

Southern Maryland Workforce Development Board Meeting
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March 13, 2025

Minutes

Members Present: Cindy Rauner, Kelly Williams, Carrie Akins, Luara Askins, Robin Cullers, Lee Greely, Kathy Guzman, BJ Hall, Brian Miller, Tami Radisch, Christian Sorochty, Michelle Stewart, Stephanie Witte, Alexis Zoss, Heidi Lybarger, Alan Crawley, Mike Scott, Dr. Yolanda Wilson

Members Absent: Michael Young, Marcia Chase, Stacey Cook, Christy Lombardi

Staff Present: John Hartline, Ruthy Davis, Sandy Faucheux, Belinda Denton, Yvette Turner, Amber Oakley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Cindy Rauner, Chair.

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Cindy Rauner opened the meeting with a warm welcome and introduction of attendees.

MISSION MOMENT

Today's Mission moment was a report out on the Charles County Job fair that was held on March 5, 2025, at the College of Southern Maryland. The job fair was an enormous success and our largest to date. Five businesses participated, representing our target industries along with additional businesses from around the region. 1043 job seekers registered and 526 attended, making the turnout 50%, our largest turnout to date for county job fairs. We attributed the high attendance to the current workforce climate, particularly the impact on federal workers. The employers who participated mentioned that the event was well executed, greatly attended and highly successful. All the businesses stated that they walked away with candidates that they are following up with. At least eighty-three candidates are currently being considered for hire from the event.

BUSINESS

- A quorum was established.
- A motion to approve the minutes from December 12, 2024, Workforce Development Board meeting was made by Michelle Stewart, seconded by Brian Miller, and carried.
- A motion to approve the consent agenda documents was made by Laura Askins, seconded by Brian Miller, and carried.

2024-2028 WIOA Integrated Local Plan- Review and Approve

MaryAnn Lawrence Power Notes, LLC

The draft WIOA Integrated Local Plan was distributed to the Board for review in advance, and Mary Ann provided a briefing. The plan is currently out for public comment and is due to the Governor's Workforce Development Board by April 1, 2025.

A motion to approve the WIOA Integrated Local plan was made by Dr. Yolanda Wilson, seconded by Brian Miller, and carried.

Board Retreat

The remainder of the meeting was a board retreat where Mary Ann went over the core values and goals of the local workforce board, board member responsibility to establish, promote and

maintain the identity of the organization, and expectations that members participate in planning to help support the board's mission and purpose. She also covered the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, WIOA themes, membership criteria, WIOA service focus, strategic vision, mission, goals, and a call to action.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Lee Greely, seconded by Brian Miller, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.