



NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS BOARD

OCTOBER 7, 2022

9:00-10:30 AM

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING

FINAL MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Beck, Patrick Buesching, Keith Davis, Jordi Disler, Beth Green, Jane Porter Gresham, Tim Hartigan, Leroy Jackson, Jeff Kellam, Mark Michael, James Phillips, Corey Schoon, Rebecca Schroeder, Darlene Stanley, Shelly Stearns, and Tonya Weaver.

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Farrant, Erica Lillie, Cindy Neal, Edmond O’Neal, Lori Rice and Kim Tempel

ALSO ATTENDING: Alex Corn

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Keith Davis called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present. Davis announced that longtime board members Darlene Stanley and Jeff Kellam had submitted their resignations from the board. Davis wished them both good luck, and Stanley and Kellam thanked everyone for their time on the board.

II. Consent Agenda: Board Minutes, Financial Report

The minutes of the June 3, 2022 meeting and financials were provided in the packet of advance materials. Stanley moved to approve the minutes and financial report. Rebecca Schroeder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Final Proposed 2022-23 PY Budget – Lori Rice

Chief Financial Officer Lori Rice presented the proposed 2022-23 PY budget of \$11,162,752. After questions and discussion, Mark Michael moved to approve the budget. Leroy Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. 2022-23 WIOA Performance Measures – Edmond O’Neal

President and CEO Edmond O’Neal presented the federal performance measures for 2022-23. After questions and discussion, Stanley moved to adopt the federal performance measures. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. President and CEO’s Remarks – Edmond O’Neal

O’Neal said an Indiana Department of Workforce (DWD) monitor’s finding has been resolved. He shared a letter from Teijin Automotive Technologies in which the company’s human resource director lauded Northeast Indiana Works’ professionalism and in particular Kim Tempel, senior director of business services/human resources, and Michael Reith, business services representative. O’Neal also said that Kyle Marinelli, manager of governmental relations and policy at the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB), has agreed to speak virtually with the board on either December 2 or 9 regarding the status of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). O’Neal mentioned that the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet has a new executive director, Whitney Ertel. He also asked Tempel to provide a summary of an employer seminar conducted September 22 at Sweetwater Sound.

VI. Chief Elected Official’s Remarks – Commissioner Rich Beck

Rich Beck encouraged board members to make recommendations to O’Neal regarding potential candidates to fill vacant board positions.

VII. Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership Update and Q&A – Stephane Frijia

Stephane Frijia, president and CEO of the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, provided an overview of the partnership's genesis and a look forward to the organization's goals, including making northeast Indiana the location of choice for businesses and people committed to being tomorrow's market leaders, driving business investment and strengthening the region's global competitiveness and economic resiliency, accelerating innovation and technology across the region, and fostering equitable and inclusive job creation. Some of the ways the partnership will achieve those things, he said, are by promoting business opportunities, telling the stories of people who live and work in northeast Indiana, providing site selection assistance, and conducting research and economic modeling. Frijia also provided data addressing expansion and relocation projects in the region.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

(The next meeting of the board will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. January 6, 2023. There will be a virtual option, but all are encouraged to attend in person.)