

**Meeting of Montgomery County Workforce Development Board\***  
**February 7, 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. James Bridgers, Dr. Sonya Bruton, James Carmen, Stephanie Crane, Mark Drury, Barbara Ebel, Courtney Hall, Scott Goldberg, Steve Greenfield, Dr. Shant'a Johnson, Amelia Kalant, Mary Lang, Omar Lazo, Nagender Madavaram, Dr. Peggy Pugh, Yomi Ntewo, Grant Shmelzer, Michelle Bell Smith, Christa Tichy, Diego Uriburu

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Lazo called the meeting to order at 8:38 AM.
2. **October Meeting Minutes (8:07)** – approved without objection.
3. **Introduction of New Members (9:05)** – Mr. Lazo welcomed three new members and allowed them to introduce themselves: Dr. James Bridgers from Montgomery County Health & Human Services (9:30), Dr. Peggy Pugh from MCPS (39:19), and Dr. Shant'a Johnson from Community Action Agency (40:00).
4. **Committee Updates**
  - a. Health/Hospitality (10:39) – Dr. Bruton explained that the Committee met on January 31<sup>st</sup> and the meeting was dedicated to retaining employees that WSM helps to place and looking at support services that residents can take advantage of and what happens when those services eventually go away. The group also focused on mental health well-being data.
  - b. Life Sciences/IT (18:30)– Ms. Van De Weert provided a report in Mr. Hernández's absence. She shared that the committee discussed goals for the upcoming 2024 Fiscal Year and received a couple of organizational updates from Mr. Featherstone.
  - c. Construction/Transportation (19:35) – Mr. Drury explained that Ms. Tichy is working with the IBEW union to set up an apprenticeship program within the County. IEC is also looking to expand their youth programming. Mr. Shmelzer provided an update on IEC's efforts.
  - d. Youth/Young Adult (38:03) – Mr. Madavaram shared that the Committee received a presentation from John Hattery on MoCoCAP.
5. **Executive Director Report (40:53)** – Mr. Featherstone provided updates on the following items:
  - a. MoCoCAP (41:06)
  - b. Community Workforce Network (47:55)
  - c. New Job Centers in 2024 (49:31)
  - d. New Website/Sector Connector Programs (1:02:56)
  - e. New Local Plan Development (1:04:14)
6. **Presentation: Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning, Maryland DOL** – Joana Winningham, New Americans Initiative Coordinator (1:06:20). For more

information or a copy of the presentation, please contact Sarah Van De Weert at [svandeweert@worksourcemontgomery.com](mailto:svandeweert@worksourcemontgomery.com)

7. Ms. Van De Weert announced that WSM will be hosting a delegation of Australians from their country's National Employment Services Association.
8. Meeting adjourned at 10:02.