

Minutes
Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce Board
Local Elected Officials
Annual Meeting
April 24, 2026
8:00 a.m. CT / 9:00 a.m. ET

Members Present:

Amy O'Dell	Angie Cheek	Angela Kirlin	Anna Todd
Brittney Kirwer	Drew Gerth	Daniela Vidal	Jeff Alexander
Jessica Kiesel-Finney	Kara Yates	Makenzie Coulter	Michelle Schaefer
Robin Woebkenburgh	Peg Boardman	Sara Worstell	Sheila Naab

Sue Habig

Local Elected Officials Present:

Mayor Joe Yochum	Mayor Stephanie Terry	Mayor Neil Elkins
Kenneth Montgomery	Chris Cail	Justin Elpers

WDB Staff:

Kay Johnson	Jody Robinson	Valerie Schmidt	Angie Sheppard
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Others Present:

Allie St. Germain	Allison Bertl	B.J. Watts	Brenda Goff
Carla Crowe	Colton Pipenger	James Tomes	Mary Jo Wallin Orlowski
Mike Smith	Nancy Schroering	Rebecca Griffiths	Rob Henson
Tara Carney	Taylor Williams	Vic Oberhausen	Annette Ussery
Maunel Duron	Kimberly Alfaro	Teagan Taylor	Kevin Haven
Cara Lee	Justin Galan	Alex Maldorado	Xavier Schurz

Amanda Thewes

Jaylynn Goodwin

Daniela Garcia

Allison Hobbs

Emma Walburn

Welcome:

WDB Chair Sue Habig thanked everyone for attending the Local Elected Officials and Workforce Development Board breakfast meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. CT / 9:30 a.m ET. WDB Chair introduced the Guest Speaker, Mike Smith, DWD Interim Commissioner.

Guest Speaker:

Interim DWD Commissioner Mike Smith, spoke about DWD goals and realignment.

Local Elected Officials Meeting:

Mayor Joe Yochum called the meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2025:

Mayor Joe Yochum presented the Local Officials' meeting minutes from April 25, 2025. Mayor Joe Yochum entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Mayor Neil Elkins motioned to approve the Local Official's meeting minutes from April 25, 2025. Mayor Stephanie Terry seconded. Motion passed.

WDB-2025-11

Election of Regional Chief Elected Official:

Mayor Joe Yochum reported that he will not be running for Regional Chief Elected Official for the next term. Mayor Joe Yochum recommended Mayor Stephanie Terry for the position.

Mayor Neil Elkins motioned to elect Mayor Stephanie Terry as the Regional Chief Elected Official for the term of July 2026 to June 2028. Mayor Chris Cail seconded. Motion passed.

WDB-2025-12

Fiscal Agent Contract:

Mayor Joe Yochum presented the new fiscal agent contract with Crowe for PY 26 to PY 27.

Mayor Neil Elkins motioned to extend the fiscal agent contract to Crowe for PY 26 to PY 27. Mayor Stephanie Terry seconded. Motion passed.

Special Guests:

WDB Chair Sue Habig introduced Tara Carney, Jobs for America's Graduate Region 11 Manager. Tara Carney presented the Region 11 Career Development Conference, first-place winners.

Chapter Brochure – Southridge High School – Jaylynn Goodwin

Chapter Commercial – Southridge High School – Kimberly Alfaro

Project-Based Learning – Southridge High School – Allison Hobbs, Kevin Haven, and Daniela Garcia

Creative Decision Making – Southridge High School – Manuel Duron, Alex Maldonado, and Justin Galan

Career Presentation – Wood Memorial High School – Emma Walburn

Employability Skills – Southridge High School – Xavier Schurz

Prepared Speaking – Southridge High School – Teagan Taylor

Outstanding Senior – Southridge High School – Jaylynn Goodwin

Workforce Development Board:**Call to Order:**

WDB Chair Sue Habig called the Workforce Development Board meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2026:

WDB Chair Sue Habig presented the WDB Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2026. WDB Chair Sue Habig entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

<i>Makenzie Coulter motioned to approve the WDB meeting minutes from February 27, 2026. Amy O'Dell seconded. Motion passed.</i>

WDB-2025-14

Election of Officers:

WDB Chair Sue Habig again presented the Slate of WDB officers for July 2026 – June 2028, Chair, Terry Marsh, Vice Chair, Brittney Kirwer, Secretary, Jason Nord, and Treasurer, Sue

Habig. WDB Chair Sue Habig opened the floor to other nominations or a motion to accept the slate of officers.

Daniela Vidal motioned to accept the slate of officers to serve for July 2026 to June 2028. Michelle Schaefer seconded. Motion passed.

WDB-2025-15

Audit Report:

WDB Chair Sue Habig presented the completed audit, and it was reported no findings.

Brittney Kirwer motioned to accept the audit. Kara Yates seconded. Motion passed.

WDB-2025-16

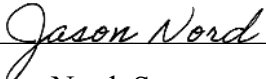
WDB Chair Sue Habig recognized Makenzie Coulter's appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Adjournment:

WDB Chair Sue Habig entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Brittney Kirwer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Amy O'Dell seconded. Motion passed.

WDB-2025-17



Jason Nord, Secretary

June 29, 2026

Date