

Minutes

Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board Meeting

May 22, 2025
10:00 am – 11:30 pm

Online via Zoom

Board Members Online: Jon Bond, Gary Norman, Dustin Bentz, Bryan Robbins, Lux Elena Michel, Missy Cooper, Trudie Dillman, Daniel Noel **Others Online:** Kurt Kegerreis, Margo Olson, Charlotte Gunter, Carla Crowe, Kristal Biehle, Sarah Lamping, Karen Snyder, Shanell Clayton, Brittany Dyer, Konnie McCollum, Gage Pace, Mike Perleberg, Jeff Hartz, Clarice Patterson, Amanda Getzendanner, Stephanie Perkins, Austin Clark, Mariah Brison

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved by email vote.

Southeastern Career Center - Tracy Bear Presented by Amanda Getzendanner

Amanda Getzendanner gave the Southeastern Career Center update for the 2025-2026 upcoming school year on behalf of Tracy Bear. There are currently 880 students enrolled in the upcoming school year. They are excited to welcome a new principal, Mr. Jeff Cox. He will officially begin his new role on July 1st. The board has approved the launch of the new Aviation Maintenance Program which will run in the PM session next year. This year 598 students participated in a Work Based Learning experience gaining valuable real-world exposure and career readiness skills. They had 427 students graduate. Many of these students are in industry recognized and graduation pathways certifications. They are very proud of and will continue to build on this. Today they are doing their Senior Walk Through which is why she sent this update because she could not be here today. They are committed to providing high quality instruction and hands-on career training.

Read-I - Bryan Robbins & Gary Norman

Bryan Robbins gave an update about his meeting with Secretary Adams. They stressed about getting the incentives possibly under local control, where it is almost like an advisory to the region. It was a good discussion. Gary Norman expanded on the update. Secretary Adams made it clear that they are not after new business attractions. They had a conversation about child care and he acknowledged it very quickly and moved on. This topic needs attention and the conversation needs to be ongoing.

Executive Staff Updates - Kurt Kegerreis

Kurt Kegerreis gave an update on the Executive Staff and the Region. JAG is still very much

in limbo. All the outreach efforts that have been done have gone well. There was a meeting scheduled on May 7th with the Alliance meeting with the Governor's Office. This meeting was very positive. It is very clear that no one intended to disrupt JAG. They also did not appreciate that JAG is now serving almost 8,000 students right now with over 200 programs. Upon learning this the Governor addressed that this issue needed to be fixed. This led to a meeting with Secretary Jenner and DWD on May 21st. After this meeting, Kurt says he believes saving JAG will be an uphill climb. The meeting itself was solutions focused. Kurt feels that with the budget issues, the schools need to know everything that is going on. The Region is still going to try to save JAG, and are convening Webinars with the School Districts on May 22nd and 23rd, which will be followed by Contingency Planning Surveys.

The challenges that the Region is facing extend beyond JAG funding in jeopardy. The Economic Development Regions are under review and the Secretary of Commerce Tour is underway. The LEO's need to be informed about workforce implications. DWD funds are also contracting. Those programs that are being affected are ETG, WRG, Rapid Response, and RESEA. On the federal level, WIOA may be being reauthorized. By 2026, the system may need to be changed.

The opportunities the Region is experiencing are that we are better prepared and positioned than other boards. Staff had a fundraising hot streak, and the Pathways grant is still out. The Region has made a lot of friends are helping in the fight, specifically Mayors, Superintendents, and Principals. The Region has the direct federal SCSEP grant that reinforces our footprint. The Region also excels at Apprenticeships and Career Coaching, and Ticket-to-Work remains a good growth opportunity. The Region also has a very experienced team and talented crew.

The proposed Quarter 4 Timeline is to vote for the Executive Committee to Approve the Preliminary PY25 Budget, as well as vote for 1-Year Extension for RVR. There will need to be a Mid-to-Late June EC Meeting to approve the budget. There will also be a Mid-to-Late June In-Person LEO Meeting in coordination with Mayor Mollaun. Standard Board Meetings will resume in August, which will also require the Election of Officers.

River Valley Resources - Shanell Clayton

Shanell Clayton gave an update for RVR. She shared a work experience story. They received great feedback about this individual, who gained skills and exceeded the work experience time.

While being hit with the unknown, the team is still producing and doing great work. The BST Team had a Rapid Response at RR Donnelly where 96 employees were affected. The Rapid Response activity they had was attended by 63 people. They had a WIOA Case Manager, Vet Rep, Interpreter, and two BST Team Members on-site during this event. There was also a Job Fair held on site with four employers there.

On April 15th, a job fair was held at Ivy Tech Riverfront and was a resounding success. A total of 34 employers and 80 job seekers attended. The comments from the attendees were

very complimentary and felt their time was well spent.

CHE's has served 6,136 total students to date, which meets the grant goal. They serve 12 out of 17 school districts. Brownstown has 197 students. Franklin County has 385 students. Greensburg has 293 students. Lawrenceburg has 1,398 students. Madison has 411 students. Medora has 143 students. Milan has 241 students. Seymour has 1,522 students, South Dearborn has 617 students, South Ripley HS has 323 students. Switzerland County HS has 394 students. There are two Peer Teaching Coaches at Elementary Level. One is at Madison Consolidated and the other is at South Ripley. Both have completed their peer teaching experience.

SCSEP's enrollments are increasing. 32 have been enrolled since the beginning of the year. Staff are in the process of helping people with support services.

Young Adult Services currently have 12 clients participating in WEX. They have currently served 73 youths this program year, with 48 of those being new enrollments.

The challenges that these programs are facing are mainly budgetary problems, but they are working through that. CHE has a lot of manual work because there is not a database, so everything is manually compiled. JAG is figuring out how to help staff and schools with the challenges they are facing. SCSEP's challenge is that they are trying to enroll at a fast rate. Young Adult's biggest challenge is trying to find employers to host youths for work experiences.

Budget

Carla Crowe gave the review of the budget through February. The total funding available is just over \$10M. Overall planned expenses are just a little under \$10M. Planned carry-in for PY25 is \$388,314. \$292,695 of that is WIOA funds and the rest are unrestricted and unobligated funds.

The second page of the report shows revenue received so far and the budget compared to actual expenses. The benchmark is 83%. The current overall grant usage is 51%. In actual expenses, the Executive Staff expenses are 72%. The Service Provider is at 51%. The WorkOne expenses are at 67%. The Board expenses are at 60%. The overall expenses are at 53%. The overall WIOA expenditure rate is at 66%. In school and out of school rates are at 24% and 76% respectively. Current direct client services are at 27%. The third page compares the current program year to last program year.

Financials were approved by email vote.

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