

**Meeting of Montgomery County Workforce Development Board\***  
**August 6, 2025**  
**8:30 AM**

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

**Board Attendees:** Kevin Armstrong, Jewru Bandeh, Michelle Bell, Dr. James Bridgers, Dr. Sonya Bruton, Todd Cohen, Stephanie Crane, Mark Drury, Barbara Ebel, Scott Goldberg, Steve Greenfield, Courtney Hall, Yamil Hernández, Amelia Kalant, Mary Lang, Omar Lazo, Manu Lizzio-Hashime (proxy for MCEDC), Nagender Madavaram, Natalie Mitchell, Grant Shmelzer, Christa Tichy

**(0:06) Call to Order** – Mr. Lazo called the meeting to order at 8:33 am.

**June Meeting Minutes** – approved without objection.

**(1:14) Committee Updates**

**Health/Hospitality** – Dr. Bruton reported that the Committee discussed work requirements to maintain eligibility for Medicaid. The Committee also discussed various leadership changes at the County level due to the upcoming 2026 elections and candidates running for office. After the update there was discussion about the industries being affected by immigrants losing work/legal status.

**(8:57) IT/Life Sciences** – Mr. Hernández reported that the Committee discussed concern around what could be coming in the fall related to Federal workforce RIFs and what kind of data/reports the committee is looking for to better address the workforce challenges/needs.

**(12:56) Construction/Transportation** – Mr. Drury and Mr. Shmeltzer met and discussed the challenges that IEC is having placing electrical pre-apprentices with employers throughout the County – particularly the educational institutions, government, and MCPS.

**(24:00) Youth/Young Adult** – Mr. Armstrong reported that the Committee approved a job description to recruit a youth member. Referalls will come from the in and out-of-school youth programs.

**(26:36) Local Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL)** – Mr. Featherstone explained that Local Boards have the option to create a local ETPL that somewhat mirrors the State's ETPL but would better ensure that the Board is working directly with training providers that align with the Local Plan and local economy. There are no additional/new administrative requirements with the Local ETPL. The Local ETPL was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting to review and was approved unanimously with one abstention.

**(34:22) Federal Workforce Career Center (FWCC)** – Mr. Featherstone briefly introduced the new FWCC Director, Michael Covin.

**(45:31) Presentation: [National Association of Workforce Boards](#), Erica Greeley, Executive Vice President** – Ms. Greeley provided an overview of workforce trends regionally and

nationally along with legislative priorities for NAWB. For presentation slides and more information contact [Sarah Van De Weert](#).

After discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Next Meeting: August October 1, 2025 at 8:30 AM via Zoom.