

Meeting of Montgomery County Workforce Development Board*
April 3, 2023
8:30 AM

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NOTE: Video time stamps are provided for each agenda item below.

Board Attendees: Kevin Armstrong, Jewru Bandeh, Dr. James Bridgers, Dr. Sonya Bruton, Stephanie Crane, Mark Drury, Barbara Ebel, Wyatt Genser, Chris Gordon, Courtney Hall, Scott Goldberg, Steve Greenfield, Yamil Hernández, Dr. Shant'a Johnson, Amelia Kalant, Mary Lang, Omar Lazo, Nagender Madavaram, Natalie Mitchell, Roxana Mejia, Yomi Ntewo, Grant Shmelzer, Michelle Bell Smith, Christa Tichy, Bill Tompkins, Diego Uriburu

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Lazo called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.
2. **February Meeting Minutes (00:08)** – approved without objection.
3. **Chair Updates (00:45)** – Mr. Lazo provided updates on recent events hosted by WSM that he and Executive Committee members were in attendance for. The first being a visit by the National Employment Services Association (NESA) of Australia to the Wheaton American Job Center. The second update was about the audit being conducted by US DOL at the Wheaton location. Mr. Featherstone provided more detail on the audit. This is the first federal audit done in ~7 years. A positive report is anticipated in early summer.
4. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Health/Hospitality (07:33) – Dr. Bruton explained that the Committee met on March 6th and received an overview of services from the Instructional Coordination Department. The IC Department focuses on workshop offerings and SkillUp Montgomery. Dr. Bruton provided data that was shared during the Committee meeting as well.
 - b. Life Sciences/IT (13:30)– Mr. Hernández's explained that the Committee met on March 13th and covered several legislative and economic development updates.
 - c. Construction/Transportation (14:53) – The Committee did not meet in March. Mr. Drury provided updates on what everyone is working on individually regarding industry efforts.
 - d. Youth/Young Adult (27:15) – The Committee did not meet in March due to a conflict with the US DOL Audit being conducted.
5. **Presentation: EconoVue Presentation (27:40)** – Mr. Featherstone introduced Ulisse Gallo from EconoVue. Mr. Gallo demonstrated the product and fielded several questions over the course of twenty minutes.
6. **Presentation: MoCo CAP Industry Engagement Strategy (48:28)** – Mr. Hattery and Ms. Grissom provided an overview of the goals, status, and rollout of the Industry Engagement Strategy. Ms. Grissom fielded a few questions at the presentation's conclusion.

- 7. InnovateED Event (1:12:10)** – Ms. Lang extended an invitation for all Board members and provided a brief description/purpose of the event.
- 8. Montgomery College East County Education Center (1:16:12)** – Mr. Greenfield shared that the College successfully opened the Center on April 1st.
- 9. Open Discussion (1:20:35)**
- 10.** Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.