



FRANKLIN HAMPSHIRE WORKFORCE BOARD

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MassHire Franklin Hampshire Workforce Board

Minutes of October 17, 2024 via Zoom

8:04 AM to 8:40 AM

(Approved by the Workforce Board)

Board Members in Attendance:

Neil Scanlon (Board Chair)

Mark Dore

Sue Surner

Kristen Cole

Alex Colonna

Jeff Napolitano

Clare Higgins

Alan Wolf

Colleen Kucinski

Lisa Clauson

Mpress Nembhard

Brenda Evans

Michelle Schutt

Board Members not in

Attendance:

John Waite (excused)

Cindy Peeters (excused)

Melissa Eaton (2nd Vice Chair)

Zoy Soulis

Andrew Linkenhoker

Allison van der Velden (Board 1st
Vice Chair)

Shardool Parmar

Ashley McFarlane

Ken Messina

MassHire Staff in Attendance:

Sarah Wilson

Aaron Kropf

Maura Geary

Davis Hawkowl

Cindy Ray

Others in Attendance:

Mayor Sciarra

Interpreter Brianne
Davidson

Interpreter John
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Agenda Items I & II: Welcome & Call to Order

Board Chair Neil Scanlon called the meeting to order and directed attention to the meeting minutes. Amendment to minutes was proposed by member to reflect passing vote during previous meeting on local plan and budget. Amended minutes were accepted.

Motion: To accept the October 3, 2024 FHWB Meeting Minutes as amended by Alan Wolf, seconded by Sue Surner. Vote carried unanimously. No discussion followed.

Agenda Item III: Review of Local Plan materials

Sarah gave an overview of materials provided. Davis walked through the fiscal piece with the integrated budget before Maura walked through the programmatic piece using employment outcome charts and figures.

Alex queried on plans to conduct job fairs virtually as done by the State in FY23; Maura reported the method of virtual fairs is not as effective for employers in generating engagement that leads to job outcomes in this region.

Jeff asked about metrics for goals achieved; Maura reported on target goals set by the State. Lisa asked about wage information; Maura reported on median figures and offered to send FY24 info for further review by the Board. Maura encouraged further participation by the Board in the POC. Lisa volunteered to join the committee. Maura also covered planned changes for outstation location in the North Quabbin, negotiation is ongoing with new NQ site that has shared customers. State has approved the transfer of Youth Programs from the WB back to the CC. Sarah encouraged Board members to engage with her in a strategic planning workgroup.

Neil facilitated a roll call vote.

Motion: To approve and accept the local plan and integrated budget by Jeff Napolitano, seconded by Clare Higgins.

Yeas:

Colleen Kucinski

Alex Colonna

Mark Dore

Jeff Napolitano

Clare Higgins

Sue Surner

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Michelle Schutt

Alan Wolf

Vote carried unanimously. No abstentions. No discussion followed.

Agenda Item IV: Other Business

There was no additional business discussed.

Agenda Item V: Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn by Jeff Napolitano, seconded by Sue Surner. Vote carried unanimously. No discussion followed.

Next full Board meeting:

Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 8AM