

**Mid America Investment Board
Executive Committee Meeting
America's Job Center - Belleville
February 05, 2026**

Present:

Rich Sauget
Rick Parks
Tony White
Donna Richter
Ashley Holmes

Staff:

Rick Stubblefield
Lee Reese
Cindy Layman

Rich called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. There was no public comment regarding the agenda.

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. There was some discussion.

Lee shared that there was some discussion about the clock starting for SNAP recipients with work requirements February 1st, 2026. There was some discussion by the Executive Committee. 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 22nd in East St. Louis. Cindy gave an overview of the Guest Services Gold Standard training that some of the staff has received.

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.

Rich asked for a motion to approve recommending the SWIC Youth Services contract to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Rick Parks and seconded by Donna Richter. The motion was approved 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.

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. There was some discussion on the projects.

Rich called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Donna Richter with a second by Rick Parks. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 am.