



A Michigan Works! Agency

115 ERSKINE, 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR  
 DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48201  
 PHONE (313) 876-0674  
 FAX (313) 664-5505  
 TYY: 711

|                          |  |                                       |                               |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>MEETING:</b>          | <b>DESC Corporate Board Meeting</b>  | <b>DATE:</b>                          | <b>August 23, 2022</b>        |
| <b>ATTENDEES:</b>        | <b>DESC Corporate Board Members:</b> Cal Sharp, Alice Thompson, Chris Uhl, Lena Barkley, Ric Preuss, Dannis Mitchell, Maria Woodruff-Wright<br><b>DESC Staff:</b> Terri Weems, Sara Azu, Chanelle Manus, Elizabeth Hennessey, Dana Williams, Robert Shimkoski, Carmen Bender, David Jackson, Greg Anderson, Stephanie Nixon, Robin Johnston, Leslie Griffin, Darilyn Draper, Sara Azu, Herman Parry, Sam Alamat, Carmen Bender, Sheila Johnson, Remeta Hicks, Sam Marvin | <b>LOCATION:</b>                      | <b>DESC Corporate Offices</b> |
|                          |  | <b>CALLED TO ORDER:</b>               | <b>9:50 am</b>                |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>           | <b>Excused:</b> Nicole Sherard-Freeman, Chris Phillips, Mike Aaron, Toney Stewart<br><b>Unexcused:</b> None  | <b>ADJOURNED:</b>                     | <b>11:14 am</b>               |
| <b>PUBLIC ATTENDEES:</b> | John Allen, Betty Pulliam  |                                       |                               |
| <b>FACILITATOR:</b>      | <b>Cal Sharp, Board Chair</b>  | <b>DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:</b> |                               |

| ITEM                       | DISCUSSION   | OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S) |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------|
| I. Welcome & Introductions | Cal Sharp, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order.   |                        |
| II. Agenda Approval        | Mr. Sharp asked for approval of the agenda for the August 23, 2022 meeting:<br><br><p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Motion:</b> Ric Preuss<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Chris Uhl<br/> <b>Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</b> </p> Mr. Sharp asked for approval of the meeting minutes from the June 28, 2022, meeting:<br><br><p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Motion:</b> Lena Barkley<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Chris Uhl<br/> <b>Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</b> </p> |                        |
| III. Board Chair Report    | Cal Sharp commented:<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DESC is doing an outstanding job.</li> </ul>  |                        |



|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared that he was impressed with the scope of the work done by the organization. Discussed the differences between DESC 10 years ago and today, highlighting the impact of the organization.</li> <li>• Expressed confidence that the organization is focused on the right issues and thanked staff and Board Members for their hard work.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>IV. DESC President Board Report</b>         | <p><b>Terri Weems commented:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledged DESC’s ten-year anniversary. Expressed gratitude for the Board members that were able to join the celebration and thanked the staff that made it a wonderful event.</li> <li>• Many thanks so our Board members, we would not be here without your support, you challenge us and giving of your time and expertise.</li> <li>• Shared statistics for the year in the DESC by the Numbers slide, showing the increase in training enrollments, job placements, hourly wages, youth placements through GDYT and increased in our revenue streams over last year.</li> <li>• Detailed that later in the meeting we will be asking you to sign our annual COI &amp; Nepotism policy, and we will present the gift policy and political campaign activity policy.</li> <li>• Disclosed that she would be running for a non-partisan school board role in the upcoming November election.</li> <li>• Introduced the proposed meeting dates for 2023 and asked for the Boards approval.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Sharp asked for approval of the 2023 governance meeting dates:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion:</b> Lena Barkley<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Ric Preuss<br/> <b>Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</b></p> <p>Board discussion ensued.</p> |  |
| <b>V. Detroit at Work / MWDB Update</b>        | <p><b>Ms. Weems introduced Dana Williams:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is continued progress on the AMC site, it has moved into phase 2.</li> <li>• Detailed the ARPA recent investments</li> <li>• Reviewed Detroit at Work metrics for the year</li> <li>• Highlighted the employer relationship with Dakkota who have hired 80% of their workforce from Detroit residents.</li> </ul> <p>Board discussion ensued.</p>  |  |
| <b>VI. Program Updates and Success Stories</b> | <p><b>Ms. Weems introduced Lucia Seed and Sam Alamat to present Career Center highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career Centers provided services in three major areas this year, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trauma Informed Care</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |  |

- Career Coach Academy
- Business Services / Employment Outreach
- Career Centers did ongoing surveys for customer commitment.
- Career Centers have served almost 31,000 customers since July 2022.

**Sam Amat introduced Miranda Boyd, one of the recipients of assistance as a Success Story.**

- Ms. Boyd detailed how the Detroit at Work system changed her life for the better.

Board Discussion ensued.

**Ms. Weems presented information on the Detroit at Work Scholarship programs:**

- Learn to Earn
- Get Paid to Learn a Trade
- Skills for Life
- Returning Citizens Support
- Business Start Up Support

**Ms. Weems commented on the upcoming Success Stories:**

- Octavia Dunn told her story to the Board and fielded questions from the Board.
- Tisheam McAdoo detailed his story and fielded questions from the Board.

**Ms. Weems introduced Greg Anderson to present a success story from the Community Health Corps team:**

- Mr. Anderson presented statistics on the CHC program outreach and their expected team expansions to better serve Detroiters.

**Mr. Anderson presented Monroe Alford, a case manager with the CHC program.**

**Mr. Alford presented Success Stories for the CHC program.**

- Sandra Calwise presented her story and fielded questions from the Board.
- Chanel Bell presented her story and fielded questions from the Board.

**Ms. Weems introduced Stephanie Nixon:**

- Ms. Nixon presented the statistics for the GDYT summer program for 2022
- The GDYT program met or exceeded all their goals for the year
- Highlighted the Making It Happen worksite and their services
- Presented a video on Brittany Andrade, and GDYT Success Story.

Board discussion ensued.

**VII. Public Comments**

**There was no public comment.**

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Mr. Sharp called to adjourn the meeting:**

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
|  | <b>Motion:</b> Ric Preuss<br><b>Seconded:</b> Chris Uhl<br><b>Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</b> |  |
|--|---|--|

**DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:**

Printed Name: Elizabeth Hennessey

Title: Administrator, Special Projects

Signature: /s/ E Hennessey

Date: 08/26/2022

**DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, October 25, 2022 @ 9:45 AM