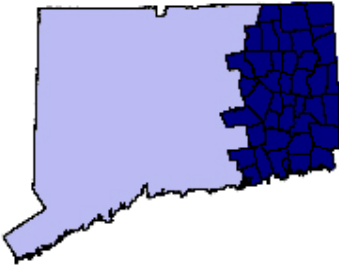


# EASTERN CT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS

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**Hon. Thomas Sparkman, Chair**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Selectman, Lisbon*

**Hon. Ronald McDaniel, Vice-Chair**  
*Mayor, Montville*

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*1<sup>st</sup> Selectman, Canterbury*

**Hon. Peter Nystrom, Member**  
*Mayor, Norwich*

**Hon. Kevin Cunningham, Member**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Selectman, Plainfield*

## CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

### VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2021

#### ATTENDEES

**MEMBERS:** Thomas Sparkman, *Lisbon*; Ron McDaniel, *Montville*; Peter Nystrom, *Norwich*; & Kevin Cunningham, *Plainfield*

**OTHERS:** Rep. Tim Ackert (*CT 8<sup>th</sup> Dist.*), Jim Butler, Mark Hill, Carol LaBelle, & Amanda Murphy

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sparkman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made to accept the minutes from the September 30, 2021, EWIB CEO Council meeting, as presented (*McDANIEL/CUNNINGHAM*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

#### COUNCIL BUSINESS

President Hill informed the Council of the recent passing of Eileen Ossen, Executive Director of the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation, noting the tremendous impact she had on the region and EWIB.

- **Correspondence** – Mr. Hill thanked Mayor Peter Nystrom (*City of Norwich & CEO Council member*) for his comments in the recent *Norwich Bulletin* article. “Nordson needs to fill 110 jobs after expansion,” which stated that one of the reasons behind Nordson’s decision to remain in CT is a result of its ability to access talent via the Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (MPI) & the Youth MPI (YMPI).
- **Funding Update** – Mr. Hill noted that EWIB recently was awarded two grants. One, AT&T provided a \$10,000 grant to support youth training programs. Two, EWIB will receive \$672,255 as part of \$2.5 million statewide grant to support the upgrade of services at the American Job Centers, including “chat” capability, translation capabilities for non-English speakers on websites, and the continuation of *SkillUp CT* online training courses.
- **Manufacturing Pipeline Update** – Mr. Hill announced that more than 2,000 people have been placed into employment through the Eastern CT MPI since its inception in 2016. He also noted that two additional high schools, East Lyme and Putnam, have been added to the list of YMPI schools.



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- **Why We Do What We Do** – Mr. Hill provided four client success stories to showcase the important work being done by EWIB staff and its partners in the American Job Centers-East and in various workforce training programs. He thanked the CEO Council, Board of Directors, staff and partners for their commitment and accomplishments in these initiatives to result in such compelling success stories amongst our clients.
- **EWIB Legislative Update** – Mr. Hill noted that EWIB will be providing a virtual update to the Eastern CT legislative delegation on Dec. 10, 2021 at the delegation's request.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting (*McDANIEL/NYSTROM*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.