



**Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County**

Technology Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 10, 2022

1:00 – 2:00pm

**Present:**

Sam Drong  
Caroline Karanja  
Tony Lusiba  
Kowsar Mohamed  
Koami Pedado  
Diane Rucker  
Sabina Saksena

**Absent:**

Carly Voshell

**Staff/Guests:**

Ling Becker, Workforce Solutions  
Megan Forgrave, St. Paul Area Chamber  
Mariann Macalus, Workforce Solutions  
Rebecca Milbrandt, Workforce Solutions  
Kim O’Brien, St. Paul Area Chamber

**Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Lusiba called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. Saksena read the Land Acknowledgement.

**Approve January Minutes**

**Motion (Lusiba/Rucker) to approve the January 13, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously by chat vote.**

**Committee Work Plan/Project Update**

*Tech Month Events:* Becker stated that most of today’s meeting will be centered on tech month events and gathering feedback and support from the committee on how to move forward. Forgrave and O’Brien from the St. Paul Area Chamber joined the meeting as they have worked with Workforce Solutions as partners, event manager and promoters in the past and the plan is to have them help with this committee’s work plan on the Tech Futures Event which focuses on training pathways and opportunities. A discussion was had on how to get clarity about what is happening in the entry level tech space. The committee then broke into small groups to discuss the two Tech Talk event. The discussions resulted in the below recap and assigned tasks in securing speakers/panelists, giveaways, partnering with others, marketing, etc.

Event	Date/Time	Target Audience
Tech Talk: Game Toward Your Future- Discuss AR/VR/Gaming as source of tech interest for youth to propel into Future of Work	Tuesday, April 12 6:00-7:30 pm Rondo Library Create Eventbrite sign up	Young people
Tech Talk: Entrepreneurs and Future of Tech - How entrepreneurs have used tech to build a better future	Thursday, April 28 12:30 to 1:15 pm Virtual Webinar- Zoom sign up	Entrepreneurs, workforce professionals
Tech Futures Event: Discuss entry points into tech jobs	Friday, April 22 8:30 to 10:00 am 10:00 to 10:30 am networking Virtual event- SPAC will create webpage and sign up	Employment counselors and employers

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**Other and Committee Member Updates**

No other items were discussed.

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**Adjourn**

Upon completion of the agenda, meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2022, 1:00-2:00pm