

**Executive Committee
Workforce Investment Board of Will County
Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center
214 N. Ottawa Street, Room 424, Joliet, IL 60432**

**July 28, 2014
Minutes**

BOARD MEMBERS					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Greg Dover	X		Cheryl McCarthy	X	
Susan Flessner		X	Don Moran		X
John Greuling	X		Suzanne Sallay	X	
Mark Jepson		X	Jim Tromp	X	

Others Present: Pat Fera, Gina Tuminello

Welcome and Introductions

Jim Tromp called the meeting to order. The minutes from the June 2, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Suzanne Sallay, seconded by John Greuling.

New Business

Fera provided an update on the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act. Congress passed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Fera discussed the highlights of WIOA. The Vice President also released a Ready to Work Report. This report identifies ways to improve training opportunities for Americans by implementing steps to make training programs more “job-driven”, to be responsive to the needs of employers in order to effectively place ready-to-work Americans in jobs that are available now or train them in the skills needed for better jobs.

Old Business

Fera provided an update on the TAA-CCCT Grant, a Department of Labor grant for system improvements at Community Colleges. JJC is the lead applicant in a proposal with 10 other community colleges in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. The grant is related to advanced manufacturing and the development of a NIMS credential for industrial maintenance workers.

Youth Council

Cheryl McCarthy presented the Youth Council report. A request for proposals was released in February 2014 to contract with a provider to facilitate youth enrolling in post-secondary education. Two proposals were received: First Institute and Joliet Junior College. The occupational training program is underway. Both contractors presented at the Youth Council meeting and provided updates to how the program is doing so far.

The Committee reviewed the Connect 2 Employment Report for June 2014. A draft of the Youth Provider Summit was reviewed. The summit will take place on Thursday, October 9, 2014.

System and Trends Committee

The System and Trends Committee received a request from the Joliet Junior College to add five programs to the Illinois State Provider Certification list: Automotive Service Technology, Basic

Electronics, Basic Welding, Electronics Engineering Technology, and Industrial Welding Technology. All five programs met the minimum requirements and were recommended to be added to the State list. The recommendations were approved on a motion by Greg Dover, seconded by Suzanne Sallay.

Pat Fera presented the Dashboard Overview Report. The report provides general information about the economy and the workforce services provided to customers.

Fera also presented "*Where are the Jobs?*" This report is an indicator of jobs available and is created from an online program that uses web spider crawler technology to scour online job boards.

Managers' Report

Fera presented an update on the Accelerated Training for Illinois Manufacturing Project (ATIM). We have exceeded our goal of 177. There are 190 customers enrolled in manufacturing training in the Collar Counties as of today. There is still funding available; therefore we will continue to enroll customers in the program.

Fera informed the Committee that there was a Business Services Roundtable where line staff were able to network and share ideas and best practices. These roundtables will continue throughout the year.

The latest Fiscal Report was reviewed. This report shows expenses from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The most recent Layoff Report was also reviewed.

Other Business

Cheryl McCarthy informed the Committee that Joliet Township High School District have partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters to implement Mentor2.0, a mentoring program in which they will partner with high schools in low-income communities to match every student in a cohort with a college-educated mentor.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, October 6, 2014 at 7:30 am at the JJC Renaissance Center, 214 N. Ottawa Street, Room 424, Joliet, IL