

Southern Illinois Workforce Development Board  
**AJC (One Stop) Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 13, 2026; 8:30 a.m.**  
**Minutes**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

**In attendance:** Freddie Buckingham, Sandy Snowden, Crystal Hosselton, Linda Stasko, Kristina Shelton, Laura Hammond, Veronica McMichael, Scott Wernsman, Debra Keelin, Megan day-Meador, Rayeanne Miner, Debbie Key

**Board Staff Present:** Stephanie Robinson

**One Stop Operator Present:** Karla Tabing

III. Approval of September/October Minutes

IV. 1<sup>st</sup> Sandy Snowden

2<sup>nd</sup> Kristina Shelton

All approved

V. Orders of the Day

**A. MTC introductions**

Stephanie introduced Katie Zanotti as the new WIAO Director. Stephanie stated that Katie has jumped right in and learning the processes. Stephanie also introduced Dana Marlow Program Manager

**B. AJC Reports/Updates**

Karla that numbers were steady through the holidays. An application workshop was offered on January 12<sup>th</sup> with no attendees. February workshop will be held in the afternoon to assess if this is a better time.

**C. MTC Updates**

CJA is hoping to have its first cohort in early March. The grant will bring in \$2.3 million to the region. Looking to work with other counties. ManTraCon is looking to hire 2-3 people for career specialist for the grant. ManTraCon is fully staffed at this time. Stephanie stated that ManTraCon is always looking to collaborate and hopes to continue to bring grant funds into the area.

**D. Business Services**

Freddie listed several workshops in the near future and supporting job fairs:

CMS today @ 10:00 am

Walgreens and Crisp walk-in days

VA January 20<sup>th</sup>

DHS virtual job fair January 21<sup>st</sup>

Mt Vernon office employability skills workshop – virtual

Reentry job fair February 19<sup>th</sup>

**E. Updates on Status of Programs**

Rayanne – currently waiting on the rental assistance grant. LIAHP is still available and limited winterization grants available.

Michelle – All GED classes are up and running. Numbers are good this spring. ESL class has 25 students. Three students will be attending the CNA ICAPS.

Scott – College classes started yesterday. Hallways are full. Scott also discussed there are a couple of positions open one in the Highway Construction program and the other in Manufacturing training.

Laura – no new updates. Agency is hybrid. Very busy

Megan – Youthbuild is almost finished with current cohort. Will register for March openings. Things are going well.

Crystal – Michelle gave updates

Kristina – RLC started classes yesterday. All is going well.

Deb – Very busy in Mt Vernon. Taking both walk ins and appointments. Highly suggest appointments with the wait time being very long for walk ins. Unclear of all the changes coming but there will be job search workshops beginning next month and will be computer based. There will be pre-workshop information to be completed. Karla asked if there was a way for the AJC to assist and that will be discussed once Deb has a better idea of the process.

Veronica – Working back from the shutdown. Will begin enrollment soon but will be a longer process than before. Veronica requested host agencies. Stephanie asked if there were any restrictions on where a person could work and there are not. The goal is to place them in a place of interest.

Linda – RLC classes have also begun. Following the College's schedule. Looking for an instructor.

Sandy – Rebound registration was last week. Had 93 students register. Down over all this year but hoping for an increase for spring to overcome fall numbers. Even with numbers being down successes rates are up. Had 10 students complete the entrepreneur bridge class, those students can continue to the ICAPS entrepreneur class. Sandy is also looking for a full-time parent educator for the Early Childhood grant. There are also openings for participants.

#### F. MOU for PY26

Debbie discussed that on track to spend out PY25. The PY26 worksheet showed the budgets for the previous years. There has not been an increase since PR2020. Asking for a 10% increase this year and then a 5% the next two years. MTC is absorbing over \$23,000 and it is not feasible to continue to do this. It was also noted the UMOS is no longer a partner. Deb and Stephanie asked for any discussion, there was none.

#### **VI. Matters from the Floor none**

#### **VII. Adjournment**

1<sup>st</sup> Stephanie Reynolds

2<sup>nd</sup> Karla Tabing

Meeting adjourned.