

Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board
Meeting Minutes
Friday November 17, 2023

Location: OMJ|CC 1910 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115

Attendees:

CCWDB Members			
Camille Ali	P	David Merriman	P
Cathy Belk	P	Joshua Perkins McHamm	A
Marquez Brown	P	Michael Schoop	P
Marzell Brown	A	Bill Seelbach	P
Crystal Bryant-Agyemang	P	Jason Shank	A
Leonard Dicosimo	P	Kim Shelnick	P
Senayt Fekadu	P	LaToya Smith	A
Mark Goffinet	P	Airica Steed	P
Paul Herdeg	P	Kim Thomas	A
Pam Jankowski	P	Felton Thomas Jr.	A
Ethan Karp	P	Holly Trifiro	P
Adrian Maldonado	P	James Vaughn	A
Shana Marbury	P		

P = present A = absent

WDB Staff	
Michelle Rose	Salena Hibbett
Laura Chalker	Rachel Benders
Mary Kelley	Lauren Carey
Terrah Morrison	Nancy Sidell

Guests	
Hannah Brown	Amy Emery
Darlene Glass	Tim Peyton
Alfred "AC" Fenderson	Chris Seamon
Jayson Richardson	Janine Kaiser
Anthony Mattox	Sara Greicius
Daniel Ashyk	Ken Field

Call to order: Chair Karp called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Approval of minutes from August 18, 2023: Chair Karp motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Belk seconds. The motion carried.

Mission moment: Voice of the Customer National Apprenticeship Week

- Hannah Brown from Cleveland Builds is a second-year apprentice in carpentry after working as a Pediatric RN for 8 years.

- Hannah works through Regency which is a woman-owned construction company. She appreciates the life-changing exposure and mentorship she has received.

Introduction of new Board Members:

- Crystal Bryant-Agyemang, National Engagement Strategist, Key Bank
- Leonard Dicosimo, Executive Secretary, North Shore Federation Labor, President, Cleveland Federation of Musicians, Local 4 AFM
- Adrian Maldonado, President, Adrian Maldonado and Associates
- Mark Goffinet, Program Delivery Manager, Officer of Workforce Development
- Michael Schoop, VP, Greater Cleveland Partnership
- Bill Seelbach, Senior Advisor, The Riverside Company
- Dr. Airica Steed, CEO and President of MetroHealth Hospital

Directors Report, Performance, and Budget:

- Director Rose referenced the Director’s report with the current initiatives underway and invited the Board to read it at a later time and reach out to her with any questions
- Deputy Director Chalker told the Board that we are on target financially. We are experiencing an influx of ITA’s and are on track to exceed our goals

Coursera presentation by Chris Seamon:

- Coursera is an online learning platform with over 10,000 learning experiences where students can learn at their own pace.
- Universities and businesses around the world help in providing some of the educational experiences
- The program has expanded language options
- Staff have been promoting the program and sending referrals

Nonprofit transition updates:

- WDB has approval from City and County councils for the nonprofit transition. The workplan is 100% on schedule.
- Director Rose and Deputy Director Chalker continue to work on staff planning and details. There is an upcoming meeting to discuss OPERS.
- Strategic Functions Committee is working on the plan to guide the nonprofit. Ms. Belk invited Board members to attend the meetings
- Mr. Merriman recommended that communication with ODJFS/Director Damschroder be added to the workplan

Deep Dive Presentation on systems-level efforts connected to WDB’s work:

- a. Workforce Funders Group – Janine Kaiser
 - WFG is a collaboration of public, private, and civic funders that promote systems change and workforce development.
 - WFG works to reduce unfilled positions in key sectors and increase access to good jobs and career opportunities.
 - WFG works to recognize fragmentations and improve outcomes by focusing on long-term structural improvements.
- b. Cleveland Talent Alliance – Sara Greicius

- Destination Cleveland works with 14 organizations to grow the Cleveland population by attracting and retaining working-age adults. Currently, the program is focusing on IT tech talent.
- Reverse the number of decreasing working adults.
- Improve perception of Cleveland by retaining college graduates. Destination Cleveland hosts parties to introduce students to Cleveland.
- Assists international students with Visa issues.

Procedural vote: Authorization of WIOA Youth Funds for CCMEP:

- Chair Karp motions to approve the minutes from August 18, 2023. Ms. Belk Seconds. Who seconded? The motion carried.

Chair Karp adjourns the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

- The next board meeting is February 16, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.