

**Workforce Investment Board of Will County
December 9, 2024, Minutes**

BOARD MEMBERS								
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Jayne Cain	X		Cornell Lurry	X		Juan Rico	X	
Beth Gonzalez	X		Judy Mitchell	X		Jim Rink	X	
Doc Gregory	X		Pat Mudron	X		Amy Seeley	X	
Linda Guerrero	X		Clyne Namuo	X		Michelle Stiff	X	
Maribeth Hearn		X	Mike Paone	X		Ben Stortz		X
Carlos Interrial		X	Josh Potter	X		James Tromp	X	
Kraig Kistingner		X	Doug Pryor	X		Maggie Wolf	X	
Paul Lauridsen	X		Anne Rapp	X				
STAFF								
Caroline Portlock	Pat Wendholt	Lisa Borrelli	John Hall	Dakota Mashak		Keri Peter		
GUESTS								
Dana Bradley	Abby Saltzman							

Welcome and Introductions –Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

Action Items -

- Minutes - Minutes of October 21, 2024, meeting were approved on a motion by Stiff, seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried.
- Allocation Transfer - Portlock presented a request from Workforce Services Division to transfer funds from Dislocated Worker to Adult in the amount of \$600,000 as detailed in the packet. Motion to approve the transfer of funds as presented was made by Tromp, seconded by Pryor. Motion carried.
- Training Programs
 - **New:** Training programs for certification as received in the packet from Advantage Driver Training and Governor State University. Motion to approve as presented was made by Pryor, seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried.
 - **Recertify:** Training programs to recertify as received in the packet from Advantage Driver Training, Commercial Driving Academy LLC, Governor State University and New School for Massage. In addition, training programs to remove and not recertify from Joliet Junior College and Lewis University were presented in the packet. Motion to approve as presented was made by Lauridsen, seconded by Mudron. Motion carried. Namuo and Wolf from JJC abstained; Rapp from Lewis University abstained.

Reports:

Workforce Center/One Stop Operator Report

- **Center Update:** Stiff reviewed the Workforce Center Report as presented in the packet noting the events, activities, and partner referrals. Stiff reported that a few of the Outreach Kiosks will be relocated due to low usage and noted the Crest Hill kiosk will be moved from the municipal building to the library.

- **County Allocation:** Stiff confirmed that we will be receiving \$180,000 from the County's Cannabis Tax to continue support of the justice impact program working with the Will County Adult Problem Solving Courts.

Pathways to Professions Career Expo- March 11, 2025, Romeoville Athletic Center. Stiff provided information on the upcoming expo. The committee is working on vendor registration and school participation. Sponsors are needed as noted in the packet.

Director's Report – Portlock presented the following updates:

- **Business Services – Employer Grants** – A summary of business grants was presented with outreach efforts and ideas discussed.
- **2024 DCEO Monitoring** – Monitoring of our fiscal and program work will start on 12/9. Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) staff will be onsite for 5 days. Staff uploaded requested files and will work with monitors throughout the week.
- **WIOA and the Election** -Portlock reviewed information developed by the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) and the work being done on WIOA Reauthorization.

WIB Member Updates/Announcements:

- Dr. Judy Mitchell received the Silver Cross Sangmeister Medal of Excellence for Community Service and was recognized at Silver Cross Hospital's Childerguild Ball. Congratulations Dr. Mitchell and thank you for all you do for our community.
- Gonzalez is asking that everyone please participate in the survey for the PACE revitalization and to forward to their stakeholders. Deadline is January 17, 2025.
- Seeley informed everyone that the IHDRS has eliminated the financial analyst staff as they are no longer assisting with financial analyst.
- Pryor noted that Will County is leading in jobs but still needs to work on getting more multi-family housing in the area to attract the younger generation. The CED has the current stats and more information on their website (willcountyced.com)
- Seeley announced that DRS has eliminated the financial analysis requirement of receiving education assistance.

Public Comment: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 AM on a motion by Namuo, seconded by Potter. Motion carried.

Next meeting: March 10, 2025, at 7:30am