

**Mid America Workforce Investment Board Meeting**  
**October 2, 2025**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**America's Job Center 7650 Magna Drive, Belleville, 62223**

Members Present:

Eric Brammeier	Edmond Brown	Lori Costello
Cristina Fernandez	Matthew Gomric	Tracey Hall
Mark Hinrichs	Ashley Holmes	Vera Jones
Nick Mance	Jennifer Miller	George Obernagel
Eric Oller	Rick Parks	Wendy Pfeil
Mike Reed	Donna Richter	Rich Sauget
Amber Shields	Larry Unverfehrt	Tony White

Staff:

Rick Stubblefield	Lee Reese	Cindy Layman
Linda Vanderpluym	Monik Patterson	

Guests:

Rick Sauget called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM. Rich asked for public comments on the agenda. There were none. Rich introduced two new Board members, Vera Jones and Dustin Ramage.

Lee reported for the 09/16/25 SD&O Committee meeting. Lee reviewed the meeting minutes. There were no follow-up questions.

Lee reported for the 09/17/25 Marketing Committee meeting. Lee reviewed the meeting minutes. There were no follow-up questions.

Lee reported on the 09/18/25 Youth Council meeting. The meeting was cancelled. There were not enough members present for a quorum.

Cristina Fernandez discussed upcoming new work requirements for some SNAP benefit recipients. There was some discussion.

Ashley Holmes shared that her agency's customers attending college have doubled. There was some discussion with Rick on how a partnership to braid funding might occur. Ashley mentioned that there will be a BASSC Transition event at their facility on Greenmount Road in Belleville on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Vera Jones shared that St. Clair Housing Authority was doing assessments of their customers and looking for services needed by their customers and would like to partner with any agency willing to partner.

Nick Mance shared that SWIC was building a new Career and Technical Education building at the Red Bud campus. He shared that SWIC was building an indoor shooting range for the SWIC Police Academy at the Belleville Workforce Development campus on Main Street. Nick mentioned that SWIC's annual Manufacturing Day is October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Granite City campus.

Jennifer Miller shared that there were approximately 1400 uses of the Resource Room this quarter.

Lee reviewed the performance report and stated that performance was on track.

Lee reported on the quarterly services report.

Lee reviewed the financial report with Rick giving an overview of the grant terms and required spending percentages each fiscal year. Rick gave an overview of how formula funding grants received operate. Rick told the Board that later in this meeting, two incumbent worker projects would be presented for approval and that a request is being made to hold the projects until the current Federal Government shutdown has ended.

Rick made a request to allow flexibility to move up to 100% of 1D funding to 1A funding as needed. Rick explained why this may be needed and how the process would be done, if needed.

Rick explained that former Board member Larry McLean emailed Board members to compile a list of nominees for the Board Officer positions up for election. The nominees are Rich Sauget for Chairman, Tony White for First Vice Chair, and Rick Parks for Second Vice Chair. Rick called three times for any other nominations. There were none. A motion to elect the nominees presented was made by Matt Gomic and seconded by Mark Hinrichs. The motion was carried unanimously.

Rich shared that some of the standing committees needed new members. Rich asked for a new Chair for the SD&O Committee. Ashley Holmes agreed to step into that role. Rich made the appointment. Amber Shields agreed to be the Chair of the Youth Council and Rich made the appointment. Vera Jones agreed to join the Youth Council and Rich made the appointment. Rich let Ashley and Amber know that as committee Chairs, they would be added to the MAWIB Executive Committee. Rich asked the other Board members to consider joining one of the committees and to email Lee if interested.

Lee discussed the request for approval of the One-Stop MOU revisions.

Cindy presented a request to approve two new training programs for CALC Institute.

Cindy presented 2 Incumbent Worker Projects (IWP). One for Red Bud Industries to train 15 employees in various manufacturing roles at a cost of \$63,023.40 and one for Rainbow Industries to train 4

employees to be certified Content Processing Technicians and 1 employee to be a certified Lead Technician at a cost of \$2,608.00.

With no public comment being offered, Tony requested a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, Items 1 – 5, which consisted of:

- 1) Approval of 06/31/25 MAWIB Board Meeting Minutes
- 2) Approval of Move up to 100% of 1D Funding to 1A Funding
- 3) Approval of PY 25 MOU Revision
- 4) Approval of CALC Training Programs
- 5) Approval of 2 Incumbent Worker Projects

Mike Reed made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; it was seconded by Vera Jones and the items were unanimously approved.

Rich asked if there were any comments from the visitors present. There were no comments.

Chairman Sauget asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Matt Gomerick and seconded by Rick Parks. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 AM.