



NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS BOARD

APRIL 1, 2022

9:00AM-10:30AM

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETING

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Richard Beck, Patrick Buesching, Dale Buuck, Keith Davis, Jordi Disler, Beth Green, Jane Gresham, Tim Hartigan, Leroy Jackson, Mark Michael, James Phillips, Corey Schoon, Rebecca Schroeder, Darlene Stanley, and Shelly Stearns.

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Farrant, Karen Green, Rafat Halboob, Erica Lillie, Anne Meyer, Edmond O’Neal, Lori Rice and Kim Tempel.

ALSO ATTENDING: Alex Corn and Lance Halsey.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Keith Davis called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.; a quorum was present. Davis offered condolences on the passing of Darlene Stanley’s father. He also noted that Board Member Chris Straw’s company, Team Quality Services, is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

II. Consent Agenda

The minutes of the January 7, 2022 meeting and financials were provided in the packet of advanced materials. Jane Gresham moved to approve the minutes and financial report, Jordi Disler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. 990 – Lori Rice

The organization’s 990 was completed in January. Rebecca Schroeder moved to accept the 990, Tim Hartigan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. JAG Spotlight

Rachel Bryant introduced two northeast Indiana students who recently competed in the 2022 Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) State Career Development Conference in Indianapolis. The students, Taylor Brooks of Manchester High School and Hunter Bowers of DeKalb High School, spoke about their experiences at the conference and also the general impact JAG has had on their lives. Bowers will compete at the JAG national conference in Dallas in May.

V. Advancing the Mission – Edmond O’Neal

O’Neal updated the board on numerous topics, including the Regional Elected Officials Agreement; the state modified plan; staffing changes; office relocations; employee compensation; work experience transition from the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership; the upcoming National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Forum; and a presentation Northeast Indiana Works will be giving to the U.S. Department of Labor.

VI. Convening, Connecting & Effecting Change – Rick Farrant

Farrant provided an update on career awareness campaigns and other initiatives, including Your Future: Make It Your Own; a manufacturing awareness campaign; the Northeast Indiana Healthcare Consortium, and the Youth Career Collective. He also mentioned an awareness campaign promoting Northeast Indiana Works and WorkOne Northeast.

VII. Employer Engagement – Kim Tempel

Tempel provided updates on employer convenings; business and retention visits; employer training funds, and the hiring of a registered apprentice coordinator.

VIII. Board Chair’s Remarks – Keith Davis

Mentioned that he had spoken with state monitors and that it sounded like Northeast Indiana Works would be getting a good report.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

(The next meeting of the board is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. June 3, 2022.)