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MEETING:	DESC Executive Committee Meeting	DATE:	December 12, 2023
ATTENDEES:	DESC Executive Committee Members: Lena Barkley, Dannis Mitchell, Maria Woodruff-Wright, Terri Weems DESC Staff: Traci Sassak, Sara Azu, Rachel May, Lyneshia Oliver, Robert Shimkoski, Elizabeth Hennessey, Dana Williams	LOCATION:	DESC Corporate Offices
		CALLED TO ORDER:	9:09 am
ABSENT:	Excused: Chris Uhl, Alice Thompson Unexcused: None	ADJOURNED:	9:43 am
PUBLIC ATTENDEES:	None		
FACILITATOR:	Alice Thompson, Board Chair	DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:	June 24, 2024

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
I. Welcome	Dannis Mitchell, Board Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.	
II. Agenda & Minutes Approval	<p>Ms. Mitchell asked for a movement to approve the agenda December 12, 2023 meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motioned: Terri Weems Seconded: Lena Barkley Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p> <p>Ms. Mitchell asked for a movement to approve the meeting minutes for the October 24, 2023 meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motioned: Lena Barkley Seconded: Terri Weems Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p>	
III. Mayors Workforce Development Board	Terri Weems, Groups Executive, Workforce & Detroit at Work presented:	



<p>Update / President & CEO Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment figures are up, but that is positive news because the labor force is increasing, more people are joining the labor force, which is increasing the unemployment figures. • 3,000 people are interested in the Jumpstart program, the City had originally planned for 1,200 participants. They are looking for opportunities to expand that work. Ms. Weems gave some detail for clarity around the Jumpstart program and Friends & Family Choices, and their roles during the pandemic. <p>Committee discussion ensued.</p> <p>Ms. Weems introduced Dana Williams, President & CEO of DESC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is movement on childcare issues, there is high level problem solving going on and very preliminary discussion around methods to move the issue forward in a positive way. • <p>Committee Discussion ensued.</p>	
<p>IV. DESC Board Composition & Structure</p>	<p>Ms. Thompson presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directed Committee members’ attention to the meeting materials which showed the listing of Board and Committee members. • Queried if any Committee members had questions or issues with the structure of members as it stands in these materials. If no one has comments, I will affirm the composition as required by our bylaws. • Ms. Thompson presented the meeting dates proposed for the 2-24 calendar, and detailed that there is no need for approval, since they would be voted upon at the Board meeting to follow this meeting. <p>Committee discussion ensued.</p>	
<p>V. Public Comments</p>	<p>There was no public comment.</p>	
<p>VI. Adjournment</p>	<p>Alice Thompson, Board Chair, called to adjourn the meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motioned: Chris Uhl Seconded: Maria Woodruff-Wright Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p>	

DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:

Printed Name: Elizabeth Hennessey

Title: Administrator, Special Projects

Signature: /s/ E Hennessey

Date: 12/20/2023

DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED: 06/24/2024

Initials: EH

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 26, 2024 @ 9:00 AM