Northeast Indiana Works Board
June 5, 2026 Minutes
9:00-10:30 AM

Board Members Present: Angie Dane, Jordi Disler, Leroy Jackson, Rebecca Schroeder, Shelly Sterns, Michael Venturini, Patrick Buesching, Dana Berkes, Jessica Beste, Lance Halsey, Kent Prosser, Chris Straw, Kristin Marcuccilli Green, Rick Beck (RCEO)

Staff Present: Edmond O'Neal, Erica Lillie, Kim Tempel, Lori Rice, Jennifer Steigerwald

Call to order

Board Chair Rebecca Schroeder called the meeting to order at 9a.m. A quorum was present. It was noted that Shelly Sterns will be retiring and that today's board meeting will be her last. She will be replaced by Bryan Zimmerman (FSSA)

Consent Agenda: Board Minutes, Financial Report

The minutes of the April 10, 2026, board meeting, financial report, and the PY 2026-27 proposed meeting dates were provided in the packet of advanced materials. Kent Prosser moved to approve the minutes, financial report, and PY 2026-27 meeting dates. Leroy Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PY2026-27 Proposed Budget

Lori Rice presented the PY2026-27 proposed budget to the full board (also sent in advanced materials). There was discussion about revenue losses (Youth funding reductions) and forthcoming funds that are not yet documented in the budget. A final budget will be submitted at the October meeting. Jordi Disler moved to approve proposed budget. Leroy Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation

Christy Wright, President and CEO of AgriNovus Indiana, shared information about the organization, its' available services and resources, and efforts specific to northeast Indiana.

Program Report

It was announced the Kim Tempel, Vice President, will be leaving the organization for a position with Bombardier. Her last day is 6.26.26. Updates were provided on federal legislation submitted by Senator Todd Young to replace WIOA and that Kate Shelby has been formally named as the new DWD Commissioner. Realignment efforts are still underway but have not been finalized. It is expected that an updated local plan will be due on 9.30.2026.

Efforts are underway to identify and select a new Regional Chief Elected Official, as Commissioner Beck will be retiring at the end of the program year.

Chief Elected Official Remarks

No remarks

Board Chair's Remarks

Schroeder noted that the State Workforce Development Board (SWDB) met in May, with minimal action taken as it was the first meeting. The SWDB will meet again in July.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. There was no executive session.

(The next meeting of the board will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. October 2, 2026. There will be a virtual option, but all are encouraged to attend in person.)