

**MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN TRAIL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
BOARD
Executive Committee
August 19, 2020**

The Lincoln Trail Workforce Development Board (LTWDB) Executive Committee met via Zoom on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 11:30 am EST.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stan Carton
Chris Cottrell
Trish Niles
Jim Rachlin
Dean Schamore

GUESTS

Jessica Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lance Blanford*
Myra Covault*

STAFF

Carter Dyson
Sherry L. Johnson
Jackie Masterson
Jim Skees

**Denotes excused absence*

Chairman Dean Schamore called the meeting to order after determining quorum requirements had been met.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of Minutes – May 20, 2020

After review of the May 20, 2020 Executive Committee minutes, Chris Cottrell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jim Rachlin seconded; motion carried.

Set Agenda for September 15th Board Meeting

Committee members discussed the agenda for the September 15, 2020 LTWDB meeting and agreed on the following items:

- Nominating committee report
- Update on the Strategic Plan
- Update on the Governor's Executive Order transferring Unemployment Insurance (UI) and the Career Development Office (CDO) from the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet (EWDC) to the Labor Cabinet.
- Extend invitation to Secretary Roberts, Labor Cabinet, to provide an update on the future of UI and Wagner Peyser services in the region.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Strategic Plan Update

Jim Rachlin stated that the ending of the Strategy Matters contract created a new dynamic for operating the Workforce Crisis Taskforce (WCTF). Mr. Rachlin indicated he would like to pull together several LTWDB members to review the strategic plan and determine the way forward for the WCTF. Sherry Johnson also suggested the group's input in the formulation of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for an update of the strategic plan.

Frankfort Update

Sherry Johnson provided the following State updates:

- The Executive Order for the transition of the UI and CDO programs from the EWDC to the Labor Cabinet took effect on August 16, 2020. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs would remain in the EWDC. Ms. Johnson indicated there was rumor there could be a second reorganization in October.
- Two local Workforce Areas, Lincoln Trail and the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, were participating in a pilot to work on local unresolved UI claims but were recently redirected to assist in resolving five-thousand statewide claims from March.
- There was a pre-filed bill to restore UI and Wagner Peyser presence in Career Centers prior to the reorganization in 2017. Chairman Schamore indicated he would check into the bill and the possibility of being a co-sponsor.
- Chairman Schamore inquired about the status of the additional weekly UI benefit. Ms. Johnson indicated the State would be applying to offer the benefit.

Local Update

Sherry Johnson provided the following local updates:

- Judge Tommy Turner, who has served as the Chief Local Elected Official for the LTWDB for the past twenty years, announced his retirement at the end of the month. The County Judge Executives were scheduled to meet today to select a replacement. Ms. Johnson recommended the LTWDB recognize Judge Turner for his service to the Board.
- The National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) was in full operation with enrollments in the On the Job Training component. Training options in CDL and CNA were also available. Ms. Johnson stated the temporary employment option had not seen any interest yet.
- WIOA staff was working in partnership with Ft. Knox and the Knox Regional Development Alliance to provide services to military spouses looking for employment.
- WIOA staff continued to provide employment and training services remotely to jobseekers and employers while the Career Center remained closed to the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Stan Carton made a motion to adjourn, Jim Rachlin seconded; meeting was adjourned.