

**Youth Council**  
 Workforce Investment Board of Will County  
 Workforce Center of Will County  
 2400 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL  
**January 20, 2021**  
**Minutes**

Council Members					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Gloria Dollinger	X		Neal Kauffman		X
Susan Flessner	X		Elizabeth Kaufman		X
Maribeth Hearn	X		Monica Lowe	X	
Michele Smith	X		Keri Peter	X	
Ben Stortz	X		Marieta Pergj	X	
Shawn Walsh	X		Michelle Sebasco		X
Roger Fisher		X			
Staff and Guests					
Caroline Portlock	Susan Davinger	Mary Gajcak			

**Welcome and Approval of Minutes**

Flessner called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the July 15, 2020 meeting were approved by roll call on a motion by Walsh, seconded by Dollinger.

**Connect to Your Future Program:**

Academic Skills Report presented by Lowe

Occupational Skills Report: Peter reported that students continue to receive services and overcome challenges set by COVID-19, noting the perseverance of staff and students. Recruitment has shifted to entirely online.

Outreach: Lowe reported that all outreach events are taking place online and via phone.

Peter noted that JJC is currently offering community information and recruiting sessions on ZOOM. Because at-home learning is more convenient for some, and a live presenter is available to answer any questions students have, online classes will continue to be made available.

Success Stories: Lowe and Peter shared success stories of three students – Coleton H., Ashley F., and Devin C.

**Committee Co-Chairs:**

Portlock asked members who are on the WIB to consider serving as co-chair for the Youth Council in place of Flessner, now planning retirement.

**Youth Program RFP:**

The PY2021 RFP was released on January 15<sup>th</sup>; all proposals are due February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Portlock Questions will be submitted in writing and answers will appear on the website. Portlock asked members to serve on the review committee if their organization is not submitting an RFP.

**Youth Provider Events/Activities:**

Peter reported that there are now three students in internship programs.

Walsh: The Regional Office of Education is networking with curriculum directors and the Health Department to develop an effective way to deliver Covid-19 vaccines throughout the County.

**Next Meeting:** The next quarterly meeting of the Youth Council will be April 21, 2021 at 7:30 am.