



Quarterly Member Meeting

September 18, 2024

8:30am - 10:30am Via Zoom

- Present:** Colleen Moran (Chair), Rosemary Alexander, Reed Brockman, Michael Cosgrove, Debra Jacobson, Maria Kefallinou, Rafael Mares, Rachael Running, Sue Walsh, Jennifer Mancia, Kristen McKenna
- Absent:** Carson Burrington (Vice Chair), Allen Boyer, Chris Hope, Nancy Conti, Rick Laferriere, Stacey Leibowitz, Steven Sullivan, Valerie Sutton
- Guests:** Lee-Ann Johnson

MINUTES

Agenda Topics	Major Discussion Points	Next Steps (Who, what, by when)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colleen Moran, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:36AM. 	
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair welcomed Members and guests to the MassHire Metro North Workforce Board’s Quarterly meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Review and Approval of May 2024 Meeting Minutes (Vote, Roll Call)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair stated that the minutes from the May 2024 MNWB meeting were sent out in the meeting packet. The Chair asked for any questions or comments regarding the minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There being no questions or comments, the Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes. Michael Cosgrove made the motion to approve the minutes and Rosemary Alexander seconded the motion. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the May 2024 MNWB Quarterly Meeting were unanimously approved as presented by roll call vote of all Members present at the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes: Colleen Moran (Chair), Rosemary Alexander, Michael Cosgrove, Debra Jacobson, Maria Kefallinou, Rafael Mares, Rachael Running, Jennifer Mancia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No: ▪ Not Present at time of vote: Reed Brockman ▪ Abstain: Kristen McKenna, Susan Walsh 	
Labor Market Report Data Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pahneez Hasseli and Kelly Washburn presented the quarterly Labor Market Report highlights. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See PowerPoint presentation 	
Discussion and Brainstorm:	<p>Update on prior meeting's topic: Developing Work-Based Learning Opportunities for Metro North Region Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming STEM week volunteer opportunities (starts Oct 21!) <p><i>New topic for discussion: FY25 State Budget Priorities and How Board Members Can Get Involved</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy is one of the 6 priority goal areas in our strategic plan • We work closely with the MWA (Mass Workforce Association) to engage public and elected officials • Key state budget line items: Youthworks, MassHire Career Center, Connecting Activities, Advanced Manufacturing (NAMC), focusing on the state budget line items for today • Discussion questions for breakout groups: Which state budget priorities we have identified are most directly connected to your organization? How do these state budget priorities impact your organization? How can you/your organizations partner with MNWB to engage local officials? What budget priorities does your organizations have and are there ways MNWB can assist your organization on these priorities? • Needs for board members programs have not changed but the need and commitment are still there, getting local media involved to hear about the programs, getting the PIC (Private Industry Council) involved to hear about the programs we have, finding best ways to support students with lack of funding, thinking of green jobs, free community college available in MA – enrollment has been up 15% but staffing has not been up (under employed and not employed can go to community college while not losing their benefits – targeted way to reach this population), continue to advocate for multilingual capacity for training/resources, Career center line item before ARPA spike effects operations on the ground as it is a short term funding solution (cannot hire on new staff with these funds), what shared resources can we use for shared customers? 	
MNWB Major Activities Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Albrizio-Lee reviewed the highlights of the Major Activities Report which was sent to all Members via email in the meeting packet. • Year end update for all the programs (youth served/placements/etc), all the programs are starting up again this time of the year • Youth PACMAN program: 2nd of 3 cohorts completed this summer • Digital JEDI: started up the digital navigator program (full report in packet) 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NewBiz: completed Spanish and Portuguese cohorts • This year’s state budget the legislature decided to not allocate any new funding to the Community Mitigation Fund, which has been funding our regional gaming/hospitality consortium for many years. CMF has some leftover funds under this for the next 1-2 years, but no new funds are being allocated this year. To highlight the positive impacts of these programs, we will be putting on a showcase- site visits to programs we have funded and an event where we talk about the positive impacts that our grant has had over the years to elevate that to legislators who are in the area of the casino. It would be great to have board members attend with us to show support. • Career Center Updates: Lee-Ann promoted to Deputy Director, Workforce Development- Career Center Operations for ABCD • Julie Whitmore backfilled Lee-Ann’s previous position as Systems Director for Metro North Career Center • Malden satellite is estimated to open mid-October (filled 3 positions with internal candidates) • With funding, ran out of ITA funds for the first half of the year – trying to fill the gaps • To receive info on services, events, grants, etc for the Career Centers, join our Constant Contact list https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/8JzeRFI 	
Member Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reed: model bridge (grades 5-12) contest starting up – spread the word. More information will be distributed to members. • 	
Other business as may come before the Quarterly MNWB Meeting	n/a	
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at 10:27AM 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents used at the September 18th MNWB Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Draft May 2024 Meeting Minutes • Major Activities Report • Committee Updates • LMI PowerPoint 	