

**JOB FORCE BOARD**  
**September 16, 2009**  
**Orrin E. Bailey, Secretary**

<b>JFB Members:</b>	<b>Present:</b>	<b>Excused:</b>
Mr. David Anthony		X
Mr. Paul Arsenaault	X	
Mr. Steve Balbierz		X
Ms. Carol Barbacovi-Muscoe	X	
Mr. Doug Bovin	X	
Mr. Will Carne	X	
Mr. Richard Crofton		X
Mr. David Danielson		X
Mr. Al Hendra	X	
Mr. Jim Hermans		X
Mr. Peter Jennings		X
Mr. Jon Johnson		X
Ms. Robyn Loviska		X
Ms. Vickie Micheau	X	
Mr. Rod Miller		X
Mr. Steve Pontbriand		X
Mr. Anthony Retaskie	X	
Mr. Dave Rivard		X
Dr. Michael Roy	X	
Ms. Jenny Short	X	
Mr. Kel Smyth	X	
Mr. Roy Stern		X
Ms. Judy Watson-Olson	X	

**I. Call To Order**

**II. Roll Call**

A membership quorum is present.

**III. Public Comment**

President Will Carne introduced Christina Henderson, Delta County Economic Development Director who will begin her new position on October 1st.

**IV. Approval of Agenda - Action**

Motion to approve the JFB agenda was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.

**V. Reading, Correction, and Action on Minutes - Action**

Motion to approve previous JFB meeting minutes was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.

**VI. Old Business Job Force Board**

**A. Regional Skills Alliances**

The President referred board members to the "Regional Skills Alliance" tab in the board packet for a review of the Alliances' minutes.

## **B. Committee Reports**

The President referred board members to the “Committees” tab in the board packet for a review of the committees’ minutes with oral reports given by the following committee:

### **CLEG:**

P. Arsenault reported that at the most recent Council for Labor and Economic Growth Meeting both he and Steve Balbierz presented to the state appointed workforce board background on the Michigan Works! System. It was an opportunity for many of these members to achieve a better understanding on how local workforce boards operate and their strategic importance within their respective communities. Also highlighted were the partnerships the Job Force Board has with the Small Business and Technology Development Center and the Procurement Technical Assistance Centers.

President Carne lauded board member Paul Arsenault for his most recent recognition by the Michigan Works! Association. Arsenault received the Ralph Loeschner Outstanding Service Award for his work on behalf of local and state workforce system. P. Arsenault commented that he accepted the award on behalf of the SCEA Board, the Job Force Board and Orrin and his staff, “It takes partnerships to be successful.”

## **VII. New Business Job Force Board Plans**

1. Motion to support the submission of the Statewide Activities Funding for Service Center Operations was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
2. Motion to support the submission of the Wagner-Peyser National Career Readiness Certificate Plan was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
3. Motion to support the submission of the Wagner-Peyser American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) National Career Readiness Certificate Plan was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
4. Motion to support the submission of the Workforce Investment Act Statewide Activities National Career Readiness Certificate Plan was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
5. Motion to support the submission of the Workforce Investment Act Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Program fro PY 2009 was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
6. Motion to support the submission of the FY 2009 Jobs, Education, and Training (JET) Program Allocations General Fund/General Purpose was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
7. Motion to support the Wagner-Peyser Re-Employment Service (ES) Plan was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
8. Motion to support the submission of the WIA Statewide Capacity Building and Professional Development Plan was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
9. Motion to support the submission of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Statewide Activities Funding for High Concentrations of Eligible Youth was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
10. Motion to support the submission of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Incumbent Worker Training Plan was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.

P. Arsenault commented that the Six County Employment Alliance Board passed a motion supporting the Aquila Resources, Inc. Back Forty Project. SCEA Board members had an opportunity to visit the site and this board's unanimous support was an indicator that they were impressed with its potential. Motion to support the Aquila Resources, Inc. Back Forty Project Resolution was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.

#### **VIII. Public Comment**

W. Carne commented that EMP was awarded a \$3 million defense contract.

Board members commented that the Summit was fantastic; the first speaker was phenomenal while the afternoon session was very informative regarding the Regional Innovation Grant survey results that have given our region a road map to move forward. D. Bovin asked that consideration be made to recognize U.P. business at this annual event.

Menominee manufacturer Nu-Vu has received word from its parent company, Middleby Corporation of Chicago, that they will be closing the facility, affecting 62 workers. Michigan Works! is working with the company providing rapid response services for the affected workers.

#### **IX. Adjournment**