



NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS BOARD

JUNE 2, 2017

9:00 – 10:30 A.M.

NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS OFFICE

200 E. MAIN STREET

FORT WAYNE, IN 46802

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darlene Stanley, Keith Davis, Doug Bauman, Elaine Doherty, Larry Gerardot, Jane Gresham, Tim Hartigan, Leroy Jackson, Mark Michael, John Niederman, John Sampson, Corey Schoon, Rick Sherck, and Chris Straw.

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

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Darlene Stanley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. Presentation/ Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) Realignment

Indiana University Purdue University (IPFW) Chancellor Vicky Carwein reviewed the timeline for the realignment of IPFW with an effective date of July 1, 2018. IU and Purdue trustees had approved the realignment in late 2016. Beginning with the fall semester of 2018 students will apply and be admitted to separate IU and Purdue campuses based on their program of study with Purdue University Fort Wayne serving the bulk of the student, approximately 7,000. The campuses/schools will be known as IU Fort Wayne and Purdue Fort Wayne. Both schools will remain the Mastodons. Each school will have their own governing board which will provide clarity and efficiency. The Fort Wayne campus will be enhancing and offering programs not currently offered by Purdue; Purdue School of Music, Public Policy and General Studies. Purdue University Fort Wayne will have a Chancellor on campus and it is anticipated that IU Fort Wayne will have Director.

III. Presentation/Region 3 Labor Market Trends and Challenges for Economic Growth

John Stafford, interim director of IPFW’s Community Research Institute reported on region 3’s labor market trends and challenges for economic growth.

IV. Presentation/Recent Interviews

Rick Farrant, director of communications for Northeast Indiana Works presented two recent interviews. The first was with Edmond O’Neal and Darryl Esterline, president of the Northeast Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council which recently aired on Inside INdiana Business with Gerry Dick regarding the region’s new Building Futures pre-apprenticeship program. The program is structured as a normal work day including starting, ending and break times. Ten students recently graduated from the program. The partnership with Ivy Tech includes no student debt for the associated degree. The second was an Opportunity Knocks segment on WPTA 21 featuring Marion High School senior student, Darice Upchurch. Darice shared her personal story of overcoming adversity, how she came to be in the JAG program, what she has gained from it and how it has shaped her future. Darice is headed to Howard University in the fall. Following up on the JAG story, Karen Green reported that the JAG program has 5 performance measures. Brightpoint, who oversees the JAG program for region 3 has met all five.

Board members expressed their appreciation to be able to see personally how the efforts of the board are effecting the residents of northeast Indiana.

V. Consent Agenda

The minutes of the February 3, 2017 meeting were provided to the board in the packet of advance materials. Keith Davis moved to approve the minutes and John Niederman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Financial Report

Lori Rice presented the financial report. She noted that customer-related expenses remained low as the SkillsUp rounds 1 and 2 funds are in this account and will roll over. Youth must complete specific program requirements before receiving training assistance which typically takes place in May and June with funds being dispersed in July and August. Typically the expenses increase towards the end of the fiscal year and remaining funds will carry over. The dislocated worker account includes funds for training UTEC workers. TAA funds must be used first before the allocated funds can be disbursed. We are working with the state to get the grant expended and roll over into next year. Other grants and contracts contains the SkillUp rounds 1 and two funds and funds will roll over as noted above. John Niederman moved to approve the financial report and Keith Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The proposed PY17 budget was sent to board members in advance to review. This initial budget includes only funds we are assured of receiving. Keith Davis made a motion to approve the proposed PY17 budget and John Niederman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Stanley reported that the Executive Committee met with auditor Jake Dunton and reviewed the audit report. There were no findings and the Executive Committee praised the NEIN Works staff for another stellar audit. Jane Gresham made a motion to accept the audit report and John Stafford seconded. The audit report was unanimously accepted.

VII. Board Chair Remarks

Darlene informed members that a strategic planning session to engage the board is being planned for the fall. Once the details are finalized, members will receive more information.

VIII. 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. October 6, 2017 at the same location – 200 E. Main St., Suite 910, Fort Wayne)