

**Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! County Commissioner Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 6, 2022**

I. Call to Order, Gerald Corkin, Chair

Commissioner Corkin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm ET.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Board Chair, Gerald Corkin, Marquette County; Esley Mattson, Alger County; Patrick Johnson, Delta County; Carl Nykanen, Ontonagon County; Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County; Gretchen Janssen, Houghton County; Joe Stevens, Dickinson County; Gale Eilola, Baraga County; Mark Stauber, Iron County; Alan Kilar, Schoolcraft County.

Guests:

Mark Massicotte, WDB Chair; Sarah Szurpicki, Director of Sixty by Thirty Office.

UP Michigan Works! Staff Present:

William Raymond, CEO; Michelle Viau, CFO; Debb Brunell, CSO; Betsy Erkkila, Administrative Services Manager.

III. Public Comment

Sarah Szurpicki from the state Sixty by Thirty Office discussed the Michigan Achievement Scholarship. She explained the significant investment for students graduating in 2023 or later. Students must complete a FAFSFA to be eligible. There were some comments from Board members and appreciation to Sara for the valuable information. Sara noted she would be presenting to the Upper Peninsula County Commissioners later that day in more detail.

IV. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and was supported by Commissioner Nykanen. All in favor. The motion passes.

V. Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes of August 4, 2022, was made by Commissioner Nykanen and supported by Commissioner Stevens. All in favor. Motion passes.

VI. Financial Report

CEO Raymond and CFO Viau gave a financial update. There was nothing out of the ordinary to report. There were a few comments and questions from Board members regarding specific financial transactions and CFO Viau answered them. Several Board members expressed their appreciation for the vouchers being mailed to them so they could review them in detail. A motion to accept the financials was made by Commissioner Stevens and supported by Commissioner Stauber. All in favor. Motion passes. A motion to accept the voucher report was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and supported by Commissioner Nykanen. All in favor. Motion passes.

VII. New Business

The appointment of a new Board member to the Workforce Development Board, Meredith Labeau, was presented for review and approval. Ms. Labeau works for Calumet Electronics and comes highly recommended by Mr. Mark Massicotte as an excellent candidate. A motion

to appoint and approve Ms. Meredith Labeau to the Workforce Development Board was made by Commissioner Eilola and supported by Commissioner Janssen. All in favor. Motion passes.

Policy Issuance 22-08

A motion to approve Policy Issuance 22-08 was made by Commissioner Nykanen and supported by Commissioner Stevens. All in favor. Motion passes.

Policy Issuance 22-09

A motion to approve Policy Issuance 22-09 was made by Commissioner Johnson and supported by Commissioner Kilar. All in favor. Motion passes.

Policy Issuance 22-10

A motion to approve Policy Issuance 22-10 was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and supported by Commissioner Janssen. All in favor. Motion passes.

Policy Issuance 22-11

A motion to approve Policy Issuance 22-11 was made by Commissioner Nykanen and supported by Commissioner Janssen. All in favor. Motion passes.

Policy Issuance 22-12

A motion to approve Policy Issuance 22-12 was made by Commissioner Stauber and supported by Commissioner Johnson. All in favor. Motion passes.

Policy Issuance 22-13

A motion to approve Policy Issuance 22-13 was made by Commissioner Eilola and supported by Commissioner Nykanen. All in favor. Motion passes.

Policy Issuance 22-14

A motion to approve Policy Issuance 22-14 was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and supported by Commissioner Corkin. All in favor. motion passes.

Policy Issuance 22-18

A motion to approve Policy Issuance 22-18 was made by Commissioner Corkin and supported by Commissioner Johnson. All in favor. Motion passes.

IX. Reports

Chair – Mr. Corkin expressed gratitude for CFO Viau’s excellent work on the financials for the organization and commented on her being an excellent employee of the organization. He noted Marquette County is working on its budget and have a good budget in place.

X. Communications

The communications were included in the Board meeting materials for the commissioners to review. A motion to accept the communication documents for file was made by Commissioner Stauber and seconded by Commissioner Corkin. All in favor. Motion passes.

XI. Member updates

There were some comments from Board members including ARPA funding, Going Pro, and funding on the roads. Mr. Massicotte expressed he is pleased with the good results of Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! and noted he wants to get the

private sector more engaged. He offered to assist and share information as much as possible on behalf of the Workforce Development Board.

XII. Next Meeting/Adjournment

Mr. Gerald Corkin, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am ET.