Workforce Council of Southwest Ohio

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Music Hall | Wilkes Room
1241 Elm St. | Cincinnati, OH 45204
Thursday, February 8, 2024
11 AM – 1 PM

**Board of Directors Present:** Uche Agomuo, Jackie Alf, Heath Boucher, Paula Brehm-Heeger, Markiea Carter, Leo Chan, Andrew Crum, Renee Dean, Catherine Fitzgerald, Margaret Fox, Shanel Gentry, DeJuan Gossett, Brian Griffin, Jesse Grissom, Rodney Hardin, Myron Hughes, Zach Kiffmeyer, Rene McPhedran, Nick Milazzo, Asha Parker, Jennifer Roeder, Jesse Simmons, Uma Sivaprasad, Diana Small, Carol Sorenson-Williams, Nathan Strange, John Thomas, Timothy Thornton, Michael Turner, Amy Waldbillig, Bryan Wright

**Board of Directors Absent:** Hope Arthur, Michael Beck, Natasha Chesnut, Chad Day, Mark Dierig, Keizayla Fambro, Chris Fridel, Deval Motka, Shwetha Pai, Michael Prus, Eric Rademacher, Trisha Rogers-Lowey, Harry Snyder, Commissioner Stephanie Summerow Dumas, Jordan Vogel, Dani Watkins, Rhonda Whitaker-Hurtt

**Workforce Council Team:** Pat Bready, Pamela Massey, Karen Saterfield, Kevin Smith

**Deskey Branding:** Alicen Franks, Debbie Happe

**Resource Team Members:** Yonas Asmerom, Mara Cummins, Tim Dingler, Melissa Graves, Trina Jones, Teri Jones-Morris, Jen Koetter, Lynne Riehle

**Guests:** Tonya Key, Bridgette Sears, David Rapien, Jason Bubenhofer, Jeffrey Heinichen, Walter Petit, Thanapat Vichitchot, Kenneth Gans, Everett Steele, Tori Turner, Kurt Wells, Heleena McKinney, Ross Turpeau III, Deirdre Beluan, Megan Marshall, Derek Chancellor, James Scales, Leta White, Eugene Blalock, Garrick Berkhalter, Megan Reed, Courtney Pennington, Donna Lauver, Julie Combs, Molly Fender, Amy Thompson, Peter Bour, Doug Goodwin, Charlene Davis, Stacey Zanders, Audrey Treasure, Peter Bour.

## I. Opening – Welcome and Introductions

With a quorum present at 11:17 AM, Chair Milazzo welcomed board members, staff, and distinguished guests to the 2024 Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration of the Workforce Council of Southwest Ohio. Chair Milazzo introduced the mayor's video.

## II. Induction of New Board Members by Commissioner Alicia Reece

Commissioner Alicia Reece inducted new board members *Zach Kiffmeyer,* an Attorney with DBL Law and *Nathan Strange*, Program Delivery Manager, Office of Workforce Development with Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services.

## III. Review and Approval of Agenda *(Action)*

Chair Milazzo asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. B. Griffin moved to accept the agenda, R. McPhedran seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

**IV. Approval of Consent Agenda *(Action)***

Chair Milazzo asked for any additions or changes to the consent agenda. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by U. Agomuo and seconded by M. Hughes; the motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

**V. Presentation: Workforce Champion Awards presented by Vice Chair Asha Parker**

One of the great features of this Annual Meeting is the opportunity to recognize workforce development excellence, leadership, and achievement through our Workforce Champion Awards.

**Collaboration** – Advanced Manufacturing Industry Partnership, C. Renee HR Consulting, LLC., Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), & Workforce Innovation at The Health
**Collaborative** - Donna Lauver
**Outstanding Employer** - Cinfab
**Innovation** – The Talbert House
**Workforce Employee of the Year** – Peter Bour
**Outstanding Leadership** – Carol Sorenson-Williams, & Supply Chain OKI (SKOKI)

**VI. Introduction of Special Guest Speaker by Pamela Massey**

David Rapien's Bio was in the packet

**VII. Special Presentation: The Generative AI Revolution by David Rapien**

PowerPoint presentation in the packet

**VIII. Interim Executive Director's Report and Remarks by Pamela Massey**

Written report in the packet

**IX. Board Member and Public Announcements/Comments**

- Brian Griffin – Trades can not be replaced by AI
- Leo Chan – Luna New Year, Saturday, February 10, 2024
- Rene McPhedran – thanked the Workforce Council Staff for all their hard work.

**X. Upcoming Board of Directors' Meetings**

- **May 9, 2024** - Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting
- **August 8, 2024** - Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting
- **November 14, 2024** - Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting

**XI. Adjournment**

At 12:23 PM a motion to adjourn the Annual Board Meeting was made by M. Hughes and seconded by A. Crum. No further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by th Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

René McPhedran
Secretary