



**The Workforce Connection Board and Chief Elected Officials
PY2020 Annual Meeting Minutes
The Workforce Connection Board,
Workforce Board for Boone, Winnebago, and Stephenson Counties**

Meeting: September 1, 2020

Time: 8:00 am

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Board Members Present (27): Mark Adams; Ben Bernsten; Scott Bloomquist; Karen Brown; Todd Cagnoni; Len Carter; Michelle Cassaro; Pamela Fettes; Sue Fischer; Einar Forsman; Dr. Daniel Grohens; Jerry Guinane; Bob Guirl; Greg Harle; Geri Hayden; Angela Hite-Carter; Vanessa Hughes; Paul Logli; Amy Ott; Jordan Priest; Frank Rotello; Craig Steege; Mark Stefanic; Dr. Rudy Valdez; Mark Williams; Ed Wood; Beth Young;

Board Members Absent (8): Frank Delarosa; Al Golden; James Pirages; Kraig Reichwald; Jeff Zeal

CEO Members Present: Thomas McNamara;

CEO Members Absent: William Hadley; Frank Haney; Karl Johnson;

Board Staff Present: Dr. Lisa Bly-Jones; Chris Connors; Cathy Cornelius; Mike Johnson; Robert Jones; Amanda Sink; Dan White; Odessa Walker; Keyanna Washington-Simpson

Partner Staff Present: Scott Anderson; Paul Andrews; Tom Austin; Jessica Boettner; Sue Carmichael; William Chatman; Ted Duckett; Ernie Fuhr; Courtney Geiger; Liz Gelacio; Bill Grennell; Amy Hesselbacher; Mark Krupke; Chris Lewis; Josie McCanse; Dr. Amanda Smith; Jessica Story; Trisha Welte;

Guests Present: Melanie Anderson; Nik Buttenhoff; Russ Caldwell; Raegan Caras; Pam Clark-Reidenbach; Kathy Crandall; Jeremy Ennis; Jay Feiser; Ryan Forsell; Ryan Goertzen; Anisha Grimmett; Amanda Maestas; Cheryl Metcalf; Sally Noble; Dan Ross; Spitty Tata; Todd Wells; Rob Young

1. **TWC Board Call to Order:** Board Chair Frank Rotello presided and called the TWC Board to order at 8:05 am.

CEO Call to Order: Mayor McNamara called the CEO meeting to order at 8:15am.

2. **TWC Board Roll Call:** A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

CEO Roll Call: A roll call was taken and a quorum was not present.

3. **Approval of Consent Agenda – Action Item:**

- **TWC Board Meeting Minutes – 06/02/2020**
- **Financial Report June 2020**

TWC Board

Motion: Ott Second: Steege Approved

4. **Approval of ITA Programs –TWC Board Action Item**

Frank Rotello asked for a motion to approve the following ITA Programs:

The Pathways to Careers Committee approved the following requests by Current Eligible Training Providers for training programs to be available to further the skill development and education/training of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program participants. Board staff reviewed labor market information and outcome data to garner information on the effectiveness of programs as well as available industry recognized credentials.

All programs meet the Individual Training Account (ITA) federal and state guidelines, Local Workforce Board policies. All of these providers are on the approved training provider list for the State of Illinois. DCEO requires all programs to be re-approved every two years. All programs listed for re approval have met performance standards.

Training Institution	Approval or re-approval	Program	Target Industry	Certification/Degree Earned
Blackhawk Community College	Approval	Associates Degree In Nursing	Healthcare	Associates Degree In Nursing (ADN)
Southern Illinois Edwardsville Online at SIU	Approval	Online Program Accelerated RN to BS in Nursing	Healthcare	Bachelors of Science in Nursing
Mercy Health	Re-approval	Radiology	Healthcare	American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)
Rasmussen College	Re-approval	Health Science- Associates Degree	Healthcare	Associates Degree

Abstentions: Craig Steege, Employed by Rasmussen College

Motion: Fettes Second: Ott Approved

5. **New Board Member Introduction**

Shelly Cassaro, Vice Chair, introduced new Board Members who came onboard in the past 6 months and those who will be filling vacated positions.

- Geri Hayden – First National Bank
- Mark Williams – Greater Freeport Partnership
- Beth Young – Rock Valley College
- Kathy Crandall – Crandall Stats & Sensors
- Todd Wells – Bourn & Koch Inc.

Frank Rotello welcomed new members and thanked them for lending their time and talents.

6. **Member Comments:**

Frank Rotello reminded the group that the Annual Meeting will continue with Melanie Anderson from the National Association of Workforce Boards as the Key Note Speaker and a Panel of local businesses to discuss Employer Engagement and Pre/Post COVID Workforce Development. The panel consists of Ed Wood, Berner Food & Beverage; Russ Caldwell, CCSI International; and Robert Young, Midwest Packaging. Dr. Lisa Bly-Jones and Frank Rotello will share The Workforce Connection – A Year in Review.

7. **Public Comment:** None

8. **Adjournment**

Adjournment by declaration at 8:38am.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Cornelius

Date: November 9, 2020

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE MEETING PACKET

TWC Board Meeting Minutes 06/02/2020 (Action Item)

CEO Meeting Minutes 06/02/2020 (Action Item)

June 2020 Financial Report

ITA Program Approval (Action Item)
