

**Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! County Commissioner Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Friday, October 8, 2021**

**I. Call to Order, Gerald Corkin, Chair**

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm by Board Chair Commission Gerald Corkin.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Board Chair, Gerald Corkin, Marquette County; Jerry Doucette, Alger County; Mark Stauber, Iron County; Alan Kilar, Schoolcraft County; John Cane, Ontonagon County; Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County; Tom Tikkanen, Houghton County; Gale Eilola, Baraga County; Joe Stevens, Dickinson County; Bernie Lang, Menominee County;

**UP Michigan Works! Staff:**

William Raymond, CEO; Michelle Viau, CFO; and Betsy Erkkila, Administrative Services Manager.

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Stevens and was supported by Commissioner Stauber. Motion passes.

**V. Approval of Minutes from August meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 5 meeting was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and was supported by Commissioner Nykanen. Motion passes.

**VI. Financial Report**

A motion to approve all financial reports and vouchers is made by Commissioner Corkin and supported by Commissioner Stevens. Motion passes.

**VII. Old Business**

A. CEO Review Process

CEO Raymond is requesting a review process by the LEO Board. The Board members decided to form a Review subcommittee consisting of Commissioner Stevens, Commissioner Doucette, and Commissioner Bonovetz with Commissioner Bonovetz as the Chair of the subcommittee. They will conduct a thorough CEO Review before the next meeting. They will be in touch with CEO Raymond before the next Board meeting. A motion to approve Commissioner Stevens, Commissioner Doucette, and Commissioner Bonovetz to be a review subcommittee was made by Commissioner Corkin and all were in favor. No opposition. Motion passes.

**VIII. Reports**

A. Chair

Commissioner Corkin commented on the recent county commissioners meeting as a good meeting. He noted budgets in the counties are looking well.

**B. CEO**

Some highlights of CEO Raymond's CEO report out are below:

- Discussions are going well with planning regions
- Northern Michigan roundtable and ARP funding were noted
- Hiring a new Workforce Services Director at UPMW
- The new CEO at the Michigan Works Association, Ryan Hundt, will be visiting the UP.
- UPMW leadership will be meeting with WDA-LEO
- Industry 4.0 was mentioned
- Bill has dinner with the Superior Shores subregion staff next week
- Childcare task force is moving along quite well and a lot of good conversations are happening regarding child care
- We had one employee complaint for an employee who was recently fired from UPMW
- Service centers have had good in person activity/traffic

**IX. Communications**

A motion to accept for file was made by Commissioner Stevens and supported by Commissioner Bonovetz. No comments and all were in favor. Motion passes.

**X. Member updates**

A Board meeting schedule for 2022 is needed.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:26 pm.