

**MINUTES OF THE
LINCOLN TRAIL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
BOARD
Executive Committee
August 17, 2022**

The Lincoln Trail Workforce Development Board (LTWDB) Executive Committee met via Zoom on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 11:30 am ET.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lance Blanford
Stan Carton
Chris Cottrell
Myra Covault
Trish Niles
Jim Rachlin

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF

Jackie Masterson
Jim Skees

GUESTS

Stephanie Wetzel

**Denotes excused absence*

Trish Niles, Chair, called the meeting to order after determining quorum requirements had been met.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of Minutes – June 21, 2022

After review of the June 21, 2022 Executive Committee minutes, Myra Covault made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Stan Carton seconded; motion carried.

Consideration – Performance Measures Negotiation

Jackie Masterson provided an overview of the Program Year 2022 and 2023 performance measures negotiation process, conducted by the Department of Workforce Investment (DWI). Sherry Johnson and Ms. Masterson presented proposed recommendations for each performance measure to the Local Elected Officials on July 20, 2022, which they unanimously accepted. Ms. Masterson reviewed the recommendations with the committee, providing justification for measures being requested for negotiation with DWI. Chris Cottrell made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented, Jim Rachlin seconded; motion carried.

Consideration – Accepting Donation from Baptist Health Hardin

Myra Covault provided an overview of the discussion from the June Executive committee meeting regarding interest in a virtual job fair platform. Barton Malow, construction company for the Blue Oval/SK plant, expressed an interest in the platform for their hiring needs and the committee agreed it would be a good tool for all employers. Through Ms. Covault's efforts, Baptist Health Hardin (BHH) agreed to make a one-time \$15,000.00 donation to the LTWDB to purchase a virtual job fair platform. Ms. Masterson asked the committee for their consideration to accept the donation and indicated that a small purchase procurement process would be used. Stan Carton made a motion to accept the one-time \$15,000.00 donation from BHH to purchase a virtual job fair platform, Lance Blanford seconded; motion carried. Myra Covault abstained from the vote.

Set Agenda for September Board Meeting

As a result of committee discussion, Myra Covault made a motion to accept the following agenda items for the September Board meeting, Chris Cottrell seconded; motion carried.

- Discussion on Way Forward with Strategic Plan
- Heartland Communications Consultants (HCC) update
- One Stop Operator (OSO) Update – HWI/Strumpf and Associates
- Direct Services Provider Update – Career Team
- Presentation from ECTC on grant received for a manufacturing initiative.
- Workforce Update

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ITEMS

Workforce Update

Jackie Masterson informed the committee that Sherry Johnson, currently serving as interim LTADD Executive Director, was unable to attend due to another commitment and sent her sincere regrets.

Ms. Masterson shared the following updates with the committee:

- Governor Beshear recently announced Lotte Aluminum would be locating in Hardin County. The company will produce a core material used in EV batteries and will begin operation in 2025, resulting in 122 full time jobs.
- The Barton Malow job fair was moved from September 21st & 22nd to a tentative date of November 2nd.

- Due to the early retirement of Judge Executive Dean Watts, Judge Executive Maurice Lucas was selected by the Local Elected Officials (LEO) as the new Chief Local Elected Official (CLEO) for the LTWDB.
- Beth Brinly was named the new Deputy Secretary for the Education and Labor Cabinet beginning October 1, 2022.
- The OSO was in the process of searching for a new Business Solutions Team Lead.
- Career Team has hired four staff and was still looking to fill Executive Director and Business Services positions.
- Information regarding the KY Chamber's Childcare Resources guide and tools for KY employers was shared. A webinar will be held on August 23rd to provide an overview of the new resources. Ms. Masterson agreed to send the information to committee members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Myra Covault made a motion to adjourn, Stan Carton seconded; motion carried.