



**UPward Talent Council
County Commissioners
Executive Committee Meeting
September 5, 2019**

MINUTES

I. Call To Order

Board Chair Gerald Corkin calls the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M. Eastern.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Board Chair, Gerry Corkin, Marquette County; Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County; Tim Aho, Iron County; Carl Nykanen, Ontonagon County; and Craig Reiter, Schoolcraft County

Excused:

Jerry Doucette, Alger County; Patrick Johnson, Delta County.

Michigan Works! Staff:

Cherilynn Lampinen, COO, Michelle Viau, CFO and Tracy Roberts, Office Manager.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda was made by Commissioner Nykanen (Ontonagon County) and supported by Commissioner Bonovetz; motion was approved unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. Financial Report

A. Grant Status and Overview. CEO Raymond reviews grant status and provides updates.

B. Line Item Budget Report. The total budget – actual is a little under \$9M. Motion to approve Line Item Budget report was made by Commissioner Nykanen and



supported by Commissioner and Board Chair Mr. Gerry Corkin. Motion was approved.

- C. **Voucher Review Report.** Motion was made to approve vouchers by Commissioner Nykanen and supported by Commissioner Corkin. Vouchers we approved unanimously.

VII. Old Business

A. None.

VIII. New Business

A. Action Items – Recommended Motions

- i. **Workforce Development Board – New Member nomination**

Motion to approve new Workforce Development Board member Melanie Bicigo, from UPHP, is made by Commissioner Bonovetz and supported by Commissioner Corkin. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Reports

A. Chairman.

Board Chair Commissioner Gerry Corkin Commissioner Corkin thanked the staff for pulling together and doing a good job running things while CEO Bill Raymond was out of commission for several weeks.

Commissioner Bonovetz commented that the new space in Bessemer is coming along and is great news to be located there.

Board Chair Commissioner Corkin advises that Marquette county hired a consultant for the Michigan Launch Initiative. They are supposed to do an evaluation in the next month or two. Marquette County is willing to work together with Kincheloe to both benefit from the project. Commissioner Corkin also stated that Sawyer has all the qualifications needed and they are putting their best foot forward. There should be some news on this by the end of the year.

B. CEO.

COO Cherylynn Lampinen gives the board an update on CEO Bill Raymond and informed the board on how UPward Talent Council is operating in Bill's absence. Ms. Lampinen stated that everything is going well, and we are communicating with Bill as needed;

Ms. Lampinen also updated the board members about an award being given to Amy Kratz at the upcoming Michigan Works Association annual conference in Kalamazoo.

UPward Talent Council -Michigan Works! has been attending a lot of meetings and events around the U.P. and downstate, such as the MEDA conference. Ms. Lampinen



updated on past events and events coming up, such as the GoingPro program. She indicated that Workforce Services Director, Debb Brunell set a goal to increase the GoingPro funds awarded this year, and we are on track to grow from last year.

Commissioner and Chair Corkin asked how the day-to-day operations are going since Bill has been out and Cherilynn Lampinen updated that the staff have really pulled together to handle things without any interruption and have worked really well to keep things running smoothly.

IX. Communications

Motion to approve Communications was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and then supported by Commissioner Nykanen. Motion approved unanimously.

X. Public Comment. None

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Corkin adjourned the LEO meeting at 2:31 P.M. Eastern.

Executive meeting for Oct 3rd is canceled due to Full board meeting happening on Oct 11th.