

**Meeting of Montgomery County Workforce Development Board (WDB)\***  
**June 2, 2021**  
**8:30 AM**

\*A full recording of this meeting can be accessed [via Zoom](#) using passcode **.ReFYH?2**

**Attendees:** Melissa Boone, Elaine Chang-Baxter, Mark Drury, Gordon Ellis, Jerome Fletcher, Wyatt Genser, Steve Greenfield, Jeff Guido, Courtney Hall, Jennifer Hester, Mahesh Kalva, Beth Lash, Omar Lazo, Lesley MacDonald, Roxana Mejia, Yomi Ntewo, Derek Turner, Diego Uriburu, Ben Wu

**Staff:** Tina Edmundson, Administrative Coordinator; Anthony Featherstone, Executive Director; John Hattery, Director of Strategic Initiatives; Sarah Van De Weert, Director of Communications

**CHAIRPERSON WELCOME**

Mr. Drury welcomed all members.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Featherstone provided the Executive Director Report accompanied by a presentation (attached) including:

- American Job Center Reopening Update
- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021- Money Allocation and possible uses (See attached slides for breakdown)
- FY 21/22 Funding Update- Funding breakdown
- WIOA Youth RFP Selections- Concluded Evaluations, received three proposals, final selections were Latin American Youth Center and Eckerd
- See attached slides for specific details and timelines for each target.

**Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes for April and May**

Minutes were approved with no comments or objections.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Employment Recovery Committee: Ms. Ntewo touched on funding for community training, points of entry for those needing to reenter the workforce, and an upcoming meeting with Mr. Featherstone to discuss a recruitment partnership with Sodexo.

Program Committee: Ms. Bell-Smith covered employment recovery, employment gaps, a county-wide business summit, and boot camps for entry-level job seekers.

Business and Community Engagement Committee: Mr. Turner mentioned a Collaborative Employee Engagement Group, an upcoming business/employer summit for Fall 2021, and better understanding what current business needs are as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

**BOARD TERMS**

Mr. Drury discussed the board member terms and announced that the 2020 term year would not count toward member term limits.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 AM.

The next meeting will take place on July 7, 2021 at 8:30 AM.