



## **The Workforce Connection Board and Chief Elected Officials**

### **The Workforce Connection, Inc.**

Local Workforce Innovation Board

Serving Boone, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024

**Time:** 8:00 am to 9:00 am

**Location:** Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N. Wyman Street, Suite 100, Rockford, Illinois

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### **Mission Statement**

The Workforce Connection is committed to providing a workforce that meets the needs of the business community now and in the future.

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Call to Order**

- TWC Board
- Chief Elected Officials

Michelle Cassaro, TWC Board Chair  
Mayor Thomas McNamara, CEO Chair

#### **2. Roll Call**

- TWC Board
- Chief Elected Officials

#### **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes - TWC Board & CEO Action Item (Voice Vote)**

- a. TWC Board Meeting Minutes – 03/19/2024
- b. CEO Meeting Minutes – 03/19/2024

Michelle Cassaro, TWC Board Chair  
Mayor Thomas McNamara, CEO Chair

#### **4. Approval of CEO Consent Agenda with Agenda Items from the 3-19-24 Board & CEO Meeting - CEO Action Item (Voice Vote)**

Chair

Mayor Thomas McNamara, CEO

#### **5. Approval of Program Year 2023 Mid-Year Budget Modification Agenda Item from the 3-19-24 Board & CEO Meeting - CEO Action Item (Voice Vote)**

Chair

Mayor Thomas McNamara, CEO

#### **6. Approval of Program Year 2024 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update Submission - TWC Board & CEO Action Item (Voice Vote)**

Ben Bernsten, Goodwill

#### **7. Approval of One-Stop Center Certification Submission - TWC Board & CEO Action Item (Voice Vote)**

Michelle Cassaro

8. **Approval of Communications and Branding Policy Modification - TWC Board & CEO Action Item (Voice Vote)** Michelle Cassaro

9. **Approval of Individual Training Account Policy Modification - TWC Board & CEO Action Item (Voice Vote)** Michelle Cassaro

10. **Approval of Training Provider/Program Approvals and Re-Approvals - TWC Board & CEO Action Item (Voice Vote)** Chris Oysti

11. **Finance** Karen Brown, Finance Committee Chair

- Finance Report – April 2024
- **Program Year 2024 Preliminary Budget - TWC Board & CEO Action Item (Voice Vote)**

12. **Climate & Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA Illinois) Presentation** Dr. Gina Caronna, Executive Director

- Awaken Foundation - Jurea Crudup, Anthony Bonner II
- Mt. Zion - Pastor Marvin Hightower
- Region 1 Planning Council – Michael Dunn, Isacc Guerrero, Clara Romeo
- Rock Valley College - Erica Saccucci, Nate Jordan
- The Workforce Connection/Goodwill Industries of Northern IL - Courtney Geiger
- Think Big! - Dr. Sheila Hill

13. **Board Chair’s Remarks** Michelle Cassaro

14. **Executive Director’s Remarks** Dr. Gina Caronna

15. **Member Comments**

16. **Public Comment**

17. **Adjournment**

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