

**Minutes**  
**Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce Board**  
**Annual Meeting**

September 24, 2021  
8:30 a.m. CT / 9:30 a.m. ET  
Zoom Meeting

**Members Present:**

Makenzie Coulter	Sue Habig	Drew Gerth	Theo Boots
Bob Birge	Brittney Kirwer	Terry Marsh	Lawrence Taylor
Stephanie Norrick	Amy O'Dell	Michelle Schaefer	David St. Clair
Ryan McRoberts	Heather Watts	Marcia Forston	Chris Pfaff
Angela Kirlin	Sara Worstell		

**Local Elected Officials Present:**

Mayor Joe Yochum      Mayor Steve Schwinghamer

**WDB Staff:**

Angie Sheppard	Kay Johnson	Valerie Schmidt	Mary Hamilton
Linda Jones			

**Others Present:**

Suzanne Blake	Cheri Conyers	Patrick McGrew	Greg Parsley
Steven Stump	Denise Biggerstaff	David Tucker	Connie Ralph
Christian Blome	John Scioldo	Brandy Smith	Mellinda Poole
Paula Nurrenbern	Shawn Collins	Thomas Donahue	Jesse Underwood
Vic Chamness	Brandon Small	I Perkins	Jarred Howard
Joyce Fleck	William Groves	Scott Derr	Laurel Vanhooser
Jodi Locke	Jarred Howard	Lauren Bell	Christy Teeters
Alexis Zimmerman	Peg Boardman	Bryan Norman	Carla Crowe
Nancy Schroering	Gary Krick	Michael Thomas	Jody Robinson
Audrey Buckman			

**Welcome:**

Makenzie Coulter welcomed everyone to the Workforce Development Board's annual meeting.

**Call to Order:**

Makenzie Coulter called the Zoom meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. CT.

**Keynote Speaker: Patrick McGrew, Indiana's Workforce Cabinet**

Patrick McGrew gave an overview of the Governor's Workforce Cabinet, the mission and vision. The presentation included:

- An explanation of the Next Level Jobs' Workforce Ready Grant and the Employer Training Grant
- Highlights of the WIOA State Plan and Career and Technical Education
- A vision for change, strategies for success and measuring progress
- Creating more awareness
- The Unemployment Insurance continued improvement project

**Approval of Minutes – September 25, 2020**

The Board reviewed the September 25, 2020 Annual Meeting minutes.

Theo Boots made a motion to accept the September 25, 2020 Annual Meeting minutes. Sue Habig seconded. Motion passed. <span style="float: right;"><i>WDB-2021-08</i></span>
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**Annual Report:** Makenzie Coulter gave an overview of the Annual Report highlighting the Fund Development Committee’s mission to provide sustainability as well as funding to serve individuals outside of current funding. Included in the highlights were last year’s funding, the number of job seekers and businesses served and Jobs for America’s Graduates achievements.

**Client of the Year Awards:**

Makenzie Coulter congratulated this year’s award winners for their outstanding achievements. Adult Client of the Year, Matthew Krack, sent a video expressing his appreciation to staff for their continued encouragement to achieve success. Alexis Zimmerman, Youth Client of the Year, was in attendance and shared her story and appreciation. Christopher Conner received the Dislocated Worker Client of the Year award and Nickolai DeWig received the Youth Work Experience Client of the Year.

**Business of the Year Award:**

Makenzie Coulter announced this year’s Business of the Year is Infinity Molding and Assembly. Cheri Conyers expressed appreciation to the Workforce Board for the many services provided in helping build their workforce. Jerry Walden, Posey County Black Township Trustee recognized Infinity Molding and Assembly for all they do for Posey County.

**Career and Technical Education Program Review:**

Jarred Howard, Patoka Valley CTE Cooperative, Brandon Small, Twin Rivers CTE Cooperative and David St.Clair, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center provided a review of their CTE program including the counties served, the number of students and the programs provided.

**Closing Comment:**

Makenzie Coulter expressed appreciation to Board Members, Sara Worstell, the Board Team, and staff in the WorkOne offices for our success. A network of support.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Chris Pfaff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. Central time. Brittney Kirwer seconded. Motion passed. <span style="float: right;"><i>WDB-2021-09</i></span>
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Jason Nord, Secretary

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