

# Genesee/Shiawassee MICHIGAN WORKS!™

Workforce Development Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Broome Center  
4119 N. Saginaw  
Friday, August 28, 2009  
8:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** William Churchill, Jr., Jeff Deason, Lewis Driskell, Robert Hardy, Suzanne Howell, Kevin Keane, Jimmy King Willie W. Middlebrooks, Renita Mikolajczyk, David Miller, Mark Miller, Lawrence Moon, Vera Perry, Jerry Ragsdale, Kimberly Raup, Amy Roddy, Elisabeth Saab, Gary Smith, Mary Sumpter, Verona Terry, Susan Theakston and Sheryl Thompson.

**ABSENT:** Tracy Atkinson (excused), Erik Eastman (excused), Cheryl Gifford (excused), Norwood Jewell (excused) Clarence Pierce (excused), C. Frederick Robinson (excused).

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alicia Booker, Helen Brown, Tammie Wren, Sharon Bowen, Craig Coney, Shirley Eichenberg and Lanny Whetstone.

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Jimmy King called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Patricia Epps, a Red Cross volunteer and Flint resident who was concerned about young people having jobs and leaders of JET program using the money for the program.
- Marchelle McBain, a former HIDC employee who had questions about JET Program awards.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Jimmy King called for a motion to accept the minutes of the June 26, 2009 meeting. Vera Perry moved to accept the minutes as written. Robert Hardy supported the motion.

Chair Jimmy King called for corrections or amendments. No corrections or amendments were noted.

Chair Jimmy King called for a vote on the motion.

All present voted AYE.

**MOTION PASSED.**

Budget & Finance Committee Chairperson Vera Perry began her report and recommendations to the full board.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (NCRC) ALLOCATION FOR 2009-2010 (In the amount of \$160,000 awarded to Mott Community College).

Chair Jimmy King called for a motion. Vera Perry moved to accept the recommendation. Larry Moon supported the motion. Chair Jimmy King called for discussion. Chair Jimmy King called for a vote.

All present voted AYE

MOTION PASSED

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND APPRENTICESHIP READINESS ALLOCATION FOR 2009-2010 ( In the amount of \$158,756 awarded to Mott Community College).

Chair Jimmy King called for a motion. Vera Perry moved to accept the recommendation. Larry Moon supported the motion. Chair Jimmy King called for discussion. Chair Jimmy King called for a vote.

All present voted AYE

MOTION PASSED

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AUDIT SERVICES ALLOCATION FOR 2009-2010 (In the amount of \$36,600 to Plante & Moran).

Chair Jimmy King called for a motion. Vera Perry moved to accept the recommendation. Larry Moon supported the motion. Chair Jimmy King called for discussion. Chair Jimmy King called for a vote.

All present voted AYE

MOTION PASSED

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE JET ALLOCATIONS FOR 2009-2010 (In the amount of \$600,000 to GCCARD, \$2,000,000 to Action Management and \$2,000,000 for HIDC).

Chair Jimmy King called for a motion. Vera Perry moved to table action item D-2(B) (HIDC allocation of \$2,000,000) due to public comment. Alicia Booker was asked by the board to provide them with more information before the September Meeting. Larry Moon supported the motion to Table D-2(B) and approve GCCARD for \$600,000 and Action Management for \$2,000,000. Chair Jimmy King called for discussion. Chair Jimmy King called for a vote.

All present voted AYE

MOTION PASSED

Item D (2) Tabled

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOOD ASSISTANCE, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING ALLOCATION FOR 2009-2010(In the amount of \$230,000 to GCCARD).

Chair Jimmy King called for a motion. Vera Perry moved to accept the recommendation. Robert Hardy supported the motion. Chair Jimmy King called for discussion. Chair Jimmy King called for a vote.

All present voted AYE

MOTION PASSED

Chairperson Vera Perry concluded her report.

**BUDGET UPDATE:**

Shirley Eichenberg, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Career Alliance Financial Statements. Jerry Ragsdale moved to accept the Financial Statements. David Miller supported the motion. Chair Jimmy King called for discussion. Chair Jimmy King called for a vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

**AGENCY UPDATES:**

- A. DHS-Sheryl Thompson reported that DHS has a new program effective August 31, 2009 called "My Bridges". Customers can go online and apply for their benefits. Students can receive food stamps in the amount of \$200.00 a month. The website is: [www.michigan.gov/mibridges.org](http://www.michigan.gov/mibridges.org).
- B. MRS- Sue Howell reported that budget restrictions are limiting the intake of new customers. They hope to be able to serve new clients by the new fiscal year and also impact the JET customers. MRS currently has a good candidate in mind for the open Disability Program Navigator position.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

**President's Update:**

- We will provide a written activity report of the President's activities as well as other divisions of Career Alliance.
- The portal for Board members is currently active on CAI's website. Board members can log in and view information. Additional log in information will be provided at the next meeting. Chair Jimmy King suggested that we add a discussion board for the web site.
- We have not received JET allocations for the 2009 – 2010 program year. When the new program starts, we are obligated to ensure services are available to JET clients so we anticipate receiving funding although we expect to see cuts from the previous year's allocation.

- We have a new assessment tool called Job Fit. It identifies a client's strength and matches them with an employer's need. We are currently working with an employer who is using this new assessment for hiring purposes.

**Chair's Update:**

Jimmy King and Alicia Booker met with the Honorable Mayor Walling yesterday. We want to strengthen our relationship with the City.

Chair Jimmy King acknowledged David Miller for 10 years of service. This will be his last meeting due to his retirement.

Chair Jimmy King opened the floor for comments. Seeing none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

David Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Ragsdale supported the motion.

The next meeting will be September 25, 2009.

All present voted AYE.

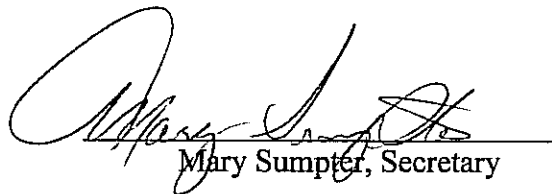
**MOTION PASSED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:51 am

Recorded by:

Tammie Wren

  
Mary Sumpter, Secretary

Date: 9-25-09

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