



**NWPA JOB CONNECT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**

Friday, July 28, 2023  
9:34 AM – 10:30 AM

**ATTENDANCE:** Larry Fannie, Jack Hewitt, Bobbie Jones, Heather Moles, TJ Sandell, Kirk Shimshock, Karen Thomas, Bradley Tisdale, Juanice Vega, Will Price, Jessica Hansford

**ABSENT:** Grainne Blanchette, Travis Crytzer, Jim Decker, Jill Foys, Archie Graham, Andrea MacArthur, Lynn Rupp, Kathryn Schaaf

**BOARD STAFF:** Lisa Miller, Lisa Stalnaker, Deb O’Neil, Susan Richmond, Carrie Symes, Nancy Wisgirda

**VISITORS:**

Commissioner Wayne Brosius, Clarion County  
County Executive Brenton Davis, Erie County  
Commissioner Erie Henry, Crawford County  
Daniel Hornbake, PA L&I BWDA  
Attorney Joe Keebler

Jennifer Williams, PA CareerLink®/Title I  
Elizabeth Wilson, PA CareerLink®/Operator  
Kerrie DeChurch, BWPO  
Beverly Rapp, BWPO  
Robert Cardomone  
Jean Blaine, PA CareerLink®/Title I  
John Spence, BWPO  
Christine Grigsby, Equus/Title I

**WELCOME/ROLL CALL/VISITOR RECOGNITION/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bobbie Jones called the meeting to order at 9:34 A.M. Roll call was taken. It was note there was a quorum. Visitors were recognized. There was no public comment. It was noted the meeting was being recorded and a link to the agenda was posted in the chat and also shared on the screen.

**PY 2021-2024 Modified Regional Plan and PY 2021-2024 Local Plan**

Susan Richmond stated that Pennsylvania requires a 30- day public comment period on modifications to the Regional and Local Plan. The last day for public comment was July 15, 2023. We received no public comment; therefore, no additional changes were made to either the Regional or Local plan. Susan also noted that West Central did not receive any public comments either. Susan reported on the updates that she made based on the data received from the Center for Workforce Information Analysis, updates to OVR information based on their request, additions to the Registered Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship questions as part of the plan narrative, as well as updates to partner programs including outcomes. The partner list and organizational chart were also updated.

Susan Richmond also reported on the committee items based on the modified plan. Pennsylvania requires assurance that the Board and its committees are discussing the elements of the plans since they are connected to the state’s plan. Some items of note include but are not limited to focusing on non-traditional educational employment opportunities, increasing participants in the registered apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs, as well as identifying skill gaps, continued use of career pathways, and increasing those connections.

**MOTION**

It was moved by Brad Tisdale and seconded by TJ Sandell to accept the modified Regional Plan for submission to the state. All were in favor. There were no abstentions. Motion passed and carried.

**MOTION**

It was moved by Jack Hewitt and seconded by Kirk Shimshock to accept the modified Local Plan for submission to the state. All were in favor. There were no abstentions. Motion passed and carried.

Executive Session: None needed

Adjourn:

**MOTION**

It was moved by Jack Hewitt and seconded by Kirk Shimshock to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. There were no abstentions. Motion passed and carried.

*Next Board Meeting: Friday, September 8, 2023*

**ITEMS IN BOLD REQUIRE A VOTE**

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