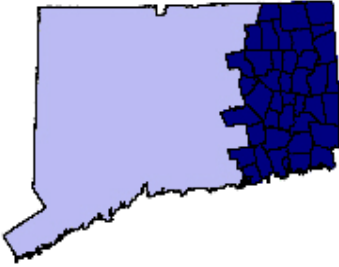


EASTERN CT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS

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CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2020

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS: Thomas Sparkman, *Lisbon*; Ron McDaniel, *Montville*; & Christopher Lippke, *Canterbury*.

OTHERS: Jim S. Butler, John Beauregard, Mark Hill, & Guy Saporito, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sparkman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The members reviewed the minutes of the October 10, 2019 CEO Council meeting. A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes, as presented (**McDANIEL/LIPPKE**). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Nordson-EFD Expansion** – Mr. Beauregard presented a story from *The Day* newspaper regarding the planned expansion of Nordson-EFD in Norwich. The company has been a partner of the Eastern CT Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (MPI) for the past several years. Their ability to source labor in the region was highlighted as one important reason the company decided to expand in this region.
2. **New London Pier Announcement** – The group discussed a joint press release issued by Ørsted and Eversource to announce the development of the State Pier in New London to support offshore wind projects. The press release highlighted their plan and desire to work with EWIB to source expected construction and other jobs in the coming years.
3. **Seasons Magazine Article** – Mr. Beauregard highlighted a story in *Seasons* magazine which mentions the MPI and its positive impact on both individuals and the community at large.



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COUNCIL BUSINESS

- **Programing Update** – Apprenticeship CT Initiative (ACI) Grant Application – Mr. Hill informed the Council that EWIB submitted a \$4.93M application to this year's ACI state grant on Feb. 6, 2020. If approved, the funding would provide resources to sustain and expand the MPI as well as adapt the model to launch a program in support of the healthcare industry. Staff informed the Council that the application is highly competitive, but our application is strong and includes 46 letters of support from various community stakeholders.
- **Report from Washington D.C.** – Chairman Sparkman noted that EWIB President/CEO John Beauregard was the guest of U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney (CT 2nd Dist.) at the State of the Union Address on Feb. 4, 2020. Mr. Beauregard stated that during his visit he attended meetings with **a)** U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT 3rd Dist.), **b)** staffers of the Education & Labor Committee, and **c)** the Department of Defense to discuss the MPI and workforce opportunities.
- **Ratification of EWIB Actions** – The group reviewed the minutes from the 01/17/20 Executive Committee whose actions were forwarded & approved during the 01/28/2020 Board of Directors meeting.
 - Mr. Saporito provided the independent audit results of the program year, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. The audit was “clean” and detected no material issues.
 - A review of EWIB revenues was provided, which decreased 4.9% year-over-year, as expected. A 24% decline in federal revenues was partially offset by increased revenues from the state (73%) and private sources (33%).
 - Expenditures were also reviewed. EWIB expended ~\$9 million in the program year with 93.2% of the expenditures focused to direct program & participant needs (the remaining 6.8% is general & administrative costs). He also stated that the \$9 million in expenditures resulted in ~1,600 job placements and \$41.9 million in direct participant wages for the program year.

A **MOTION** was made to ratify the actions of EWIB Executive Committee (01/17/2020) and Board of Directors (01/28/2020) meetings and approve EWIB's Audit for the Fiscal Year ending 6/30/19, as presented (McDANIEL/LIPPKE). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- **EWIB Board Member Nominations**
EWIB received the following “Workforce” representative category nominations:

- > “Apprenticeship” representative
 - William E. Louis, MDA-UAW Local 571 President
 - Keith Brothers, CT Laborers' District Council Business Manager

Staff informed the Council that the “Apprenticeship” Board position became open as a result of the recent passing of Board member Mel Olsson. After discussion, a **MOTION** was made to appoint William E. Louis, MDA-UAW Local 571 President to EWIB's Board of Directors as the “Apprenticeship” representative (LIPPKE/McDANIEL). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

- **Pending CEO Council Appointments**
Mr. Butler stated that the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments is slated to appoint a member to the CEO Council as its next meeting on February 19, 2020 to fill a vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 A.M. (McDANIEL/LIPPKE). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.