



**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

August 23, 2024 - 8:00am

Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Minutes**

**DESCRIPTION OF MEETING:**

A special meeting of the Kinexus Board of Directors was held on August 23, 2024 virtually via Zoom to review and discuss the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Local and Regional Plans.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Members Present:

David Colp, Rick Dyer, Vail Harding, Dr. Trevor Kubatzke, Christopher Randall, George Saleeby, Frank Samuel, Tom Stanek, Kevin Stotts, Arlandar Washington, and Dan Wyant

Members Absent:

Tom Barbarini, Luke Barber, Brady Cohen, John Fiore, Steve Jackson, John Janick, Bob Kara, and Kathy Valdes

Chief Elected Officials (CEOB) Present:

Kurt Doroh, Tina Leary, Julie Wuerfel, and Mamie Yarbrough

CEOB's Absent:

Ryan Laylin and Roseann Marchetti

Staff Present:

Josh Cosner, Jenn Deamud, Coleen Frens-Rossman, Todd Gustafson, Paula Polaskey, and Erin Wright

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**KG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Jenn Deamud reported that the WIOA Local and Regional plans are a requirement by the states to identify planning regions. The planning regions provide an opportunity for local areas to collaborate formally within the larger regional economy. Per the WIOA Final Regulations, the purpose of identifying planning regions is to align workforce development activities and resources with larger regional economic development areas and available resources to provide coordinated and efficient services to job seekers and employers. Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren (BCVB) and Southwest Michigan Works! are part of a planning region, Region 8. As a result, BCVB and Southwest Michigan Works! must submit a joint Regional and individual Local plan.



Approval of both plans by the CEOs and the local workforce board for BCVB and Southwest Michigan Works! planning region must occur prior to submission of the Local and Regional Plans to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic (LEO).

Ms. Deamud noted that the plans have been reviewed by the BCVB Michigan Works! Committee and posted on the Michigan Works! website for a 30-day comment period. The BCVB Michigan Works! Committee submitted to the full board for review and adoption of the proposed WIOA Local and Regional Plans and to submit to the LEO on August 30, 2024. Discussion followed.

Vail Harding moved to approve the WIOA Local and Regional Plans and to submit the plans to LEO on or before August 30, 2024. Kevin Stotts supported the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30am.

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George Saleeby 10/04/2024  
Kinexus Board of Directors Chairman Date

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Paulina Polinsky 10/04/2024  
Recording Secretary

