

MEETING MINUTES
LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
November 20th, 2024 @ 11:30 AM
Lake County Department of Job & Family Services
177 Main St. Painesville, Ohio 44077

Board Roll Call

Eric Barbe
Gretchen Skok-DiSanto (P)
Sam Delzoppo
Shayna Jackson (P)
Jackie Bongorno

Mark Goffinet
Hugh Scott Seaholm
Terry Lazar
Patrick Mohorcic
Sara Spence

Suzanne Casar
Tim Flenner
Carolyn O'Conner (P)

Others in Attendance

Joel DiMare, LCBCC
Commissioner Rich Regovich

Leslie Ryan, LCDJFS
Commissioner John Hamercheck (P)

Shawn Douglas, LCDJFS

Call to Order:

Chairman Flenner called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM.

Minutes:

Hugh Scott Seaholm moved for the approval of the minutes of the June 12th, 2024, meeting. Eric Barbe seconded the motion. All were in Favor; Motion Carried without abstentions.

Introductions:

Joel DiMare introduced himself and explained he is helping to facilitate the meeting after the resignation of the previous Workforce Development Director.

Spotlight Presentation:

Patrick Mohorcic, Executive Director of Lake Development Authority (LDA) presented the various roles of LDA and project updates from throughout the County. The Lake Development Authority (LDA) was established in 2007 as the economic development arm of the Lake County Board of Commissioners, functioning as a Port Authority under Ohio law to support job creation and economic growth. The LDA focuses on five key areas: financing, coastal spaces, transportation, partnerships, and economic development. Major initiatives include aviation projects like the 5/23 runway rehabilitation, coastal development efforts such as the Fairport Harbor Research and Recreation Center and Mentor Harbor Yacht Club improvements, and economic development programs like the Lease Revenue Bond Financing Program, Mentor Innovation Site, and PACE Financing for energy efficiency improvements. Future plans include a strategic plan in 2025, workforce development initiatives, and new industrial opportunities at the Eastlake Powerplant site.

Workforce Staff Report:

Joel DiMare presented to the board the following topics:

RESEA Program Procurement Initiation

Commencing in November, Job and Family Services (JFS) will begin the procurement process for the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) program. This initiative is pivotal in facilitating the reemployment of individuals receiving unemployment benefits by providing them with comprehensive services and assessments to enhance their job prospects.

The procurement process will involve evaluation and selection of qualified service providers to administer the RESEA program effectively. By engaging in a transparent and competitive procurement process, the WDB aims to ensure the delivery of high-quality services that meet the diverse needs of our clients.

Procurement of One-Stop Operator and Career Services Provider

In early 2025, the Lake County Workforce Development Board will initiate the procurement process for the One-Stop Operator and Deliverer of Career Services for Adult and Dislocated Workers. This procurement will play a crucial role in the seamless delivery of comprehensive career services to individuals seeking employment opportunities.

Balanced Scorecard Updates

Additionally, Joel reviewed the year-end results of the Balanced Scorecard metrics for Program Year 2023. It was noted Area 5 is Meeting or Exceeding all standards except one due to reduced funding. This report provides comprehensive insights into the effectiveness and efficiency of our workforce development initiatives, enabling informed decision-making and continuous improvement.

New Business

Workforce Board Staffing Moving Forward

Joel DiMare let the Board know of the resignation of the previous Director for those who did not know. Joel then explained based on decreased funding levels it is not financial sustainable to hire a full-time director. Staff from the County had met several times and were recommending a hybrid solution designating Commissioners' Office staff to fulfill Workforce Board duties. The Commissioners' Office staff would oversee the program and contract a majority of the day-to-day duties to LDA. This set up would reduce administrative costs by about 50%. This strategy was discussed with the Executive Committee with a favorable response.

Chairman Flenner brought forth a recommendation to the board requesting a motion to recommending designation of the Lake County Commissioners' Office Staff to fulfill WDB staffing duties for the Lake County Workforce Development Board (Area 5) Motion by Hugh Scott Seaholm, seconded by Eric Barbe. All were in favor and motion passed with Patrick Mohorcic abstaining.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairman Flenner moved for adjournment at 12:35 PM. The motion was seconded by Sara Spence, and all were in favor.