDonald	X		

16 members were present. An X indicates present members.

Staff present were Jody Kerbyson, Sharon Bowen, Kelly Cook, Jessica Billiau, JulAnn Kuenzli, Wendy Paxton and Stephanie Polmanteer. Other attendees present included – Nicholas Morehead, Amy Lamiman, Sam Moore and Tony Slaten.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Chair Panduren called for approval of the agenda. Member Peter Batistoni moved to approve the agenda. Member Chuck Kunisch supported the motion. Chair Panduren called for discussion.

Chair Panduren called for vote.

All members present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

**III. Introductions**

**IV. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

V. Action Items

a. **Election of Officers**

Member Chuck Kunisch moved to approve the elected officers. Member Megan Jacobs supported the motion. Chair Panduren called for discussion. Chair Panduren called for vote. All members present voted AYE.  
MOTION PASSED

b. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting on December 9, 2022 (attached)**

Member Rick Baird moved to approve the December 9, 2022 minutes. Member Dennis Collison supported the motion. Chair Panduren called for discussion. Chair Panduren called for vote. All members present voted AYE.  
MOTION PASSED

c. **Approval of GSTMW Plans (attached)**

Member Robert Esselink moved to approve the GSTMW plans for: Global Epicenter of Mobility (GEM), Laborer's International Union of North America (LIUNA), Michigan Career Academies for Community Health (MiCOACH), Young Professionals Grant, Michigan Rural Enhanced Access to Careers in Healthcare (MiREACH), Going Pro Cycle 1, Food Assistance Employment & Training. Member Samantha Fountain supported the motion. Chair Panduren called for discussion. Chair Panduren called for vote. All members present voted AYE.  
MOTION PASSED

d. **Approval of CEAC appointments**

Member Megan Jacobs moved to approve the appointments of Dr. Rebecca Myszenski, Assistant Vice President for Career & Technical Education at Mott Community College and of Lindsay Lietz, HR Specialist at ZF Group in Lapeer to CEAC. Member Rafael Turner supported the motion. Chair Panduren called for discussion. Chair Panduren called for vote. All members present voted AYE.  
MOTION PASSED

VI. Finance

Kelly Cook reviewed the expenditure reports in the packet for 7/1/2022 – 1/31/2023 with the members. Member Dan Gaudet moved to approve expenditure reports. Member Rick Baird supported the motion. Chair Panduren called for discussion. Chair Panduren called for vote. All members present voted AYE.  
MOTION PASSED

VII. Update – Jody Kerbyson

Jody explained Workforce Intelligence Networks (WIN) to the members and how it is growing to include Electronic Vehicles into its program. She shared that Michigan's Governor is gearing up for the launch of career training with Electric Vehicles (E.V). GSTMW is planning to help accommodate this launch with it's partners. She reports that GSTMW is also now partnered with Thumb Rural Health and Memorial Healthcare in Owosso to provide training for medical careers in those areas. Jody mentioned that several regions are hosting successful job fairs including Fenton, Bad Axe, Owosso, Sandusky, Caro and Flint. Flint GSTMW recently held a job fair at its

facility. The turn out was very successful and brought in 84 new customers. May 24<sup>th</sup> will kick off this year's My Career Quest that will host several employers in the fields of Manufacturing, Healthcare, Construction and other in-demand trades totaling four quadrants for students to explore career opportunities. The event will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> with a morning session for high school students and an afternoon job fair session for adults seeking employment. There will also be a morning session on May 25<sup>th</sup> for additional students. The two morning sessions will allow the event to be open for more schools and students to attend. GSTMW recently acquired additional funding for its Youth Professionals Programs in Shiawassee and Genesee County's. This funding will help students be able to gain clinical experiences with local businesses. GSTMW Demonstration Grant was also approved. This Grant will go towards CDL training and certification. Jody reports that GSTMW staff attended a training for managing difficult behaviors in the workplace. She shared that it was a very informative and eye opening experience of the difficulties people are facing today and its effects on interactions between staff and customers. The Going Pro talent program is expanding their one circuit program into two due to its success and demand among local businesses. The Going Pro team and GSTMW executives will be meeting with legislators to share the successes, plans and operations of the program and how it is having a positive impact on local communities. Impact Awards will be presented on May 10<sup>th</sup> at The Radisson to celebrate DYNA Sales & Services.

#### VIII. Informational Items

a) Talent Talk Newsletter- Jessie Billiau

Jessie highlighted success stories of the outcomes of working with Job Corps as well as other partners of GSTMW. She shared that being able to help businesses fund training for their employees and bring in new employees is rewarding experience for all who are involved. Jessie reported that the My Career Quest event has reached its funding goal and will be able to put funds towards next year's event as well. My Career Quest currently has 15 businesses signed up to be part of the event and they hope to secure more before the event kicks off on May 24<sup>th</sup>. It is planned that the event will host up to approximately 3,600 visitors in its 2 day sessions.

b) Board Acronyms (*attached*)

c) Meeting Dates (*attached*)

#### IX. Partner Updates

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP)- Amy Lamimam reports that BSBP is now sharing an office with Michigan Rehabilitation Services in GSTMW's Flint location. They will be holding an open house on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)- Sandi Mose announced that Medicaid renewals will be taking place starting in June of 2023. The renewal had been paused during the Covid-19 pandemic. She shared that DHHS is strongly urging beneficiaries to update their address so they are able to receive their renewal packet for benefits.

X. Board Member Comments/Other Business

Job Corps – Verona Terry announced that they awarded their Employer of the Year Award to Jody Kerbyson at GSTMW. Job Corps will be holding their Annual Community Relations Council Meeting on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Member Dan Gaudet reported that he was looking to search for avenues to raise suicide awareness in the construction trades. He mentioned that he hopes to partner with other trade leader as well in hope to raise awareness in more trades and help to figure ways to combat it and provide assistance for those in need.

Member Chuck Kunisch agreed with Dan Gaudet and add that he would like to address safety awareness amongst agriculture tradesmen.

XI. Adjournment

Seeing there was no other business, Chair Panduren called the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandi Mose, Secretary  
Annalisa King Przybysz, Support Staff

 6/9/23  
Sandi Mose, Secretary Date

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