



North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board

Northcentral Technical College
1000 W Campus Drive, Wausau
Health Sciences Building - Room 104A

Thursday, December 14, 2023 · 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

WDB Members Present: Paul Herold, Jeremy Higgins, Ron Karl, Joe Kinsella, Craig McEwen, Patty Noland, Kristine Porter, and Ron Zimmerman

WDB Members Present by Zoom: Thad Brockman, Angie Close, Al Chaney, Dave Eckmann, Paula Erickson, Brad Gast, Jolene Peet, Diane Sennholz, and Lisa Sobczak

WDB Members Absent: Luke Kramer, Matthew Murphy, Anthony Negani, Tim Norlin, Casey Nye, and Andy Thompson

WDB Staff Present: John Cokl, Peter Gelhar, Rob Golla, Brian Kalish, Jane Spencer, and CJ Tangedal

Others Present: Brian Wolfe, Jodi Gruhn, Amy Yessa(Zoom), Zoe Kujawa(Zoom), Conney Edmondson, and Rene Daniels

- 1. Call to Order-** Kinsella called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- 2. Announcement of Quorum-** There was quorum.
- 3. Acknowledgement of Guests** – Spencer welcomed the guests present.
- 4. Approval of Agenda** – Herold moved to approve the agenda; it was seconded by Zimmerman. Motion carried.
- 5. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2023** – Eckmann moved to approve the minutes from September 14, 2023; it was seconded by Herold. Motion carried.
- 6. Announcements from the Chief Elected Officials** –Craig McEwen reviewed the workforce issues from the nine counties discussed at the last meeting. The CEO's seated Jeremy Higgins as a board member.
- 7. Announcements from the Chair** - Kinsella announced his retirement from the Board.
- 8. Election and Approval of Board Officers for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer**

Chairman – Kinsella nominated Al Chaney for Chairman; it was seconded by Zimmerman. Motion carried.

Vice-Chair - Kinsella moved to retain Ron Zimmerman as the Vice-Chair; it was seconded by Herold. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer – Kinsella moved to retain Matt Murphy as Secretary/Treasurer; it was seconded by Chaney; motion carried.

9. Approval of Treasurer’s Report – Herold moved to approve the treasurer’s report as presented; it was seconded by Erickson. Motion carried.

10. Approval of Revisions to Bylaws – Spencer reviewed the proposed changes highlighted in the packet. Chaney moved to approve the revision to the bylaws presented in the packet; it was seconded by Zimmerman. Motion carried.

11. Workgroup/Program Summaries

- **Executive Committee** – Kinsella reported they have been discussing the strategic plan. It was agreed that the plan needs some modifications, working towards a review in the early spring. The focus will be finding ways to measure results with the help of the DWD local labor market analyst.

- **Program Updates** – Kalish reported that DWD monitoring concluded last week; the report will be available in 45 days.

Brian Wolfe reported on Forward Service Corporation; the highlights of the program were included in the packet. The past quarter had two dislocations in Stevens Point and Lincoln County. There were 197 individuals served across all the programs; the largest seen in healthcare and manufacturing. Wolfe also referenced the Blue Table Reports included in the packet; the data provided from DWD is a rolling four-quarter data rather than isolated Q1 data. Staff will get the correct data and produce new reports to share with board members.

12. Partner Reports

- **OSO** – Kalish reported that the previous meeting scheduled did not have quorum. They are looking to reschedule a meeting in January.
- **CWIMA** – Edmondson reported the Heavy Metal Tour had 4,682 8th graders and 55 school districts participate. The program is great at exposure, but in the future the alliance is looking to create a secondary system to follow up with high school

aged students. CWIMA is in the planning stages of the Expo taking place on April 23rd and 24th.

- **WATEA** – Amy Yessa, Executive Director, reported the auto collision program has launched and is going well. NTC and WATEA are hosting the Transportation Expo on January 16th. It is open to anyone interested in transportation related careers.

13. Adjournment – Chaney moved to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Eckmann. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.