



Region 3 Works Council

MEETING AGENDA

June 16, 2014

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**Joint Offices of NE Indiana Regional Partnership & NE Indiana Regional Workforce Board
200 East Main Street, Suite 910
Fort Wayne IN 46802**

- I Call to Order
- II Consent Agenda – Minutes of May 19, 2014 meeting
- III Discussion
 - Evolving role of the Works Council
 - Region 3 Works Council strategic direction
- V Adjourn



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DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT: John Sampson, Kathleen Randolph, Dawn BonAmi, Nathan Fink, Keith Davis, Robert Palmer, Grant Porter, Daniel Sullivan, Douglas Thieme

Call to Order

A quorum was present and Council Chair John Sampson called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting were accepted unanimously.

Region 3 Works Council Innovative Career and Technical Education Grant Application – Update

Gary Gatman, Northeast Indiana Works' vice president for strategic initiatives, gave a brief update on the submission of a \$1.6-million Region 3 Works Council grant request to the Center for Education and Career Innovation (CECI) for the creation of an enhanced region-wide CTE system targeting advanced manufacturing. The grant, Gatman said, requires a 25 percent match. Partners in the proposed system have secured matches, much of it in equipment and materials provided by the private sector. Gatman said a decision on the funding should be made by early to mid-June and organizations that receive grants should have access to grant money July 1. Kathleen Randolph said it is unlikely Region 3 will receive the entire \$1.6 million; a total of \$4.5 million is available statewide. She suggested the works council give the Region 3 Education and Workforce Innovation Network (EWIN) authority to identify other potential sources of funding.

Robert Palmer moved that the EWIN team explore other funding sources, Dawn BonAmi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Works Council – Strategic Plan

Randolph and John Sampson advised works council members that their input will be sought in the development of a strategic CTE plan for Region 3. The plan is due to CECI by July 1.

Randolph and Sampson said the plan should be consistent with elements of a statewide plan being developed, and Randolph suggested the regional plan extend beyond advanced manufacturing to other industry sectors, such as specialty insurance, health care and construction.

Daniel Sullivan said training and education should not be limited solely to industry clusters and that functional training spanning multiple industry segments should be considered.

Works Council Governance

Council Member Appointment:

Council Member Cindy Atkinson has left the council and Tim Holcomb will leave the council upon his retirement in June. Randolph asked other council members to suggest proposed replacements, ideally one from the business sector and another from education. The names of final nominees will ultimately be forwarded to the governor's office for appointment consideration.

Committee Structure:

Randolph suggested that the EWIN team be formally recognized as a standing committee of the works council, given EWIN's broad range of representation/expertise and the work it has already done on behalf on the council.

BonAmi moved that the EWIN team become a standing committee of the works council, Grant Porter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting Schedule:

Sampson suggested that the works council could begin meeting quarterly rather than monthly, especially with the advantages of the EWIN arrangement. He recommended that a quarterly meeting schedule begin after the June 16 meeting.

Davis moved that works council meetings be on a quarterly schedule after the June 16 meeting, Randolph seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

Dan Clark, executive director of the Indiana Education Roundtable, noted the importance of the work of a statewide Core 40 review subcommittee empaneled by the Indiana Career Council. The subcommittee's work, Clark said, could ultimately lead to a new CTE diploma. Randolph is the Region 3 Works Council representative on the subcommittee.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

(The next meeting of the council is Monday, June 16, 2014 at the same location – 200 East Main Street, Suite 910, Fort Wayne. Any council members who wish to add items to the agenda should do so by notifying Council Chair John Sampson at John@NEindiana.com or Council Secretary Kathleen Randolph at KRandolph@NEINworks.org.)