



## NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS BOARD

FEBRUARY 5, 2016

9:00 – 10:30 A.M.

NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS OFFICE

200 E. MAIN STREET

FORT WAYNE, IN 46802

### MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Bauman, Keith Davis, Jane Gresham, Tim Hartigan, Leroy Jackson, Jeff Kellam, Mark Michael, Jerrilee Mosier, Joe Peters, John Sampson, Corey Schoon, Darlene Stanley, Sandy Widener, Dennis Wimer.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jean Bade, Andrea Bollinger, Jennifer Dafforn-Koebler, Rick Farrant, Gary Gatman, Karen Green, Nancy Magginnis, Anne Meadors, Edmond O'Neal, Kathleen Randolph, Lori Rice, Beth Suman

**I. Call to Order**

Before calling the meeting to order, Board Chair Keith Davis introduced visitors, including Indiana Department of Workforce Development Commissioner Steve Braun, Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer Bill Nonte, and Deputy Commissioner of Public Affairs Joe Frank. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the October 2, 2015 meeting were provided to the board in the packet of advance materials. Tim Hartigan moved to approve the minutes. Doug Bauman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Financial Report**

Beth Suman provided highlights of the financial report and noted two developments not listed in the report: the state awarded \$5,000 in WIOA (Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act) transition money and \$667,000 to support JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) programs in the region. John Sampson moved to approve the report. Leroy Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Discussion**

■ **Commissioner Steve Braun – A Vision for Indiana's Workforce Development System**

Braun detailed his business and legislative background, including co-authoring a bill that created the Indiana Career Council, then highlighted his plans to develop a proactive employer- and data-driven workforce system that is applied consistently throughout the state. Helping drive the system will be a case management tool that is expected to be implemented by October. He said workforce development boards will take the lead in carrying out the system and it is his hope that Ivy Tech will be a key provider of services. At the root of the system, he said, will be aligning educational offerings with the needs of employers. Lengthy discussion followed about the roles of school counselors and teachers, and the long-term prospects for sustaining the revamped system.

■ **John Sampson – IPFW Study Group Final Report Talking Points**

Sampson provided an overview of a working study group's recent recommendations regarding the operational and governance structure of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW). Chief among the 22 recommendations was creating two distinct campus operations, with Purdue becoming the sole governing entity of the campus and Indiana University maintaining and enhancing its health sciences and medical education programs. Sampson noted there is much

work left to be done in evaluating the recommendations and sought board approval of the process for that evaluation. He emphasized he was not asking the board to approve the recommendations. Several board members expressed concerns that they had not seen all of the recommendations. Sampson moved that he will send the recommendations electronically to the board and that the board will then consider voting electronically to support the evaluation of the recommendations. Dennis Wimer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**V. Northeast Indiana Works Updates**

■ **Funding Opportunities, Sector Partnerships**

In the interest of time constraints, Kathleen Randolph gave a brief overview of funding opportunities and sector partnerships in the region. She also mentioned Edmond O’Neal’s recent trip to Washington, D.C., as a delegate to a WIOA implementation conference.

**VI. Board Chair’s Remarks**

Davis reported that a rewrite of the board’s bylaws has been completed, pending the release of final WIOA regulations.

**VII. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

(The next meeting of the board will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. June 3, 2016 at the same location – 200 E. Main St., Suite 910, Fort Wayne)