

Meeting of Montgomery County Workforce Development Board*
June 4, 2025
8:30 AM

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Board Attendees: Kevin Armstrong, Jewru Bandeh, Michelle Bell, Dr. Sonya Bruton, Todd Cohen, Stephanie Crane, Mark Drury, Barbara Ebel, Scott Goldberg, Steve Greenfield, Courtney Hall, Yamil Hernández, Shant'a Johnson, Amelia Kalant, Mary Lang, Omar Lazo, Nagender Madavaram, Natalie Mitchell, Grant Shmelzer, Christa Tichy

(1:46) Call to Order – Mr. Lazo called the meeting to order at 8:37 am.

April Meeting Minutes – approved without objection.

(3:44) Committee Updates

Health/Hospitality – Dr. Bruton reported that the Committee discussed the federal workforce crisis and what they were seeing in their respective industries. The group also discussed outreach to the refugee community and what additional or shifting of resources are needed to address the increase of unemployed or those looking for work.

(15:21) IT/Life Sciences – Mr. Hernández reported that the Committee discussed data sharing with workforce partners to better understand shared challenges and opportunities. The group also discussed the increase of job seekers expected in October when the federal worker “buy outs” expire.

(16:43) Construction/Transportation – Mr. Drury expressed that the industry is in need of electricians/electrical apprentices and the challenge with employers to hire or bring in pre-apprentices/students.

(26:51) Youth/Young Adult – Mr. Armstrong reported that the Committee discussed SummerRise and the upcoming closing ceremony. The committee also plans to update the charter and recruit a youth committee member.

(30:34) New WIOA Out-of-School Youth Provider Vote – Mr. Featherstone explained that WSM put out an RFP for WIOA Youth Services earlier in the year. Nine organizations responded and WSM hired a third-party to evaluate the proposals. Ultimately, Identity, Inc. was selected. The recommendation is to put Identity forward for a vote. As a result, their Executive Director, Diego Uriburu is resigning from the Board effective immediately to avoid any conflicts of interest. Identity, Inc. was approved unanimously by the Board to be the new WIOA OSY provider for FY26.

(47:32) [ALICE Presentation](#)/Discussion – Stephanie Crane & Scott Mengebier of the United Way of the National Capital Area provided an in-depth review and update on current ALICE data. For the full presentation/slides contact Sarah Van De Weert at svandeweert@worksourcemon Montgomery.com. The ALICE presentation and discussion took up the remaining time for the meeting.

Mr. Lazo adjourned the meeting at 10:06 am.

Next Meeting: August 6, 2025 at 8:30 AM via Zoom.