

General Membership Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2023, 2:30 - 4:00pm
Plato Conference Center, 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN

WIB Members Present

Tom Aasheim
Becky Degendorfer
Karen Gerdin
Hanna Getachew-Kreusser
Lisa Guetzkow
Chad Kulas
Tony Lusiba
Pamela Maldonado
James McClean
Yolanda McIntosh
Rena Moran
Paul Nikstad
John Perlich
Elisa Rasmussen
Mary Rick
Trish Stevens

Members Absent

Shym Cook-EA
Jennifer Germain-EA
Susan Jambor-EA
Hyon Kim-EA
Gaye Adams Massey
Camila Mercado Michelli
Don Mullin-EA
Sean Mullan-EA
Koami Pedado
Sheri Riemers
Julie Thiel-EA
Chris Tolbert
Tanya Velishek
Ramona Wilson-EA
Tracy Wilson-EA

Staff/Guests Present

Ama Asantewaa, National Able IT Career Lab
Ling Becker, Workforce Solutions
Karen Berg, Workforce Solutions
Rachael Dietrich, SPIRE Credit Union
Breanna Galuska, Saint Paul Public Schools
Donna Herbel, Repowered
Marcel Hofker, Strive Staffing
Caroline Karanja, Hack the Gap
Mariann Macalus, Workforce Solutions
Jennifer Marx, Repowered
Brad Mahr, Workforce Solutions
Becky Milbrandt, Workforce Solutions
Rachael Molenaar, Workforce Solutions
Stevenson Morgan, Ramsey County
Robert Murry, All Square
John O'Phelan, Workforce Solutions
Funlola Soyomokun, Workforce Solutions

Call to Order & Announcements & Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement

Chair Chad Kulas called the meeting to order at 2:33pm and read the following announcements:

- Welcome to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County meeting. We especially welcome our partners and guests joining us today.
- WIB meetings will be held in this room through October of this year. Restrooms are located directly across from the elevators in the main lobby,
- Welcome new members Commissioner Rena Moran and Hanna Getachew-Kreusser.
- WIB members and guests are invited to attend any committee meetings. All agendas and minutes are available on the WIB's webpage. All committee meetings are being conducted via video conference. Instructions to participate are included in the meeting invites and are also posted on the WIB's webpage.
- Article 8 of the WIB's Bylaws state that "...members shall not cast a vote on any matter regarding the provision of services by the member or by an entity that the member represents or on any matter that would provide direct or indirect financial benefit to such member or the immediate family of such member". If you believe you have a conflict on any items on today's agenda, please abstain from discussion and voting.
- The next WIB meeting will be on Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 2:30-4pm in the 1st Floor Conference Center at the Plato Building. Note: the April meeting is on the second Thursday.
- Each year, all WIB members are asked to review and sign a Conflict-of-Interest Acknowledgement. The acknowledgement form was distributed with the January Committee meeting packets and was also in the pack for today's meeting. Becky has some paper copies with her today as well. If you haven't signed and returned your form yet, please see Becky or send it to her via email as soon as possible.

Land Acknowledgement

Karen Gerdin read the land acknowledgement.

New Member Introductions

Kulas introduced Stevenson Morgan, Commissioner Moran's new Aide. Getachew-Kreusser also introduced herself and is excited to be part of the WIB. Commissioner Moran introduced herself and shared details about her career and background. She is excited to be part of the WIB.

Approve Consent Agenda

February Meeting Agenda, December Meeting Minutes, WIB Financial Report November-December; Amended 2023 WIB Budget; Funding Requests: Event Support and Right Track Intern, PY23/SFY24 Unified Local Youth Plan, 2022 WIB Policy Platform

Motion (Aasheim/Degendorfer) to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2022 WIB Impact Report and ARPA Update

Becker thanked the WIB and committee members for their commitment in service to the residents and businesses of Ramsey County and the impact on our community. She provided a summary of the WIB's investments in events: East Side, Roseville and Midway Area Job Fairs, Healthcare and Tech Industry Months, Inclusive Workplaces Cohort, Career Connect Day, Right Track Intern, Fair Opportunities Event Series & Welcome Home Party Hiring Event, Ramsey County Means Business. Becker provided an update on ARPA: Digital Equity, Early Childhood Academy, Social Return on Investment, Building Your Own Future: Trades Up, Youth and Young Adult Efforts, Learn & Earn, Drivers' License Academy, Power Within Us.

Fair Opportunities: Panel Discussion and Table Talks

Panelists Hofker, Marx and Murry introduced themselves and the organization they work for. Becker moderated a discussion around the biggest barriers for those who have been impacted by the justice system, Ban the Box and opportunities for people who have been justice impacted and struggling to find gainful employment. Small groups were formed to reflect and discuss the information shared by the panelists.

Other

A verbal "thank you" to all those who work on the job fairs sponsored throughout Ramsey County.

Adjourn

Upon conclusion of the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

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