



NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS BOARD

JANUARY 6, 2023

9:00-10:30 AM

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING

FINAL MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick Buesching, Dale Buuck, Keith Davis, Jordi Disler, Beth Green, Jane Porter Gresham, Tim Hartigan, Leroy Jackson, Mark Michael, James Phillips, Rebecca Schroeder, Shelly Stearns, Chris Straw and Tonya Weaver.

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

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Keith Davis called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda: Board Minutes, Financial Report

The minutes of the October 7, 2022 meeting and financials were provided in the packet of advance materials. Rebecca Schroeder moved to approve the minutes and financial report. Leroy Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Audit – Wipfli

Nathan Lipton, senior manager at Wipfli LLP, presented the findings of the 2021-2022 fiscal year audit of Northeast Indiana Works and reported an unmodified (or clean) audit in all material aspects. There were findings, not material weaknesses, regarding two missing signed WIOA applications. A corrective action plan has been executed. Keith Davis said Northeast Indiana Works remains a “low-risk auditee.” There was significant subsequent discussion about a new requirement that the value of leases be considered in asset and liability statements. Jane Gresham moved to accept the audit. Tim Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. DWD Local Workforce Board Orientation – Edmond O’Neal

President and CEO Edmond O’Neal conducted a board orientation session that broadly covered aspects of the workforce system. Schroeder remarked how challenging it must be to get all the pieces “going in the right direction.” Davis commended the collaboration and partnerships in the region that make it possible.

V. Board Chair’s Remarks – Keith Davis

Davis reported that he’d had a good virtual conversation with the new DWD commissioner, David Adams.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

(The next meeting of the board will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. April 14, 2023. There will be a virtual option, but all are encouraged to attend in person.)