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<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>DESC Program Services Committee Meeting</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	<b>June 5, 2024</b>
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	<b>DESC Committee Members:</b> Alice Thompson, Terri Weems, Lena Barkley <b>DESC Staff:</b> Stephanie Nixon, Madelyne Bernard-Diab, Dana Williams, Carolyn Miller, Lester Gayden, Ericka Page, Sara Azu, Carolyn Gonzalez-Bright, Rachel May, Ron Norwood	<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>DESC Corporate Offices 115 Erskine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl Detroit, MI 48201</b>
		<b>CALLED TO ORDER:</b>	<b>10:11 a.m.</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Excused:</b> Dannis Mitchell, Ric Preuss <b>Unexcused:</b> None	<b>ADJOURNED:</b>	<b>11:34 a.m.</b>
<b>PUBLIC ATTENDEES:</b>	Sarah Jones-Moody, Jordan Taylor		
<b>FACILITATOR:</b>	<b>Alice Thompson, Board Secretary and Committee Chairperson</b>	<b>DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:</b>	<b>August 7, 2024</b>

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
I. Welcome & Introductions	Alice Thompson, Board Chair and Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order	
II. Agenda Approval / Minutes	<p>Ms. Thompson called for a motion to approve the agenda for the June 5, 2024 meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion:</b> Terri Weems  <b>Seconded:</b> Lena Barkley  <b>Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</b></p> <p>Ms. Thompson asked for approval of the Minutes for the February 14, 2024 meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion:</b> Terri Weems  <b>Seconded:</b> Lena Barkley  <b>Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</b></p>	



<b>III. Committee Chair Update</b>	<p>Ms. Thompson provided takeaways from the annual Mackinac Policy Conference, noting the nationwide recognition for the innovative programming at DESC, and its impact on the city.</p>	
<b>IV. Program Services Update</b>	<p><b>Stephanie Nixon, Chief Operations Officer presented:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brief overview of the Job's for Michigan's Graduates and Job's for America's graduates.</li> </ul>	
<b>V. Job's for Michigan's Graduates Update</b>	<p><b>Lester Gayden, Program Manager- JAG, DESC, provided:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snapshot of each area of the JAG Program, it's goals and outcomes,</li> <li>• Success stories of the program.</li> </ul>	
<b>VI. Year-Round Youth Programs: Urban Neighborhood Initiatives</b>	<p><b>Nonzwakazi Hill, Program Manager- WIOA Youth presented:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Success stories from Urban Neighborhood Initiatives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ericka Page, Program Director-WIOA Youth, presented:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of what the Year-Round Youth Program has been working on.</li> <li>• Detailed the current strategy for engaging more youth and the desire to utilize Launchpad more to better serve Youth across all programs.</li> </ul>	
<b>VII. DESC System Update</b>	<p><b>Dana Williams, President, DESC, detailed the work currently being done in the system in the following areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services</li> <li>• Coaching</li> <li>• Footprint</li> <li>• Customer Experience</li> </ul> <p>Committee discussion ensued.</p>	
<b>VIII. Public Comments</b>	<p><b>Sarah Jones-Moody and Jordan Taylor, program participants commented:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It might be more beneficial to change the events at each center to more evenly serve the community.</li> <li>• How they can be involved to help bring more youth into our programs?</li> </ul> <p>Committee discussion ensued.</p>	

<b>IX. Adjournment</b>	<b>Ms. Thompson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting:</b>  <b>Motion:</b> Terri Weems <b>Seconded:</b> Lena Barkley <b>Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</b>	
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**DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:**

Printed Name: Patrice Wright Title: Executive Administrative Assistant

Signature: /s/ Patrice Wright Date: 7/18/24

**DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:** August 7, 2024 **Initials:** PW

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 10 a.m.**