

Workforce Development Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

This meeting was held both in-person at Capital Area Michigan Works! and virtually on Zoom.

Present: Dennis M. Louney (Chair), Shelly Neal (1st Vice Chair), Bob Trezise (2nd Vice Chair), Chris Holman, Bill Brewer, Cindy Kangas, Fathy Shetiah, Heidi Lowe, Kathie Dunbar, Laura Stoken, Rebecca Bahar-Cook, Rey Guzman, Su'Alyn Holbrook, Tom Ruis, Fred Thomas, Rich Howard

Absent: Paula Cunningham, Bill Kimble, Sergio Keck, Janet Lillie, Bob Proctor, Matt Schneider, Sherry Pfaff-Doody, Jane Mitchell Karen Kafantaris

Secretariat: Carrie Rosingana

Staff: Joe Clark, Nick Chaffin, Michelle Dillingham, Tekea Norwood, Joe Winkiel, Amanda Johnson , Teri Sand

Guests: Dalton Wilson, David Blanz, Denise Rose, Elizabeth Curry, Jay Benitez, Kathy McCarthy, Kere Milow, Michael Pompey Stacy Dent, Steenah Bedford, Teresa Crosby

AGENDA

ITEM #1 WELCOME
Dennis M. Louney calls the meeting to order at 7:36 am.

ITEM #2 PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment.

***** **CONSENT AGENDA ***** (Attachments for each item included) *******

Action ITEM #3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 5, 2026 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING

Action ITEM #4 APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION YEAR (AY) 2026 WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) ALLOCATIONS
A) ADULT
B) DISLOCATED WORKER

Action ITEM #5 APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION YEAR (AY) 2026 WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) YOUTH PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS

Action ITEM #6 APPROVAL OF AY 2026 WAGNER-PEYSER AND AY 2026 WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES FUNDS FOR (PY) 2026 EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS

Action ITEM #7 APPROVAL OF PARTNERS FOR REENTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (PROWD) & MICHIGAN CITIZEN REENTRY INITIATIVE (MICRI) STAGE 3 FUNDING

Action ITEM #8 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FY 2026 MICHIGAN INDUSTRY-DRIVEN SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FUNDS

Action ITEM #9 APPROVAL OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT WORKFORCE INITIATIVE FUNDS

Action ITEM #10 APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026 GOING PRO TALENT FUND CYCLE 2 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FUNDS

Action ITEM #12 APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026 PATH PROGRAM RE-ALLOCATIONS FUNDS

Action ITEM #13 APPROVAL OF FY 2027 PARTNERSHIP. ACCOUNTABILITY. TRAINING. HOPE. (PATH) FUNDING PLANNING ALLOCATIONS

Action ITEM #14 APPROVAL OF FY 2027 LEARN-TO-EARN FUNDING PLANNING ALLOCATIONS

Action ITEM #15 APPROVAL OF T3 COUNCIL MEMBERS

26-03 Chris Holman motions to accept the consent agenda. Rich Howard supports the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

ITEM #16 RECOMMENDATION OF SUB-RECIPIENT PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) ADULT, DISLOCATED AND YOUTH PROGRAMS, PARTNERSHIP. ACCOUNTABILITY. TRAINING. HOPE. (PATH) PROGRAM, AND FOOD ASSISTANCE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (FAE&T) PROGRAM

- ITEM #17** **HOT JOBS/RAPID RESPONSE & JOBS FILLED/JOBS POSTED: INCLUDED IN PACKET FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES**
Tekea Norwood delivers the jobs filled and rapid response reports
- ITEM #18** **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: INCLUDED IN PACKET FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES**
- ITEM #19** **LEAP UPDATE**
Bob Trezise gives updates regarding LEAP.
- ITEM #20** **PRESENTATION: STATE BUDGET BASICS (JOE CLARK, CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER)** Joe Clark gives the communications report.
- ITEM #21** **CEO REPORT**
- ITEM #22** **ADJOURNMENT**
Dennis M. Louney adjourns the meeting at 9:02am