

**Chief Elected Officials
(Hybrid) Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2024**

The Chief Elected Officials meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Chairman James Duffy. Roll Call was taken.

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema	X		Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	
Steven Malavolti	X		LaDon Trost		X

OTHERS PRESENT: Carrie Folken, Jo Ann Johnson, Jessica Green

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Wayne Reising motioned to approve the December 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Chris Flikkema. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema	X		Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	
Steven Malavolti	X		LaDon Trost		X

Motion carried.

Business Meeting

Report of Outcome for PY 2024 MOU Modification

Carrie informed members that negotiations are coming to an end for the PY 24 Memorandum of Understanding and budget. She explained that the Report of Outcome is a form that is due to DCEO by April 15 that lets the Governor know how negotiations are progressing. Carrie said that the third meeting of the partners will be held on March 14 and everyone has been very receptive to the contractor and appears to be in agreement. Wayne Reising motioned to give authority to Jim Duffy as CEO Chair to sign the Report of Outcome for submission to DCEO by April 15, 2023. Motion was seconded by Chris Flikkema. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema	X		Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	
Steven Malavolti	X		LaDon Trost		X

Motion carried.

PY 2024-2028 Plans Modifications

Carrie informed members that the Regional and Local Plans have been out for Public Review since

February 14. She provided members with an overview the Plans by saying that Local Workforce Area #4 is part of 2 Regional Plans. One is with the Economic Development Region #5 that covers Ogle County and the Rockford area. Region #6 covers LaSalle, Bureau, Lee, Whiteside, Carroll, Jo Daviess and Putnam plus the Quad Cities area. Carrie said that these plans are done every 4 years with modifications being done every 2 years, if needed. Carrie told members that the Local Plan talks about the integration of services with local partners to provide continuous improvement for mutual customers. She said that staff will look at a survey of the needs and determines which services the individual would benefit from and which partner would provide those services without duplicating what is already being done. The use of technology, Carrie said, is also key in providing services to customers. Carrie told members that as part of the system plan, a menu of services will be developed that will provide a broad overview of all partner services that will be shared during orientation of potential customers. Members were informed that a copy of the Plans were available on the BEST website for review as well as a hard copy available if anyone wanted to see it.

Wayne Reising motioned to approve the PY 2024-2028 Local Plan, PY 2024-2028 EDR #5 Regional Plan and PY 2024-2028 EDR #6 Regional Plan as presented. Motion was seconded by Chris Flikkema. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema	X		Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	
Steven Malavolti	X		LaDon Trost		X

Motion carried.

NCI Works Appointment(s)

Carrie informed members that we have some vacancies on the NCI Works Board and recommended individuals to refill those vacancies. She recommended Jesse Nauman with LW Schneider to refill the vacancy by Cary Robbins. Mr. Nauman, Carrie said, would represent manufacturing. Carrie told members that Maryann Rice was recently appointed as the Temporary Director for IL Department of Human Services/Office of Rehabilitation and she would replace Robin Dedmond Thompson. Carrie then informed members that Dwayne Mentgen will be retiring from SRAVTE in June and recommends that Dawn Roalson be appointed when Dwayne leaves NCI Works. Dawn works for L.E.A.S.E. in Ottawa and is familiar with our program.

Keane Hudson motioned to appoint Jesse Nauman and Maryann Rice to NCI Works Board effective immediately. Motion included the appointment of Dawn Roalson effective July 1, 2024 (after Dwayne Mentgen resigns). Motion was seconded by Steven Malavolti. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema	X		Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	
Steven Malavolti	X		LaDon Trost		X

Motion carried.

Request approval for any grant modifications (if necessary)

Carrie informed members that after review of the Apprenticeship Expansion Grant a modification is needed to adjust some line items to include additional staff costs that were not originally included in the grant. Carrie told members that the Apprenticeship Expansion Grant has a funding opportunity if we were to apply for it. Chris Flikkema motioned to approve the modification to the Apprenticeship Expansion Grant. Motion was seconded by Keane Hudson. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema	X		Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	
Steven Malavolti	X		LaDon Trost		X

Motion carried.

Other Business

Carrie said that we received an email from Gary Camarano asking us to remind everyone that the Connect Illinois Fiber Deployment Grant awards will be announced soon, and as soon as their partner Jo Carroll Energy gets the official award they will be moving on assembling the apprenticeship for Northwest Illinois. He said that Jo Carroll Energy, Morrison Institute of Technology, BEST, Sauk Valley Community College and others are getting ready to contribute to the local workforce development efforts.

Jim informed members that the next CEO Meeting will be on April 22, 2024, following the BEST Board of Director's meeting.

Public Comments


None

Adjournment

With there being no further business, Chairman Duffy adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Jo Ann Johnson

Approved by:

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 Wayne Reising
 Secretary