



## NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS BOARD

OCTOBER 7, 2016

9:00 – 10:30 A.M.

NORTHEAST INDIANA WORKS OFFICE

200 E. MAIN STREET

FORT WAYNE, IN 46802

### MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Darlene Stanley, Keith Davis, Doug Bauman, Elaine Doherty, Larry Gerardot, Jane Gresham, Tim Hartigan, Leroy Jackson, Jeff Kellam, Mark Michael, John Niederman, Joe Peters, John Sampson, Corey Schoon, Rick Sherck, Chris Straw and Dennis Wimer.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kathleen Randolph, Rick Farrant, Gary Gatman, Anne Meadors, Edmond O’Neal, Lori Rice, Beth Suman, Karen Green.

**I. Call to Order**

Board Chair Darlene Stanley called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the June 3, 2016 meeting were provided to the board in the packet of advance materials. Jane Gresham moved to approve the minutes and John Sampson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Financial Report**

Lori Rice presented the financial report, which included the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016; and a revised Program Year 2016 budget of \$11,366,760. Mark Michael moved to approve the financial report and Tim Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Governance**

It was reported that board secretary/treasurer Dennis Banks had resigned from the board. Keith Davis nominated John Niederman to be secretary/treasurer based on an executive committee recommendation. Jeff Kellam moved to approve Niederman’s appointment and Michael seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**V. WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)**

Edmond O’Neal, chief operating officer and executive vice president of Northeast Indiana Works, gave a presentation on the workforce funding flow to Indiana and northeast Indiana, including money tied to WIOA. He also briefly discussed the region’s local workforce plan, which has been conditionally approved by Indiana’s State Workforce Innovation Council (SWIC). Significant discussion followed about the differences between the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and WIOA. One of the biggest challenges with WIOA involves infrastructure cost-sharing arrangements. There was also discussion about the role and composition of the SWIC, which currently has no representation from northeast Indiana. Dennis Wimer said it would be a good idea to have regional representation on the council.

**VI. Presentation: Northeast Indiana Target Industry Report**

Alan Tio, senior vice president of the northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, gave a presentation on the partnership’s revised target industries for talent retention and attraction. They are: medical device and technology; specialty insurance;

vehicles; design and craftsmanship; logistics; food and beverage; and advanced materials. Among discussion topics generated by the presentation: Skilling up workers, reaching young adults and dropouts, and sector partnerships.

**VII. Board Chair's Remarks**

Davis offered thanks for the support he received during his term as board chair. New chair Darlene Stanley thanked the board for placing trust in her. Stanley inquired about continued hiring by United Technologies Electronic Controls (UTEC) in Huntington, which will eventually move manufacturing operations to Mexico. O'Neal said the company is creating inventory for the transition. Wimer thanked the region for its help with a new statewide case management system. Rick Sherck, executive director of the Noble County Economic Development Corp., was welcomed to the board.

**VIII. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

(The next meeting of the board will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. February 3, 2017 at the same location – 200 E. Main St., Suite 910, Fort Wayne)