

**Southern Illinois Workforce Development Board
American Job Center Committee Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Conducted via ZOOM
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 - 8:00 a.m.**

I. Call to Order

The American Job Center Committee was called to order at 8:00 a.m. It should be noted that this meeting is a virtual meeting conducted hybrid both in person and via ZOOM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Karla Tabing, Linda Stasko, Freddie Buckingham, Laura Hammond, Christina Manchen, Scott Wernsman, Cathrine Hoekstra, Debra Keelin, Mandy Bernhard, Robert Ingell

Absent: Joan Jablonski, Kristina Shelton, Jillian Van Zandt, Patrick Sorensen, Debra Jackanicz, Paulette Hamlin, Beth Brown, Kim Wilkerson, Shirley Aviles, Kristina Spence, Laverne Gillispie, Sarah Corbett, Haylee Knight, Hanna Bruno, Kalyn Cook, Sandy Snowden, Reese Rutland

Board Staff Present: Angela Holmes

One-Stop Operator Staff Present: John Otey

III. Approval of last month's Minutes 1st Sandy Snowden 2nd John Otey all approved.

IV. Orders of the Day

A/B. AJC Reports – John discussed there was a little bit of a decrease into the Resource room in April. Summer is usually an increase of numbers coming in. Hoping that this will be the trend for this summer. Businesses in full swing hiring. March 16th had a zoom meeting with Anheuser-Bush but have not heard anything from then since. Hoping correspondence will resume. There has also been a new hire for a work experience person to assist with the resource room.

C. Business Services – Freddie announced ROE 21 will be having a career day in October. Six schools are wanting to attend. Re-entry job fair will occur June 22nd. WIOA summit will be occurring, and DHS was having a virtual job fair.

D. Program Report Re-integration – Robert Angle discussed the re-integration program that focuses on a welding certification. It is a 5-week program and participants who successfully complete the program will receive a certificate. Working with participants who have completed the program to obtain employment. Participants are put into work experience, and are receiving good pay. Employers are currently more open to re-entry employees.

E. WIOA Summit – A brief discussion occurred of the WIOA Summit. It would be both in person and virtual.

F. Federal Monitoring Visit- Christina discussed the federal monitoring will take place next week. Everyone is working hard to make sure everything is ready. The monitor visit will be a hybrid with documents being sent in and people being on site.

G. Updates on Status of Programs – Mandy discussed 6 programs are moving into a location in Marion. She is very excited about this happening and look forward to serving clients from Springfield to Cairo. Tammy discussed that the MOU was sent out for signatures. And to please return these signature pages back as soon as possible.

V. Matters from the floor - none

VI. Adjournment. 1st John Otey 2nd Christina Manchen

meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared and submitted by Karla Tabing.