

**Workforce Investment Board of Will County
February 5, 2024, Minutes**

BOARD MEMBERS								
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Dana Bradley		X	Kraig Kistingner	X		Doug Pryor	X	
Jayne Cain		X	Paul Lauridsen	X		Juan Rico		X
David Conterio	X		Cornell Lurry		X	Jim Rink	X	
Beth Gonzalez	X		Judy Mitchell		X	Diana Sharpe		X
Doc Gregory		X	Kimberly Mokris	X		Michele Stiff	X	
Linda Guerrero	X		Pat Mudron	X		Ben Stortz		X
Maribeth Hearn	X		Clyne Namuo		X	James Tromp	X	
Rita Herrick	X		Mike Paone		X	Maggie Wolf	X	
Carlos Interrial	X		Josh Potter	X				
Caroline Portlock	Pat Wendholt	Lisa Borrelli	John Hall					
GUESTS								
Dain Meza-Gotto	Keri Peter	Kelli Manigrasso						

Welcome and Introductions –Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

Minutes - Minutes of the December 11, 2023, meeting were approved on a motion by Interrial; seconded by Stiff. Motion carried.

Reports:

Communications Committee - Mudron reported on the events and activities of the Business Services team as well as efforts by the Outreach Specialist as presented in the packet.

Program Operations Committee – Stiff reported on the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Program enrollments and reports as presented in the packet.

Systems & Trends Committee – Interrial outlined the training program for recertifications from Governors State University as received in the packet. Motion to approve programs as presented was made by Stiff, seconded by Kistingner. Motion carried.

One Stop Operator / Workforce Center Report- Stiff reviewed the Workforce Center Report as presented in the packet noting the events, activities, and partner referrals.

Through the State of Illinois (general revenue fund), Workforce Services received just under \$475,000 to work with the Will County Problem Solving Courts to assist individuals as well as funding for Outreach Kiosks that will be placed around the county (libraries, village halls, food banks, etc.). A kiosk was set up for the board to review.

Workforce Services received \$180,000 from the County to work with justice impacted individuals providing career planning, employment services, and career scholarships.

Director's Report- Portlock

- Funds Transfer – Board reviewed a memo to transfer \$800,000 from Dislocated Worker to Adult to better align with the jobseeker needs/eligibility. Motion to approve funds transfer was made by Conterio, seconded by Mudron. Motion carried.
- 024-2028 Plans - A copy of the draft 2024-2028 Local and Regional Plans is available on the Board's website. February 14, 2024 from 2-3 the Workforce Partners of Metropolitan Chicago is previewing the draft of the Northeast Economic Development Region's Plan. A link to the meeting, along with the draft plans will be sent to the board.
- Chicago Women in Trade event on January 31, 2024 at JJC drew over 90 people.
- The IWIB is having their CPTP Quarterly Meeting on February 28, 2024 at the Workforce Center and the focus is on Youth
- The upcoming P2P Expo that will take place on March 13, 2024 at the Romeoville Athletic & Events Center in Romeoville is in need of volunteers. Anyone available to give a few hours is asked to complete the form (link in packet).

WIB Member Updates/Announcements:

CED - Pryor thanked the board for their assistance with their summer internship program. He announced 41 confirmed intern sites to date – all with paid internships. Thanks to JTHS for hosting a resume workshop with 40 students attending.

Anyone with announcements should send the information to Pat by Wednesday for a follow-up email to the board by the end of the week.

Public comment None

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Stiff, seconded by Mudron at 8:15 AM. Motion carried.

Next meeting April 8, 2024, at 7:30am