

**Mid America Workforce Investment Board Meeting**  
**February 19, 2026**  
**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
Ashley Holmes	Jennifer Miller	George Obernagel
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	Brenda Boggs	

Guests:

Chairman George Green

Rick Sauget called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Rich asked for public comments on the agenda. There were none.

Lee shared that the SD&O Committee met on 01/27/26 by Zoom, and that the committee discussed redesigning the orientation of partner services delivered at the Belleville One-Stop.

Lee shared that there was some discussion about the clock starting for SNAP recipients with work requirements February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Rick Stubblefield shared that it was time to go through the procurement process for the One-Stop operator. Rick shared some background and how the process is carried out.

Lee shared that the Marketing Committee met 01/28/26 by Zoom and discussed the Project Homeless Event held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in East St. Louis. Cindy gave an overview of the Guest Services Gold Standard training. Lee shared that the IGD Workforce staff will receive the training on 02/25/26.

Lee shared that the Youth Council met 01/29/26 by Zoom and discussed renewing the Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) Adult Education Youth Service contract and increasing the contract from \$165,000 to \$175,000. The Council was in full agreement to recommend that the Board award the \$175,000 contract to SWIC. A motion and second were made with the motion passing unanimously.

Lee discussed the performance report and shared that the performance measures are all at "meets" or "exceeds", and he saw no concerns.

Lee shared the quarterly services report.

Lee shared the financial report and there was some discussion on the percentages of direct training.

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

Lee reported on the quarterly services report and there was some discussion on reporting and how service numbers are reported to the Board.

Lee reviewed the financial report with Linda verifying that workforce programs and funding are on track to meet requirements and expectations.

Ashley Holmes shared that her agency is doing business as usual. Ashley shared that there is an upcoming Youth Symposium in East St. Louis Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 8 am to 3 pm at the Mason-Clark Middle School and a GREAT Event (resources event for students with special needs) at SWIC on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 4 pm to 8 pm.

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

Cindy discussed a request to approve two new training programs for CALC Institute, one for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, five for Alambda Systems, and seven for IT Expert Systems. There was some discussion around the vetting process for training providers.

Cindy presented 3 incumbent worker projects. 1 project with General Machining to train 5-7 employees for Value Stream Mapping at a cost of \$8,550.00, 1 project with Allnex USA to train 13 employees in leadership skills at a cost of \$15,997.40, and 1 project with Red Bud Tech to train 19 employees as Field Service Techs at a cost of \$50,823.00.

Rich called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Items 1 – 6, which consisted of:

- 1) Approval of 10/02/25 MAWIB Board Meeting Minutes
- 2) Approval of SWIC PY 26 Youth Services Contract - \$175,000
- 3) Approval for Executive Committee to Approve Regional and local WIOA Plans
- 4) Approval for Executive Committee to Approve Draft One-Stop Budget and Report of Outcomes
- 5) Approval of Training Programs
- 6) Approval of Incumbent Worker Projects

A motion was made by George Obernagel with a second by Donna Richter. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no other business, Rich called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Edmond Brown with a second by Matt Gomric. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 am.