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MEETING:	MWDB: Executive Committee	DATE:	September 12, 2024
ATTENDEES:	MWDB Executive Committee members: Alice Thompson, Darienne Hudson, Colleen Allen, Curtis Ivery, Terri Weems MWDB Staff: Dana Williams, Rachel May, Meranda Elias	LOCATION:	Virtual
ABSENT:	Excused: Josh Sirefman Unexcused:	CALLED TO ORDER:	10:05 a.m.
PUBLIC ATTENDEES:	None	ADJOURNED:	10:17 a.m.
FACILITATOR:	Darienne Hudson	DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:	March 26, 2025

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
I. Welcome & Introductions	Darienne Hudson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.	
II. Executive Director's Report	<p>Ms. Weems opened her report by addressing employment noting that we want to ensure our employment rate exceed those of thriving peer cities and that our residents have a pathway to the middle class and an opportunity to participate in Detroit's growth.</p> <p>Ms. Weems highlighted areas of focus including reducing poverty, increasing employment and increasing economic mobility and self-sufficiency. Moving forward, Ms. Weems highlighted four key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring residents have opportunities in emerging, high-growth, high-demand industries. • Ensuring youth in Detroit have an actional postsecondary plan • Innovating our Career Center system, including addressing or rethinking our footprint and how we might leverage community centers better, how we might address the need to support people virtually and addressing the mental health component. • Addressing public policies that affect workforce and remove barriers. <p>Questions and comments from board members ensued in agreement with this direction.</p>	

	<p>Ms. Weems continued her report with a look at the composition summary of the Mayor's Workforce Development Board noting that it's required to have 51% of its members be in the business category and it's required to have representation by labor organizations.</p> <p>In addition, the board is expanded to include folks from community-based organizations, adult education, economic and community development and vocational rehabilitation. Ms. Weems noted with recent departures; the board would be looking to onboard new members.</p> <p>She continued by noting the board is required to certify its membership with the state every two years. New members would be selected according to the needs of the composition requirements.</p>	
III. Adjournment	Dr. Hudson adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.	

DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:

Printed Name: Rachel May Title: Executive Assistant, MWDB Staff

Signature: /s/ Rachel May Date: 09/01/2024

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NEXT MEETING: March 26, 2025