

COMBINED MEETING
OhioMeansJobs Stark County Office
822 – 30th Street NW, Canton 44709
December 21, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m.

STARK TUSCARAWAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD - COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MEMBERS:

Janet Weir Creighton, Commissioner, Stark Cty.-Absent
Chris Abbuhl, Commissioner, Tusc. Cty. -Present
Scott Robinson, STWDB Chair – Present

STWDB STAFF:

JoAnn Breedlove-Present
Rebecca Harris-Absent

FISCAL AGENT:

Chuck Byrd-Present

GUEST/OTHER:

Mayor Tom Bernabei-Present

WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MEMBERS:

Janet Weir Creighton, Commissioner, Stark Cty.-Absent
Chris Abbuhl, Commissioner, Tusc. Cty.-Present
Tom Bernabei, Mayor, City of Canton -Present

WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ASSOCIATION STAFF:

Chuck Byrd - Present

GUEST/OTHER:

JoAnn Breedlove-Present
Rebecca Harris-Absent

BUSINESS MINUTES

STWDB AND WIA COGs, Commissioner Abbuhl formally called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Taken. Quorum present for both STWDB and WIA COGs

APPROVAL OF November 9, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION: MAYOR BERNABEI MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023;
MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SCOTT ROBINSON SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Donation of Unrestricted FundsC. Abbuhl, Commissioner

Commissioner Abbuhl noted the topic of granting a donation of unrestricted funds was reviewed and discussed at November 2023 meeting. Each member has checked with their respective legal counsel.

MOTION: Mayor Bernabei moved that WIA’s Governing Board approve a donation grant of \$353,000 from WIA unrestricted funds to the Workforce Investment Council (WIC) 501c3 nonprofit corporation for the explicit purpose of establishing an organizational endowment fund with the Stark Community Foundation to provide a permanent source of funding to support the WIC’s stated nonprofit purpose. WIA’s Governing Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to execute the necessary actions to carry out the intent of this resolution. Commissioner Abbuhl seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: Scott Robinson moved that STWDB’s Local Elected Officials approve a donation grant of \$107,000 from STWDB unrestricted funds to the Workforce Investment Council (WIC) 501c3 nonprofit corporation for the explicit purpose of establishing an organizational endowment fund with the Stark Community Foundation to provide a permanent source of funding to support the WIC’s stated nonprofit purpose. STWDB’s Local Elected Officials hereby authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary actions to carry out the intent of this resolution. Commissioner Abbuhl seconded. Motion carried.

**Other Business.....J. Breedlove, STWDB Executive Director
Commissioner Board Appointments**

- **Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board COG / LEO**
- **Workforce Initiative Association COG**

Breedlove reviewed the suggested appointment language to be used when the commissioner’s organizational meetings are scheduled in early January where appointments are made to various boards and commissions. Breedlove also showed the commissioners meeting minutes from January 2023’s organizational meetings as reference.

Since there are two Councils of Government, it is suggested to include both Councils of Governments separately on the commissioners’ organizational meeting resolution agendas. Breedlove stated our meetings have been scheduled jointly so far and the designated commissioner representative for each county has historically represented both COGs.

Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board Council of Governments is the oversight for the workforce board and includes a Stark County Commissioner (Janet Weir Creighton), Tuscarawas County Commissioner (Chris Abbuhl) and workforce board chair (Scott Robinson). Both commissioners, as local elected officials, have the authority to appoint members to the workforce development board.

Since July 1, 2016, Workforce Initiative Association is the service providing entity to the board and workforce development board’s fiscal agent. Workforce Initiative Association Council of Governments oversight includes the Mayor of the City of Canton (Tom Bernabei), a Stark County Commissioner (Janet Weir Creighton) and Tuscarawas County Commissioner (Chris Abbuhl).

Suggested Language for the Resolutions:

Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board Council of Government / LEO

Stark Commissioners:

Janet Weir Creighton

Alternate - (TBD)

Tuscarawas Commissioners:

Chris Abbuhl

Alternate - (TBD)

Workforce Initiative Association Council of Governments

Stark Commissioners:

Janet Weir Creighton

Alternate - (TBD)

Tuscarawas Commissioners:

Chris Abbuhl

Alternate - (TBD)

Adjournment: 12:07

MOTION: SCOTT ROBINSON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND MAYOR TOM BERNABEI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.