

General Membership Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 2022, 2:30pm - 4:00pm
International Institute of Minnesota, Hall of Nations Room

WIB Members Present

Tom Aasheim
Shym Cook
Karen Gerdin
Jennifer Germain
Lisa Guetzkow
Susan Jambor
Chad Kulas
Tony Lusiba
Pamela Maldonado
Jim McDonough
Paul Nikstad
Koami Pedado
John Perlich
Elisa Rasmussen
Sheri Riemers
Trish Stevens
Chris Tolbert
Ramona Wilson

Members Absent

Becky Degendorfer-EA
Hyon Kim-EA
Gaye Adams Massey
James McClean-EA
Yolanda McIntosh-EA
Camila Mercado Michelli-EA
Don Mullin-EA
Sean Mullan-EA
Mary Rick
Julie Thiel-EA
Tanya Velishek-EA
Tracy Wilson-EA

Staff/Guests Present

Heather Isaac, DEED
Ling Becker, Workforce Solutions
Karen Berg, Workforce Solutions
Carrie Carroll, Metro State University
Pamela Hamilton, Workforce Solutions
Scott Helland, East Metro Consortium
Mariann Macalus, Workforce Solutions
Becky Milbrandt, Workforce Solutions
Dr. Mohamed Mourssi-Alfash, Equity Committee
Ginny Nayman-Tonn, HHH Job Corps Center
John O'Phelan, Workforce Solutions
Elizabeth Pacunas, SPPHA
Jacqueline Reding, Goodwill-Easter Seals
Kate Schommer, St. Paul Literacy Consortium
CJ Stanton, Workforce Solutions
Funlola Soyomokun, Workforce Solutions
Erica Thurston, Change, Inc.
Andy Vue, Community Action Partnership

Call to Order & Announcements

Chair Chad Kulas called the meeting to order at 2:32pm 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.
- We're excited to be here at International Institute of MN and will have the opportunity to see their newly renovated space in just a few minutes.
- At the conclusion of the business portion of today's meeting, we would like to get group photos of the WIB members and the Executive Committee. Please move as quickly as possible to the back of the room for a quick photo. The photographer can also take individual photos for anyone who would like a headshot.
- Several of our One-Stop Partners will be joining us for the last 30 minutes of today's meeting for a partner resource fair. After the WIB photo, please feel free to visit with them to learn about the programs and services they offer to Ramsey County residents.
- 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.
- Assuming the 2023 WIB meeting is approved today, the next WIB meeting will be on Thursday, February 2, 2023, from 2:30-4pm. This meeting will be held in the 1st Floor Conference Center at the Ramsey County Plato Building at 90 W. Plato Blvd.
- I would like to invite Cory Ertz to come up and say a few words about the International Institute and to kick us off on the building tour. Thank you for hosting the WIB in this great new space.

Land Acknowledgement

Commissioner McDonough read the land acknowledgement. Becker and Riemers shared a few words about Commissioner McDonough, who is retiring the end of the year. A “thank you” video was shared featuring some of the business and community leaders who have had the pleasure of working closely with Commissioner McDonough over the last two decades on the Ramsey County Board. Saint Paul Councilmember Tolbert also shared a few words of appreciation.

Tour of International Institute

An opportunity was provided to members and guests to tour the newly renovated International Institute facility.

Approve Consent Agenda

December Meeting Agenda, October Meeting Minutes, WIB Financial Report – September-October; 2023 WIB Budget; 2023 WIB Meeting Schedule

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

One-Stop Operator Consortium Update

Becker, Guetzkow, Germain and Cook shared information on the past year’s activities of the One-Stop Operator Consortium.

One-Stop Partner Resource Fair

Numerous One-Stop Partners were available to showcase their work to WIB members and guests. This event was also a great opportunity for partners to connect with each other.

Other

No further items were discussed.

Adjourn

Upon conclusion of the agenda, the meeting and fair were adjourned at 4:00pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2023, 2:30-4pm – Plato Conference Center, 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul MN, 1694 Como Ave. St. Paul