

**Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! County Commissioner
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2021**

I. Call to Order, Gerald Corkin, Chair

II. Roll Call

Present:

Board Chair, Gerald Corkin, Marquette County; Jerry Doucette, Alger County; Patrick Johnson, Delta County; Mark Stauber, Iron County; Carl Nykanen, Ontonagon County; Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County; Phyllis French, Luce County; and Alan Kilar, Schoolcraft 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 as presented was made by Commissioner Corkin and supported by Commissioner Doucette. The motion passes.

V. Approval of Minutes from September 2 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 2 Executive Committee meeting was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and was supported by Commissioner Nykanen. The motion passes.

VI. Financial Report

A motion to accept the financial reports for file was made by Commissioner Corkin and was supported by Commissioner Nykanen. The motion passes.

VII. Old Business

A. CEO Review and Raise

A subcommittee of Commissioner Bonovetz, Commissioner Stevens, and Commissioner Doucette met to review the CEO's performance and salary. They recommended a yearly salary of \$120,000 effective October 1. It was noted CEOs across the state salaries were examined to get an idea of how much other CEOs are making. Commissioners commented on CEO Raymond's performance and how he has done an excellent job. Any comments from the commissioners were welcome and they thanked CEO Raymond for his excellent work. The Executive Committee made the recommendation for the salary but asked for full Board approval at the December meeting. All Board members will be invited to the December meeting to get a final full Board vote. Commissioner Bonovetz made a motion that CEO Raymond's salary be set at \$120,000 retroactive to October 1, 2021, with the final approval from the full LEO Board at the December meeting. It was supported by Commissioner Doucette. All were in favor, and none opposed. The recommendation is approved.

VIII. New Business

B. Action Items – Recommended Motions

1. PI 21-30

A motion to approve the policy issuance was made by Commissioner Doucette and was supported by Commissioner Johnson. The motion passes.

C. 2022 board schedule

A tentative 2022 Board schedule was presented. The full Board will vote on the schedule at the December meeting.

VIII. Reports

A. Chairman

Board Chair Commissioner Corkin thanked the subcommittee for their work on CEO Raymond's salary.

B. CEO

CEO Raymond had a few comments. There will be a labor market study completed for the entire Upper Peninsula (UP). This will be fully funded by the MEDC money. It was discussed if the Board wants to continue to meet after the UPACC meetings in person or if the meeting times should change. It will be brought up again at a full Board meeting. There will be statewide collaboration on a Build Back Better proposal. Recently Ryan Hundt visited the UP from the Michigan Works Association. Mr. Dave Goodreau resigned from the Association Board, so a new representative is needed on that Board.

IX. Communications

A motion to accept the communications reports to accept for file was made by Commissioner Nykanen and supported by Commissioner Stauber. The motion passes.

X. Member updates

Gogebic county passed a millage for ambulance service in the election, and it was overwhelmingly approved. Schoolcraft county is looking at establishing a county executive position. Luce County recently passed five millages.

XI. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 2 at 10:00 AM ET. The entire Board will be invited.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM ET.