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MEETING:	MWDB: Mayor's Workforce Development Board Meeting	DATE:	June 26, 2024
ATTENDEES:	MWDB members: Alice Thompson, Andra Rush, Angelique Power, Bruce Dall, Byron Osbern, Colleen Allen, Curtis Ivery, Darienne Hudson, Denise Brooks, Jeff Donofrio, Jonathan Nipper, Josh Sirefman, Mike Haller, Scott Thiele, Heaster Wheeler, Alycia Meriweather MWDBStaff: Dana Williams, Rachel May, Meranda Elias	LOCATION:	Detroit Public Safety Headquarters 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226
		CALLED TO ORDER:	3:36 p.m.
ABSENT:	Excused: Unexcused:	ADJOURNED:	5:07 p.m.
PUBLIC ATTENDEES:	None		
FACILITATOR:	Darienne Hudson & Josh Sirefman	DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:	December 11, 2024

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
I. Welcome & Introductions		
II. Agenda Approval / Minutes	<p>Dr. Hudson asked for approval of the agendas for the March 6, 2024, and June 26, 2024, meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Bishop Edgar Vann • Seconded: Dr. Curtis Ivery • Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously <p>Dr. Hudson asked for approval of the Minutes for the December 13, 2023, and March 6, 2024, meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Bishop Edgar Vann • Seconded: Dr. Curtis Ivery • Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously 	
III. Co-Chairs Report	Co-Chair Dr. Hudson opened the report with a look at the Resident Employment noting employment decreased 0.7% in April, with 1,744 fewer Detroiters employed than in March. At 233,621, employment is above the 2023 average (233,244) and up 8,800 compared to April 2022.	

	<p>She continued with board member updates noting new members Jonathan Nipper, Denise Brooks-Williams and Sylvester Hester, new co-chair Joshua Sirefman and departing co-chair Dave Meador.</p> <p>Co-Chair Josh Sirefman gave a brief update on Michigan Central, highlighting the recent opening of the landmark building and its opening night concert.</p> <p>Dr. Hudson continued with a highlight of the Alice Report, noting some of the startling statistics in our region and the continued work that needs to be done.</p> <p><i>Questions and comments from board members ensued.</i></p>	
IV. Executive Director's Report	<p>Ms. Weems opened her report with an update on Disabled Community Employment, she noted highlights from the Mackinac Policy Conference, gave an overview of the WIOA local and regional plans and closed with a discussion about the strategy for the Workforce Board.</p> <p><i>Questions and comments from board members ensued.</i></p>	
V. Presentation: Launch Michigan	<p>Venessa Keesler, President & CEO of Launch Michigan described Launch Michigan as a cross-partisan, nonprofit organization that includes education, business, labor and philanthropic leaders working together to reimaging Michigan's system of public education to prepare every child for success after high school.</p> <p>Ms. Keesler talked about their vision for the future which included partnerships with education, unions and business leaders, policy changes and legislation, education readiness standards, PK-12 regulatory structures and an equity-based new school funding system.</p>	
VI. Public Comments	None	
VII. Adjournment	Dr. Hudson adjourned the meeting.	

DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:

Printed Name: Rachel May

Title: Executive Assistant, MWDB Staff

Signature: /s/ Rachel May

Date: 07/01/2024

DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED: 12/11/2024

Initials: RM

NEXT MEETING: October 2, 2024

