

**Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County**  
Policy & Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 27, 2022  
2:00-3:00 pm

**Present:**

Lisa Guetzkow  
James McClean  
Camila Mercado Michelli  
Sean Mullan  
John Perlich

**Absent:**

Sheila Olson-EA

**Staff/Guests:**

Ling Becker, Ramsey County  
Karyn Berg, Ramsey County  
Mariann Macalus, Ramsey County  
Rebecca Milbrandt, Ramsey County  
Jennifer O'Rourke, Ramsey County  
Funlola Soyomokun, Ramsey County  
Dani Tharaldson, CareerOneStop

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**Call to order & Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Mullan called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. O'Rourke read acknowledgement aloud. Everyone introduced themselves.

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**Approval of March Minutes**

**Motion (Guetzkow/McCLean) to approve the March 23, 2022, Policy and Oversight Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by chat vote.**

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**WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Updates**

*Oversight Reporting Plan and Schedule; Overview of Oversight Report Schedule; Performance Negotiations:* Berg gave an overview of the program performance and the performance measures that are driven by federal legislation, which the state and local levels follow. She shared the measurements by which Workforce Solutions provides the dashboard updates to this committee. She shared a summary of the program year outcomes for July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Workforce Solutions exceeded all the negotiated goals and Median Wage goals for both programs. There was discussion around the reporting plan and schedule as to what the committee would like to see during the year regarding outcomes. The reporting plan presented was well-received by the committee. There was interest in the impact of the outcomes which would influence decisions on policy and reporting more often the placement/employment trends.

*DOL Monitoring:* Becker shared that Workforce Solutions was notified that there will be a monitoring visit by the Department of Labor (DOL) the week of October 24. DOL will monitor the WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker and Wagner Peyser programs during their visit. She indicated that she had no concerns about the monitoring and believes Ramsey County was randomly selected.

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**Committee Work Plan Updates**

*Open Meeting Law:* Becker, Milbrandt and O'Rourke reviewed the Open Meeting Law and the impact on the WIB and committee meetings since the ending of the Governor's emergency orders. It was previously established that the committees could continue to meet virtually but the requirement for the Executive Committee meetings was unclear due to its authority to make decisions on behalf of the WIB. This issue is being addressed so the Executive Committee can meet virtually. There was discussion on whether the Open Meeting Law makes sense in the new age of interacting and should a pitch be made to the legislature to see who is pushing changes and what changes would be the best to ensure transparency and flexibility. O'Rourke suggested the WIB piggyback off others that are working on modernize the law. Becker will work with O'Rourke to develop proposed language changes.

*Policy Agendas:* Not presented.

*Delegation Letter/Mailings:* Not presented.

*Legislative Platforms:* Becker provided an update on various legislative platforms. MAWB's Policy Committee has started to meet. Becker has been engaged with the Center for Economic Inclusion's Policy Committee as well. Ramsey County has engaged in two new strategic priorities involving client change and increasing community resilience and intergenerational prosperity for racial and economic inclusion.

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**Director Updates**

*American Rescue Plan and Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act:* Not presented.

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**Other**

Mullan shared Manufacturing Month in October with an event in St. Paul on October 18. 3M and the WIB are sponsoring.

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**Adjourn**

Upon completion of the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 PM.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 3-4 PM