

Mid America Workforce Investment Board Meeting
August 2, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Rich Sauget, Jr. – Board Chair	Lisa Atkins	Edmond Brown
Susan Chapman-Schultz	Carol Foreman	Angela Hubbard
Vicky McElroy	James Rakers	Mike Reed
Donna Richter	Susan Safarty	Larry Unverfehrt
Jill VanZandt	Matt Wagner	Tony White

Staff:

Rick Stubblefield	Cindy Layman	Linda Vanderpluym
Robin Kralman	Matt Jones	

Guests:

Robert Elmore, Chairman – Monroe County Board of Commissioners
Robert Fix, Chairman – Clinton County Board
Ronnie White, Chairman – Randolph County Board of Commissioners
Dawn Swift, Ronda Pryor & Vicki Niederhofer – Illinois Department of Employment Security
Laura Vahlkamp – Kaskaskia College

Chairman Sauget called the meeting to order at 8:37AM. Rick Stubblefield took the roll call and stated that a quorum had been established. After calling for public comment on the agenda and hearing none, Chairman Sauget acknowledged guests, elected officials and two new board members: Edmond Brown and Larry Unverfehrt.

Moving on to Committee Reports, Rick Stubblefield presented the Systems Development & Oversight (SD & O) report and noted that the EO visit is still scheduled for the week of August 6th & that Dawn Swift and Matt Jones have worked to complete the required items at the Belleville One-Stop. Rick also commented that the MOU has been submitted, but he is still waiting on a few signatures. He also discussed the continuing integration of services and asked Angela Hubbard to talk about the DHS work requirements. After a brief explanation, Angela said she would send the fully policy to the board. Rick also reported that there will be ongoing trainings for staff in the near future.

Rick reported for the Marketing Committee and informed everyone that Dawn Swift with IDES has joined the committee. Rick reminded everyone that the October MAWIB meeting will be the annual recognition event and also said that he has nominated a veteran from the TAP class for an Illinois Workforce Partnership (IWP)

award. Based on the committee's recommendation, he is also nominating the SIUE East St. Louis Head Start program for an IWP statewide award. The award ceremony will be held on September 13th in Springfield.

In Larry McLean's absence, Rick presented the report for the Youth Council and informed the board that Ronda Pryor with IDES has joined the committee. After reporting on additional youth projects and initiatives, Rick stated that Adam Brown has been compiling detailed provider reports and that MCS in particular is doing quite well in meeting its numbers. Also, the updated budget information for the 2018 youth provider agreements has been finalized and was discussed during the July 19th meeting.

Chairman Sauget presented the Executive Committee report and noted that the committee met twice, on June 26th and July 26th. After briefly talking about the June 26th meeting, he asked Tony White to report on the July 26th meeting. Tony and Rick started by opening discussion regarding a Hechinger article about East Side Align and the SIUE East St. Louis campus. The article was brought to the youth council by Vicki Niederhofer and it was considered less than positive in regards to workforce development issues at the campus. The end result is that SIUE representatives have cited numerous misrepresentations and plan to send a clarification letter to the MAWIB as well as ask for a retraction or major corrections from Hechinger. Tony closed the report by giving an overview of many of the consent agenda items. Chairman Sauget made a recommendation that the ITA Policy be considered separate from the consent agenda and suggested that the ITA Policy be revised to a \$14K maximum for a one year program and \$17K for a two year program. However, the MAWIB reserves the right to go up to a \$25K maximum for work-based learning opportunities. Ken Keeney made a motion to approve the revised ITA policy, it was seconded by Tony White and unanimously approved.

Next, Rick presented the Operations Report to the board. He informed everyone that there is still no reportable Performance data from the state and he stated that the Quarterly Services Report resource room numbers are now much more accurate and reliable. Rick and Linda Vanderpluym stated that the financial report is very favorable and again mentioned that the \$600K reduced allocation actually brings the budget back to the 2016 level. Rick also commented on the MOU, Youth Provider Agreements and By-Law update as well as the Work-Based Learning, Incumbent Worker and Individual Training Account (ITA) policies. In closing, Rick discussed the opportunity for he and Matt Jones to attend IEDA Economic Development Training in October and asked that the board consider moving the MAWIB meeting & recognition event from October 18th to October 25th to allow them to participate in the training. Mike Reed made a motion to approve the changed meeting date, it was seconded by Susan Safarty and unanimously approved.

Chairman Sauget presented the Consent Agenda items for review and discussion (minus the already approved ITA Policy): Approval of the April 12 MAWIB meeting minutes, Approval of the MOU, PY 18' Allocations and Budget, Approval of Youth Provider Agreements, Approval of By-Law Change, Approval of Work-Based Learning Policy,

Approval of Incumbent Worker Training Policy and Approval of ITA Policy. Ken Keeney made a motion to approve, it was seconded by Lisa Atkins and the Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved.

Chairman Sauget called for any additional closing comments. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26AM.