

CEO Board Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2025

Board Chair Doug Donaldson called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call by Introduction and Sign-In Sheet.

In-Person:

Robert Schafer
Doug Donaldson
Matt Jones
Marsha Mueller
Larry Schmidt
Chris Casey
Tony Wiggins
Ben Beckwith
Earlene Castleberry
Andy Richie

Quorum Present

Approval of Minutes

Doug Donaldson asked the board to approve April 17, 2025, meeting minutes included in the meeting packet.

Motion: It was moved by Robert Schafer, seconded by Earlene Castleberry to approve April 17, 2025, CEO Meeting Minutes as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried.

CEO Consortium Board Overview & Membership Discussion

Matt Jones presented the CEO Consortium Board Report. Matt stated that the CEO Board was at full capacity. Mike Wankel of Morgan County has appointed Donny "Racer" Wood as his proxy.

Matt presented the PY 25 meeting schedule that was approved at the April 17, 2025, CEO Meeting. The next CEO meeting will be on October 16, 2025, at the Carlinville Job Center

Executive Director's Report

Matt Jones went over the Core A Services Report that was included in the meeting packet, which reflects the number of services performed at the Job Centers. Matt went over the performance measures and stated that we were failing the Youth Performance Measure, fail one – fail all. DCEO stated this is the toughest measure to meet and they will wait to see where it lands after the SAM adjusted model takes effect. The UI report is included in the packet and local numbers are down from 2024. Labor Market Information (LMI), success stories are also included in the packet. Jacksonville is moving into the former McMurray Campus Athletic Center. It is a good deal on the price of rent & Matt, Chris, Ben and the Workforce Development Board Chair Dan Bates will be moving the offices. National Primer has announced they will be moving to the new building complex in Litchfield on the west side of Interstate 55. Ruth White, DCEO was here on the 11th and will be coming back on the 29th with Deputy Director Julio Rodriguez and they will visit Chuck McEvers at North Greene H.S. and Westermeyer Industries in Bluffs. Scott County Chair Robert Schafer stated that Westermeyer Industries is doing more business than prior to devastating fire and rebuild. National Able the senior employment program, has all participants on furlough until the funding guidelines are figured out. Participants will be allowed to make up their furlough time when the program is back in operation. Matt stated that the Virtual Reality (VR) Headsets have been leased and these headsets will be used to assist youth participants with their career choices and pathways in high growth sectors. The last of the Supplemental Grant funds were used to lease the headsets and they will be used in the schools and at events. Matt thanked the CEO Board and staff members for attending the board meeting.

Motion: It was moved by Larry Schmidt, seconded by Robert Schafer to approve the PY 25 Meeting Schedule as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Fiscal Officer Ben Beckwith started his report with an overview of the current grant funding and the closing of PY 24 Grants. Ben also stated the PY 24 Supplemental Grant has been closed. Ben explained the carry over dollars and the QUEST Grant for dislocated workers & the extra funding dollars that we received. Macoupin County Chair Larry Schmidt asked about carry over dollars and how they worked, Ben explained that carry over is 15 to 20 percent, 80% must obligated to meet performance/guidelines. The QUEST Grant is \$16,000 higher than it was last year and he went over the active grants budgets and what has been spent to date. Ben reported that the Illinois Homeless Grant is just getting started. The new grants are listed on page 3 of Ben's report. Ben explained the breakouts by county and the 3 WIOA funding streams by county. Ben went over the 4 Key measures, which must be met to stay in compliance with DCEO and DOL.

Program Manager's Report:

Chris directed the board to the LWIA 21 CEO and LWIB Program Oversight Charts included in the packet. The Oversight Report reflects customers served, exits and follow-up. Chris explained the exit and follow-up procedures. Chris stated that there are currently 73 active participants, 75 exited/Follow Up and 50 participants have completed follow up stage. The reports also include the Program Breakdowns by Education Provider, Paid Work Experience, etc. Chris went

over the high demand occupations, Paid Work Experience and Core A Services. Chris stated that the WCDC Website was two years old in May. Chris has put a sign in sheet, and referral system in place in the Job Center Resource Rooms to track the traffic into the centers and the referrals out to other centers and partners. These measures will put us in compliance with DCEO for monitoring purposes.

WCDC and WDB Chair Reports:

Matt Jones presented the WCDC and WDB Chair updates. Matt stated that at the May 15, WCDC Meeting there were several voting items including the Jacksonville move. Matt stated that Bill Montgomery from Montgomery County was stepping down from the WCDC Board. May 22, 2025, Workforce Development Board Meeting members approved several items including travel and the Jacksonville office move. The next WCDC Board meeting is August 21, 2025, and the next Workforce Development Board meeting will be August 28, 2025.

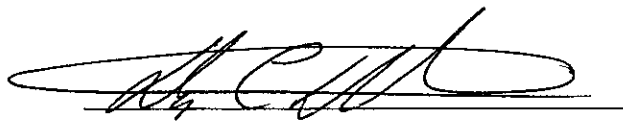
Public Comment

No Public Comment

The next CEO Consortium Board Meeting will be October 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: It was moved by Larry Schmidt, seconded by Robert Schafer to adjourn, at 5:52 p.m. as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried.



Date: 11/6/25