

**Chief Elected Officials
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2026**

The Chief Elected Officials meeting was called to order at 6:51 p.m. by Chairman James Duffy. Roll Call was taken.

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Daisha Boehm	X		Charles Lenkaitis		X
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema		X	Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Kerwin Paris motioned to approve February 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Keane Hudson. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
Daisha Boehm	X		Charles Lenkaitis		
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema			Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	

Motion carried.

Business Meeting

NCI Works Membership Appointment (Martin Butler)

Carrie informed members that she met with Martin Butler, Target Specialist with OSF and he is interested in serving on the NCI Works Board. Carrie said that he covers the OSF facilities in LaSalle, Bureau and Lee Counties. She also told members that they are in the process of hiring an individual that will be residing in the local area and may recommend that that person be appointed to serve on the NCI Works Board, but until that time, Mr. Butler has agreed to represent OSF. Wayne Reising motioned to appoint Martin Butler to NCI Works. Motion was seconded by Kerwin Paris. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
Daisha Boehm	X		Charles Lenkaitis		
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema			Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	

Motion carried.

Approval for any grant modifications (if necessary)

Carrie requested approval to modify the supplemental grant for PY 25. She said the modification is to transfer money from the financial literacy and incentives line item to work based learning. The other modification is to transfer funds from the barrier reduction line item to work based learning. Carrie noted that although this is a 12-month grant, but by the time the funds are received from the State it shortens the time that we have to expend the money. She said that these modifications to the supplemental grant allow us to true up the numbers. Keane Hudson motioned to approve the state supplemental grant modification as requested. Motion was seconded by Kerwin Paris. Roll Call vote was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Name	Yes	No
Daisha Boehm	X		Charles Lenkaitis		
James Duffy	X		Michael McEmery	X	
Chris Flikkema			Kerwin Paris	X	
Keane Hudson	X		Wayne Reising	X	

Motion carried.

In regard to the Apprenticeship Grant, Carrie informed members that in March staff had a meeting with DCEO regarding the grant progress. Carrie told members that there are not a lot of employers in the local area that are not interested being a Registered Apprenticeship Program through the Department of Labor. She said that most of the employers that staff have talked with regarding Apprenticeship Program are interested in doing such through Incumbent Worker Program. After the discussion with DCEO, Carrie told members that it was agreed to deobligate the unspent money from the Apprenticeship Program and return it to DCEO. She told members that it was about \$30,000 that was returned.

Other Business

Jim informed members that the next CEO Meeting will be on Monday, June 22, 2026, following the BEST Board of Director's Meeting.

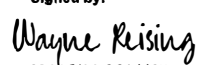
Public Comments

Adjournment

With there being no further business, the CEO Meeting was adjourned until June 22, 2026.

Jo Ann Johnson

Approved by:

Signed by:

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 Wayne Reising
 Secretary