

Meeting of Montgomery County Workforce Development Board*
October 4, 2023
8:30 AM

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NOTE: Video time stamps are provided for each agenda item below.

Board Attendees: Kevin Armstrong, Jewru Bandeh, Dr. Sonya Bruton, Stephanie Crane, Mark Drury, Barbara Ebel, Courtney Hall, Scott Goldberg, Chris Gordon, Steve Greenfield, Yamil Hernández, Amelia Kalant**, Mahesh Kalva, Mary Lang, Beth Lash, Omar Lazo, Nagender Madavaram, Roxie Mejia, Yomi Ntewo, Conrad Samuels, Grant Shmelzer, Michelle Bell Smith, Christa Tichy, Bill Tompkins, Diego Uriburu

Staff Attendees: Melissa Cunningham, Anthony Featherstone, Andrea Giunta, Cynthia Grissom, John Hattery, Jessica Issoufou, Sarah Van De Weert, Marla Wyche

Other Attendees: Steve Boden**, Anand Dholakia, Stew Edelstein**, Dr. Genevieve Floyd, Ed Hildago, Daniel Marschall**, Rachael Parker, Harold Redden**, Steve Regur, Aubrey Watkins III**

**Member of WSM Board of Directors

(NOTE: A quorum of WDB and WSM Board of Directors were present)

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Lazo called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.
2. **August Meeting Minutes (3:50)** – approved without objection.
3. **Vote Ratification (4:43)** – Ms. Van De Weert explained that the votes that occurred during the August meeting to approve the OJT and Supportive Services Policy updates could not be counted as official due to lack of proper voting protocol. Ms. Kalant moved to ratify an electronic vote that had taken place immediately after the August meeting to approve the policy updates. Ms. Ebel seconded the motion. The ratification was approved without objection.
4. Mr. Featherstone introduced Rachael Parker, Executive Director of the Governor's Workforce Development Board (9:23).
5. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Health/Hospitality (12:06) – Dr. Bruton explained that the Committee received a thorough presentation from TranzEd related to apprenticeships within the healthcare industry. The other agenda item discussed was about the ALICE presentation that the full Board received during the August meeting.
 - b. Life Sciences/IT (20:30)– Mr. Hernández explained some recent successes from the Biotech Bootcamp that WSM sponsors. Metrics and trends within the IT and Life Sciences industries were presented and discussed. Several questions and comments were raised about finding ways to focus on helping individuals with one or multiple barriers to employment enter the Life Sciences industry.
 - c. Construction/Transportation (42:50) – Mr. Drury explained the group decided on a permanent meeting schedule moving forward. Several committee members

are working on projects in partnership with MCPS and the County Executive to bring hands-on experience for students.

- d. Youth/Young Adult (54:00) – Mr. Madavaram shared with the Board that the Committee discussed the new Youth Department WSM was starting and how young people can get better access to training or apprenticeship opportunities.
6. **Presentation: Blueprint for Maryland's Future (55:50)** – Mr. Featherstone and Mr. Hattery introduced the MoCo Career Advising Program (CAP). For presentation slides contact Sarah Van De Weert at svandeweert@worksourcemontgomery.com. The presentation ended at 9:59 AM. Several members remained to provide questions and comments after the presentation (1:29:55).
7. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM.