OAKLAND COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2026 - THE IROQUOIS CLUB
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICHIGAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: (16)	J. Becher, P. Boegner, S. Carlson, T. Carter, D. Darbyshire, H. Flowers, T. Hatfield, A. Kemp-Watkins, J. Kerr, J. Petroskey, L. Royston, S. Shelby, B. Steeh, J. Steenbergh, W. Thibodeau and G. Wooten
MEMBERS ABSENT W/NOTICE: (7)	C. Castiglione, L. Graham, J. Harrington-Davis, J. Kerr, A. Lord, L. McCall, and D. Zaliwski
STAFF:	J. Llewellyn, R. Al-Igoe, K. Arnone, D. Bachman, B. Frontiera, D. Lake, L. Rivard-Weston, D. Scigaj, T. Shaffer, J. St. Henry, and S. Wills
OTHERS:	Teresa Brittentine - Oakland County Michigan Works! Pontiac Jennifer Carr – Foundation for Behavioral Resources Brooke Clancy - Oakland County Michigan Works! Waterford Sherry Kless – Oakland County Michigan Works! Oak Park Denise VanHee - Oakland County Michigan Works! Troy

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Chairperson David Darbyshire.

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Introductions
   David Darbyshire welcomed those present and thanked them for coming. Mr. Darbyshire asked the guests to introduce themselves.

2. ROLL CALL – Quorum Established

3. Previous Minutes
   Motion by P. Boegner, Supported by H. Flowers

   RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 11/25/25 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING, AS SUBMITTED.

   Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

4. Manager's Report
   Jennifer introduced Tanisha Carter, Director of the Oakland County Department of Health and Human Services as the Board's newest member.

   Ms. Llewellyn also announced that Bob Steeh is retiring from the Board as of today's meeting. She thanked him for his hard work and dedication during his time on the Board.

   Jennifer Llewellyn updated the Board on the activities of the MWA and state and federal initiatives.

5. The Oakland County MWA's Plan and Budget Information Summaries for the Fiscal Year 2026 FAE & T Plus Program

Motion by S. Carlson, Supported by P. Boegner

RECOMMEND THAT THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

A.) APPROVE:

1.) THE OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN WORKS! AGENCY'S (MWA'S) ATTACHED FISCAL YEAR 2026 (i.e., OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026) FOOD ASSISTANCE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (FAE & T) PLUS EXPANSION BUDGET INFORMATION SUMMARY;

2.) THE MWA'S ATTACHED FISCAL YEAR 2026 FAE & T PROGRAM PLUS PLAN AND PROGRAM DELIVERY AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES BUDGET INFORMATION SUMMARIES; AND

3.) THE CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (CEO), INCORPORATED, AS THE MWA'S FAE & T PLUS PROGRAM PROVIDER; AND

4.) AUTHORIZE THE OAKLAND COUNTY MWA'S ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A FISCAL YEAR 2026 FAE & T CONTRACT WITH CEO, INCORPORATED, FOR THE AMOUNT OF $237,142.40 IN REIMBURSABLE FUNDS.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

6. The Oakland County Michigan Works! Agency's (MWA's) Fiscal Year 2026 (i.e., October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026) Food Assistance Employment and Training (FAE & T) Program's Plan and Budget Information Summaries

Motion by P. Boegner, Supported by H. Flowers

RECOMMEND THAT THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVE THE OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN WORKS! AGENCY'S FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOOD ASSISTANCE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (FAE & T) PROGRAM PLAN AND ATTACHED BUDGET INFORMATION SUMMARIES.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

7. The Oakland County MWA's Fiscal Year 2026 Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope. (PATH) Plan and Budget Information Summaries
Motion by W. Thibodeau, Supported by J. Petroskey

RECOMMEND THAT THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVE THE OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN WORKS! AGENCY'S FISCAL YEAR 2026 PARTNERSHIP. ACCOUNTABILITY. TRAINING. HOPE. (PATH) PLAN AND ATTACHED BUDGET INFORMATION SUMMARIES.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

8. The Oakland County MWA's Fiscal Year 2026 PATH Employment-Related Supportive Services (ERSS) Plan and Budget Information Summary for 10/1/25 – 8/31/26
Motion by H. Flowers, Supported by P. Boegner

RECOMMEND THAT THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVE THE OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN WORKS! AGENCY'S (MWA'S) FISCAL YEAR 2026 PARTNERSHIP. ACCOUNTABILITY. TRAINING. HOPE. (PATH) EMPLOYMENT-RELATED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (ERSS) PLAN AND ATTACHED BUDGET INFORMATION SUMMARY.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

9. Allotment #2 of the Calendar Year 2024 (i.e., January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024) Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Program Allocation for 7/1/24 – 9/30/26
Motion by T. Hatfield, Supported by S. Shelby

RECOMMEND THAT THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVE THE SECOND ALLOTMENT OF THE OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN WORKS! AGENCY'S CALENDAR YEAR (i.e., JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024) REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT (RESEA) PROGRAM ALLOCATION, WHICH IS DELINEATED IN THE ATTACHED NARRATIVE, AND WHICH IS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

10. The Oakland County MWA's Fiscal Year 2026 Going Pro Talent Fund Employer Application Assistance (EAA) Allocation
Motion by L. Royston, Supported by D. Darbyshire

RECOMMEND THAT THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVE THE OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN WORKS! AGENCY'S (MWA'S) FISCAL YEAR 2026 CYCLES 1 AND 2 GOING PRO TALENT FUND EMPLOYER APPLICATION ASSISTANCE (EAA) ALLOCATION OF $30,000, WHICH IS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, AND WHICH IS DELINEATED IN THE ATTACHED NARRATIVE.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

11. The Oakland County MWA's Fiscal Year 2026 Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program Plan and Allocation
Motion by J. Petroskey, Supported by P. Boegner

RECOMMEND THAT THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVE THE OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN WORKS! AGENCY'S (MWA'S) FISCAL YEAR 2026 TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE (TAA) PLAN AND BUDGET, WHICH IS DELINEATED IN THE ATTACHED NARRATIVE.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

12. Modification #7 to the Talent Transformation Component's Sub-Award Contract between the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) and the Oakland County MWA for 2/7/23 – 5/31/27
Motion by H. Flowers, Supported by S. Shelby

RECOMMEND THAT THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVE:

- MODIFICATION #7 TO THE TALENT TRANSFORMATION COMPONENT PROJECT'S SUB-AWARD CONTRACT, FOR WHICH THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE (SEMCA) IS THE AWARDING AGENCY AND THE OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN WORKS! AGENCY (MWA) IS THE SUBRECIPIENT, AND WHICH IS FUNDED FROM FEBRUARY 7, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2027, AND FOR $715,000 IN ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS, UNDER SECTIONS 209 AND 703 OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED; AND

- THE CONTRACT'S MODIFIED BUDGET, FOR WHICH LINE ITEMS AND AMOUNTS ARE DELINEATED IN THE ATTACHED NARRATIVE.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Voice Vote.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. January 5, 2026 – Letter from Smart Start Group re: Oakland County Michigan Works! Novi
2. January 13, 2026 – Michigan Works! Association Press Release – "New National Ranking Affirms Michigan's Workforce Advantage"
3. January 13, 2026 – Governor Gretchen Whitmer Press Release – "New Ranking Puts Michigan in Top 5 in Country for Workforce"
4. January 14, 2026 – Email from O. Pearson regarding Oakland County Michigan Works! Novi
5. January 22, 2026 – Letter from Ascend Foundation re: Oakland County Michigan Works! Pontiac
6. October 20, 2025 – Letter from CSM Mechanical re: Oakland County Michigan Works! Novi
7. November 5, 2025 – Letter from Southeast Michigan Community Alliance re: Monitoring of Apprenticeship Building America Grant
8. November 20, 2025 – Email from R. Al-Igoe re: Oakland80 Career and Education Navigators

COMMUNICATIONS: (cont.)

9. December 2, 2025 – Email from T. Kownacki re: Oakland County Michigan Works! Waterford
10. Letter from Gesher Human Services re: Apprenticeship Support
11. December 17, 2025 – Email from Taubman re: Oakland County Michigan Works! Troy
12. December 19, 2025 – Letter from New Horizons Rehabilitation Services re: Apprenticeship Support
13. December 22, 2025 – Letter from Southeast Michigan Community Alliance re: Monitoring of Global Epicenter of Mobility
14. December 22, 2025 – Oakland County Press Release "Oakland County Launches Expanded Registered Apprenticeship Guide Highlighting 72 Career Pathways"
15. December 29, 2025 – Email from P. Roberts re: Oakland County Michigan Works! Troy
16. Email from Bral Enterprises re: Oakland County Michigan Works! Troy
17. Letter from Jim N. re: Oakland County Michigan Works! Oak Park
18. Letter from United CNC Machining re: Oakland County Michigan Works! Oak Park
19. Letter from Bright Star Care: Apprenticeship Support
20. Letter from Sanitary Welding re: Going Pro Talent Fund and Apprenticeship Support

The above communications were reviewed and received and filed by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment during the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Foregoing minutes subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted:

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Debbie Lake, Recording Secretary Paula Boegner, Secretary