

Minutes
Southwest Indiana Workforce Board
Annual Meeting

September 23, 2022
8:30 a.m. CT / 9:30 a.m. ET
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Sue Habig	Drew Gerth	Brittney Kirwer	Lawrence Taylor
Amy O'Dell	Michelle Schaefer	David St. Clair	Noah Shelton
Jason Nord	Shelia Naab	Bill Byrant	Jon Keck
Sara Worstell			

Local Elected Officials Present:

Mayor Dean Vonderhide
Donna Lashley, Field Representative for Congressman Bucshon

Commissioner Ken Montgomery

WDB Staff:

Angie Sheppard	Kay Johnson	Valerie Schmidt	Mary Hamilton
Linda Jones	Whitney Zellers	Jessica Simpson	

Others Present:

Todd Hurst	Evette Futrell	Eric Berendsen	Greg Parsley
Mary Reese	Denise Biggerstaff	David Tucker	Christian Blome
Judy Jochem	Melinda Poole	Thomas Donahue	Joyce Fleck
Daniel Jenkins	Vicki Jenkins	Daniel Jenkins' Guest	Angel Garza
Jodi Locke	Jarred Howard	Brooksie Smith	Peg Boardman
Rebecca Griffiths	Cathy Cross	Nancy Schroering	Michael Thomas
Jody Robinson	Audrey Buckman	Becky Springer	Sherri Montgomery
Kathrin Hast	Amanda Vandewege	Vic Oberhausen	Cale Knies
Margaret Stuckey	Jim Barnabee	Laurel Vanhooser	Becky Jessner

Welcome:

Sue Habig welcomed everyone to the Workforce Development Board's annual meeting and recognized Local Elected Officials, WDB members and staff.

Call to Order:

Sue Habig called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. CT.

Keynote Speaker: Todd Hurst, Institute for Workforce Excellence, Indiana Chamber of Commerce

Todd Hurst gave an overview of the 2021 Chamber Employer Survey including Talent Needs, Education Attainment and Economic Opportunities. Todd Hurst's presentation included information about the Intern Program, Work and Learn and the Talent Resource Navigator Program. A power point will be provided to those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes – September 24, 2021

The Board reviewed the September 24, 2021 Annual Meeting minutes.

Jason Nord made a motion to accept the September 24, 2021 Annual Meeting minutes. Lawrence Taylor seconded. Motion passed.

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Annual Report: Sue Habig gave an overview of the Annual Report highlighting the individuals served, placed into employment, media wage at placement, number of businesses served, dollars awarded for the employer training grant and the Navigator program started with United Way grant funding.

Sue Habig referred everyone to the handouts in their packet: Southwest Indiana Workforce Board and individual sheets for the Neighborhood Navigators with their contact information.

Client of the Year Awards:

Sue Habig congratulated this year's award winners for their outstanding achievements and presented recognition plaques. Adult Client of the Year, Donny Fields, sent a video showing the country he is seeing as a truck driver and expressing his appreciation to Audrey Buckman for her continued encouragement to achieve success.

Daniel Jenkins, received the Dislocated Worker Client of the Year award, was in attendance sharing his story and expressing his appreciation to Audrey Buckman and WorkOne.

Angel Garza , Youth Client of the Year, was in attendance, was very charismatic, shared his story and appreciation to the Board, WorkOne and Audrey Buckman.

Business of the Year Award:

Sue Habig announced this year's Business of the Year is ABBP, LLC Eric Berendsen expressed appreciation to the Workforce Board and WorkOne staff for the many services provided in helping build their workforce.

Special Recognitions:

Sue Habig congratulated and presented special recognition certificates to:

Audrey Buckman – Neighborhood Navigator

Bill Lawrence – Veterans Services

Jody Robinson – State of Indiana JAG High Achiever

Sherri Montgomery – State of Indiana Outstanding JAG Coordinator

Kathrin Hast , Mt. Vernon JAG Specialist – JAG 5 of 5 Performance Award

Closing Comment: Sue expressed appreciation to everyone for attending and pointed out donation cards on the tables to help with the Barrier Buster fund started by the Community Foundation.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Brittney Kirwer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Central time. Amy O'Dell seconded.
Motion passed. **WDB-2022-08**

Jason Nord

Jason Nord, Secretary

October 2, 2023

Date