

**Workforce Investment Board of Will County  
August 14, 2023, Minutes**

BOARD MEMBERS								
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Dana Bradley		X	Kraig Kistingner	X		Juan Rico		X
Jayne Cain	X		Paul Lauridsen		X	Jim Rink		X
David Conterio		X	Cornell Lurry	X		Suzanne Sallay	X	
Beth Gonzalez	X		Judy Mitchell	X		Diana Sharpe	X	
Doc Gregory	X		Pat Mudron	X		Christina Shirley	X	
Linda Guerrero	X		Clyne Namuo	X		Michele Stiff		X
Maribeth Hearn	X		Mike Paone	X		Ben Stortz		X
Rita Herrick	X		Josh Potter	X		James Tromp	X	
Carlos Interrial	X		Doug Pryor		X	Maggie Wolf	X	
Caroline Portlock	Pat Wendholt							
GUESTS								
Lisa Borrelli	Dain Meza-Gotto	Keri Peter	Brian Kincaid	Fatina Sayegh				

**Welcome and Introductions** –Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 7:34AM. and introduced new member Christina Shirley from IDHS-DRS. Shirley replaced Damien McDonald.

**Minutes** - Minutes of the June 12, 2023, meeting were approved on a motion by Interrial; seconded by Kistingner. Motion carried.

**Presentation:** Brian Kincaid and Fatina Sayegh presented power point presentation information about the JJC Entrepreneur & Business Center

**Reports:**

Communications Committee - Mitchell/Mudron

Mudron reported on the events and activities of the Business Services team as well as efforts by the Outreach Specialist as presented in the in packet.

Program Operations Committee – Sharpe/Stiff

Portlock (on behalf of Sharpe/Stiff) reviewed the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Program reports as presented in the packet.

Systems & Trends Committee - Herrick/Interrial

Herrick reviewed the Training Programs for certification and recertification as received in the packet. Motion to approve programs from Joliet Junior College as presented was made by Sallay, seconded by Mudron with Namuo and Wolf abstaining. Motion carried.

Herrick reviewed the Business Grants Summary as presented in the packet.

One Stop Operator / Workforce Center Report- Portlock

Portlock (on behalf of Stiff) reviewed the Workforce Center Report as presented in the packet. It was noted that (2) acoustic pods will be installed in the Resource Room allowing for private conversations between customers, career planners, and partners as needed. The cost is just under \$20k total.

Director's Report- Portlock

Discussed the following funding opportunities and events:

- CEJA Workforce Ecosystem, flyer in packet
- Recompete Pilot Program, summary in packet
- Empower Your Workforce, flyer in packet

**WIB Member Updates/Announcements:**

- Gonzalez announced that Pace has new initiatives that will expand transit options and improve access for riders, including ADA paratransit customers; network revitalization effort will explore ways to strengthen suburban transit services.
- Hearn announced that on August 24<sup>th</sup> at USF there will be a "Connection & Collaboration" meeting with the topic: *Training Grants That Nonprofits Need to Know*
- Stortz announced that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cornerstone Art Show will be on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m. at the new Cornerstone Services Conference Center -featuring paintings, mixed media, jewelry, looming items, and more!
- Meza-Gotto announced that on October 3<sup>rd</sup> the Three Rivers Manufacturers' Association, in partnership with Joliet Junior College, is hosting their *8th Annual Manufacturing Education Event—MFG DAY*

No public comment. None

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Hearn, seconded by Mitchell at 8:46 AM. Motion carried.

Next meeting October 16, 2023, at 7:30am