



CITY OF DETROIT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 22, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Michigan Room, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters
1301 Third Ave., Detroit, MI 48226

Call to Order

The meeting of the City of Detroit – Workforce Development Board was called to order at 2:10pm by Workforce Development Board Co-Chair Cindy Pasky.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Pasky asked for a motion to approve the Draft Agenda as presented. A motion was made and supported to adopt the draft as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting August 22, 2016

Chair Pasky asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the March 28, 2016 meeting of the City of Detroit – Workforce Development Board. A motion was made and supported to adopt the Draft Minutes of the Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Co-Chair Pasky welcomed City of Detroit Chief of Police James Craig and thanked him for taking the time from his busy schedule to join the meeting today.

Chief of Police James Craig

Chief Craig thanked the board for the opportunity to address them, and spoke about the Detroit Police Department's continuing involvement in Growing Detroit's Young Talent. Chief Craig talked about the exposure to career pathways and learning experience by the participants over the past summers. He introduced two participants, who each addressed the board in turn and answered questions about their experiences.

New Business

Jeff Donofrio asked consent to proceed to New Business, which was granted. He introduced Nicole Stallings and Robert Shimkoski, who presented the WIOA Local Plan and the WIOA Regional Plan to the board for approval. Co-Chair Dave Meador motioned for approval. Motion Carried Unanimously.

REPORTS

Co-Chairs Report – Cynthia Pasky and Dave Meador – Co-Chairs, City of Detroit – Workforce Development Board

Chairs Dave Meador and Cynthia Pasky thanked the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters for allowing the meeting to be held at this location. The Chairs presented a report detailing the recent employment growth

and unemployment decline in the City of Detroit and outlined recent accomplishments of the Workforce Development Board.

One Stop Operations –Directors Cal Sharp and Alice Thompson

Mr. Sharp and Ms. Thompson updated the Board on the committee’s efforts to devise a series of metrics for tracking and evaluating the performance of the One Stops operated by Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation. They also discussed the creation of a dashboard that would display pertinent information in a public arena and the increased use of technology to integrate services and expand the One Stop footprint. Chair Pasky asked Board members to consider joining the committee to assist with the work being done.

Healthcare – Director Joe Mullany

Mr. Mullany updated the Board on the efforts of the Healthcare committee around returning citizens, youth, and the development of an apprenticeship program for Detroit residents. Board members in engaged in a discussion about a wide variety of topics relating to the apprenticeship program, including: timeline, training components, follow-up with failed applicants, and community engagement.

Youth – Directors Tonya Allen and General Michael Stone

Ms. Tonya Allen and General Michael Stone updated the Board on their committee’s efforts at expanding Linked Learning and addressing talent pipelines. The announced that by the end of the year they plan to publish a strategy document that will outline the work of the committee going forward.

Corporate Planning and Procurement – Director Roy Wilson

Mr. Wilson updated the Board on the committee’s efforts to increase “D2D” local procurement. Mr. Rod Miller of the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation announced that DEGC is hiring a director to support “D2D” efforts. Chair Dave Meador added that this local procurement effort is modeled on the Pure Michigan Procurement initiative.

Executive Director’s Report – Jeff Donofrio

Mr. Donofrio outlined the approach pursued by the Board; industry-focused workforce programs. He outlined the ideal components of each program: basic skills and job readiness, certification and/or apprenticeships, with a focus on placing participants in a job hence engaging employers in program design. He outlined industry-focused programs in Healthcare, Information Technology, and Skilled Trades/Construction.

Mr. Donofrio acknowledged and thanked Interim Superintendent Alycia Merriweather of the Detroit Public Schools Community District for her appointment to the Workforce Development Board.

Mr. Donofrio introduced the new staff of the Workforce Development Board: Deputy Director Nicole Stallings and Project Manager Samuel Marvin.

Growing Detroit’s Young Talent Presentation – Ed Duggan

Mr. Duggan presented to the Board on the success of the GDYT program that summer. He shared that 8,157 youth had been employed at 220 different employers. 85% of participants were high school students, with the remaining 15% college students. He gave an overview of the goals of GDYT in 2017, emphasizing that while the aim is to have 8,000 participants the goals are to increase the quality of youth experiences, by engaging employers earlier and offering more training opportunities.

The Board engaged in a discussion of GDYT, during which many members shared positive their experiences with GDYT participants.

Old Business

No old business to come before the board.

Public Comment

Karen Tyler-Ruiz, the Executive Director of the Detroit Regional Workforce Fund spoke about the Access for All Pre-Apprenticeship program.

Jason Lee, the CEO of Focus: HOPE introduced himself to the Board and expressed his desire to work with it.

Rick Williams, President of Laborers' Local 1191 spoke about the need to engage Detroiters who are removed from the workforce.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the City of Detroit – Workforce Development Board Chair Pasky requested adjournment of the meeting. The meeting was at 4:01pm. Motion Carried Unanimously.