

Minutes
Southwest Indiana Workforce Board

8:30 a.m. CT, November 7, 2025

Zoom Meeting

WDB Members Present:

Amy O'Dell	Bill Dyer	Brittney Kirwer	Daniela Vidal
Drew Gerth	Jason Nord	Jessica Kiesel-Finney	Kara Yates
Marcia Forston	Peg Boardman	Robin Woebkenberg	Sara Worstell
Michelle Schaefer	Sue Habig	Terry Marsh	

Others Present:

Alejandro Reyna	B.J. Watts	Carla Crowe	Joss Torres-Edwards
Kim Stevenson	Nancy Schroering	Patrick Nay	Rebecca Griffiths
Tar Carney			

Staff Present:

Jody Robinson	Angie Sheppard	Kay Johnson	Valerie Schmidt
Breann Jones			

Call to Order: Sue Habig called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Central Time.

Guest Speaker: Alejandro Reyna from Ascend Indiana presented on their programming.

Additional Agenda Items: None

WDB Minutes – June 27, 2025: Sue Habig opened the floor to discussion over the WDB Meeting Minutes from June 27, 2025.

<i>Jason Nord motioned to approve the WDB Meeting Minutes from June 27, 2025. Kara Yates seconded. Motion passed.</i>

WDB-2025-04

Consent Agenda: Sue Habig opened for discussion over the consent agenda.

Staff Report: Sara Worstell presented the updated Staff Report to the board. Sara Worstell reported staff is working on quarterly communications, applied for the Owensboro Health Grant for work-based learning, and met with Boilermakers and Tell City Ivy Tech on a pre-apprenticeship. Sara Worstell also reported that staff attended the Aidex Manufacturing Summit, planned with CTE districts for Regional Collaboration meetings, and met with Hub 19 Director on engagement of employers. Sara Worstell stated that staff have added more partners to the Partner Referral System, identified organizations in each county for outreach, met with EVPL on the neighborhood navigator site, explored an after-school

program at the Immigrant Welcome Center, initiated a relationship with the Council of Three Rivers, and are working with service provider staff on culture and journey mapping.

Jessica Kiesel-Finney motioned to approve the WDB Consent Agenda. Terry Marsh seconded. Motion passed. **WDB-2025-05**

New Business:

Regional Realignment: Sue Habig presented the new proposed regional maps from DWD. Discussion was held.

Service Provider/OSO Contract: Sue Habig presented the possibilities of extending the Service Provider/OSO contract for another year due to changes in the regional maps.

Jason Nord motioned to extend the Service Provider/OSO contract for JobWorks, Inc. until June 30, 2027. Terry Marsh seconded. Motion passed. **WDB-2025-06**

Workforce Study: Sara Worstell presented a Workforce Study commissioned by the Indiana Workforce Alliance on the regions and services.

Old Business:

DWD Update: Peg Boardman had nothing to report at this time.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Michelle Schaefer motioned to adjourn. Amy O'Dell seconded. Motion passed. **WDB-2025-07**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. CST.



Jason Nord, Workforce Development Board Secretary

February 27, 2026

Date

Next WDB Meeting

February 27, 2026, 8:30 a.m. CT/ 9:30 a.m. ET

VU Fort Branch Campus