

MEETING MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
September 22nd, 2020 @10am
177 Main Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

Executive Committee Roll Call

Robert Dawson, Chair (P)

Eric Wachab, Vice-Chair (P)

Eric Barbe (P)

Matt Battiato (P)

Carrie Dotson (P)

Brian Bontempo(P)

Gretchen Skok DiSanto (Absent)

Patrick Mohorcic (P)

Others in Attendance:

Bob Dawson, LCWDB

Joel DiMare, Director, Lake County Administrative Services

Call to Order:

Chairman Robert Dawson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Business at hand:

Executive Director Patrick Mohorcic gave an update on the Business Resource Network (BRN) Grant and COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant. Several projects were outlined by Director Mohorcic. The first being the purchase of LinkedIn Recruiter Pro. Director Mohorcic explained that this helps the OhioMeansJobs (OMJ) staff find qualified candidates for companies who are not in the OMJ system. The next project was the ability to write ITAs out of the BRN grant for individuals who are over income for WIOA but could still benefit from going to training for an In-Demand Job. The final project was a comprehensive workforce study, a sample of the Request for Proposal (RFP) was shared with the committee to review. After an open discussion, the board saw no major changes needed to be made to the RFP.

The last item covered in the meeting was an amendment to the current ITA policy. The state-approved a policy that would allow Workforce Development Boards to fund a four-year training program in critical job clusters, which are decided by the state. These clusters include the following:

- Children and Community Health
- Early Childhood Education
- First Responders
- Lead Abatement
- Mental and Behavioral Health
- Nurses
- Physicians
- Wellness Research and Technology

Director Mohorcic and Special Project Manager Bob Dawson recommended the local policy only fund the 3rd and 4th year of the program since it is a higher probability of the individual the program and would have a positive outcome for the WDB state performance standard. Both Chairman Robert Dawson and Matt Battiato felt that the requirement for the 3rd and 4th year should be removed from the proposed adjustment and that all four years should be eligible. Eric Barb made the motion to make that adjustment to the proposed amendment. Carrie Dotson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The second amendment was made to the ITA policy as well. It stated, “The cost of the ITA should not exceed the average cost for the training available in the Northeast Ohio Workforce Region”. Both Director Mohorcic and Special Project Manager Bob Dawson explained this prevents people from “price shopping” for training costs out of state as well as keeps the money in local communities. Eric Barbe made the motion and Carrie Dotson seconded. It passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Eric Barbe moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am

AM. Robert Dawson from the Middlefield Bank 2nd the motion. All were in favor;

meeting adjourned