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<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>MWDB: Career &amp; Education Advisory Council</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	<b>October 24, 2024</b>
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	<b>MWDB CEAC members:</b> Alycia Meriweather, Dana Hughes, Dr. CharMaine Hines, Ajay Parikh, Leah Gordon, Terri Weems <b>Guest:</b> Shawn Hill, Dana Beurem, Jimmie Comer <b>DESC Staff:</b> Dana Williams, Ericka Page, Lester Gayden, Nonzwakazi Hill, Rachel May, Patrice Wright, Stephanie Nixon, Carolyn Gonzalez-Bright, Joseph Bradfield	<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>DESC Corporate Offices 115 Erskine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl Detroit, MI 48201</b>
		<b>CALLED TO ORDER:</b>	<b>1:09 p.m.</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Excused:</b> None <b>Unexcused:</b> None	<b>ADJOURNED:</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>PUBLIC ATTENDEES:</b>	None		
<b>FACILITATOR:</b>	<b>Alycia Meriweather, Chairperson</b>	<b>DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:</b>	<b>April 10, 2025</b>

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
<b>I. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Alycia Meriweather, Board Chair, called the meeting to order	
<b>II. Agenda Approval / Minutes</b>	<b>Saved for next meeting due to quorum</b>	
<b>III. Roundtable Updates</b>	<p>Ms. Meriweather opened the floor for any Board members or guest who wanted to give an update or share triumphs from their respective programs.</p> <p>Shawn Hill shared that they received a visit from White House Staff, where teachers &amp; students from Southeastern High School were able to talk with them about the process, classes and experiences.</p> <p>Stephanie Nixon shared that DESC was currently hosting The Midwest Urban Strategies Convening in our offices and gave details of the offsite and onsite agenda.</p> <p>Ajay Parikh shared that Henry Ford is officially partnered with Ascension and that has increased the presence in Detroit. Ajay also shared that the new hospital will be completed in 2027.</p>	

	<p>Leah Gordon shared that they currently have 7 women going through the All-Women Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Leah also shared that they are working on plans to build a Pre-Apprenticeship/Community Outreach building. Lastly, she stated that they need more apprentices due to the industry demand and retirements.</p> <p>Terri Weems shared that she recently attended the State Workforce Board Meeting where they informed that the Michigan Achievement Scholarship has about 29,000 Michiganders signed up. Terri expressed that we need to find a way to partner that with Detroit Promise.</p> <p>Ericka Page shared that she had the opportunity to attend Manufacturing Day, where she observed some of the automatic vehicle features being developed.</p> <p>Shawn Hill shared that they are currently developing a lab at Michigan Central. She informed us that they have an upcoming meeting with White House staff to discuss Electric Vehicles and they have major partners helping them with each industry cluster right now.</p> <p>Lester Gayden shared that they had some youth attend Energy Week and they are also looking to take youth on a field trip to MI Career Quest.</p>	
<b>IV. Presentation: LM Manufacturing</b>	<p>Shawn Hill- Detailed how the partnership with DPSCD began and how it has grown since the beginning.</p> <p>Jimmie Comer-Expressed gratitude for the partnership &amp; detailed the experiences of Manufacturing Day. After MFG Day, the next step is to have guest speakers go to the schools and share what LM Manufacturing has to offer and take students on a job shadow onsite. Jimmie shared the success story of a student who interned with them and then was awarded a scholarship for school. Lastly, Jimmie detailed all the many ways students have benefited from the program.</p> <p>Video was shared showing some onsite experiences.</p> <p>Ms. Merriweather opened the floor for questions on the presentation.</p> <p>Board member conversation ensued</p>	
<b>V. Public Comments</b>	None	
<b>VI. Adjournment</b>	Ms. Meriweather adjourned the meeting.	

**DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:**

Printed Name: Patrice Wright

Title: Executive Assistant

Signature: \_\_\_\_/s/ Patrice Wright

Date: \_\_\_ October 29, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_



**DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:** 4.10.2025

**Initials:** PW

**NEXT MEETING:** April 10, 2025