



NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS BOARD

APRIL 6, 2018

9:00-10:30 AM

200 E. MAIN STREET, SUITE 910

FORT WAYNE 46802

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darlene Stanley, Doug Bauman, Leslie Crist, Keith Davis, Alan Duff, Darryl Esterline, Jane Gresham, Tim Hartigan, Leroy Jackson, Jeff Kellam, Mark Michael, John Niederman and John Sampson.

STAFF PRESENT: Kathleen Randolph, Edmond O'Neal, Andrea Bolinger, Rick Farrant, Lori Rice, Karen Green and Anne Meadors.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Darlene Stanley called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda: Board Minutes/Financial Report/Audited Financial Statements and 990

The minutes of the January 5, 2018 meeting, the financial report and the audited financial statements and 990 were provided in the packet of advance materials. Jeff Kellam moved to approve all four items. LeRoy Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Presentation and Discussion

Fred Payne, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, gave an overview of his educational, professional and family background, then invited the board to engage in a dialogue with him about workforce-related topics. Among the topics: The new statewide workforce cabinet created by recent legislation, which Payne said is intended to enhance workforce development efficiency and alignment; the expansion of the employer training grant under Next Level Jobs; and a looming decrease in WIOA funding in the next program year. Overall, Payne said, he believes the state is moving in the right direction in the coordination and alignment of workforce resources, which likely will include enhanced career coaching options. Board members raised a number of concerns, including the need to better market credential-based careers; the process for choosing workforce cabinet members; and the need for continuity in high-level state administrative positions. John Sampson provided an overview of the broad collaborative economic and workforce development network in northeast Indiana that has led to a consistent focus on a well-aligned, demand-driven system aimed at boosting regional prosperity. Payne said he welcomed the feedback and would share it with others in state government. Board members thanked Payne for listening to their concerns and participating in a transparent discussion.

IV. Metrics Report

Kathleen Randolph and Edmond O'Neal briefly discussed the evolving metrics report and the changes board members will ultimately see. Randolph also mentioned forthcoming data and other informational enhancements to the Northeast Indiana Works website, including customized county newsletters.

V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

(The next meeting of the board will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. June 1, 2018 at 200 E. Main St., Suite 910, Fort Wayne.)