



Quarterly Member Meeting

February 12, 2025

8:30am - 10:30am Via Zoom

Present: Colleen Moran (Chair), Rosemary Alexander, Reed Brockman, Maria Kefallinou, Rafael Mares, Rachael Running, Sue Walsh, Jennifer Mancia, Carson Burrington (Vice Chair), Steve Sullivan, Nancy Conti, Rick Laferriere, Stacey Leibowitz, Valerie Sutton

Absent: Allen Boyer, Chris Hope, Michael Cosgrove, Kristen McKenna, Debra Jacobson

Guests: Lee-Ann Johnson, Georgia Wright

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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 8:33AM. 	
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 November 2024 Meeting Minutes (Vote, Roll Call)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair stated that the minutes from the November 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. Reed Brockman made the motion to approve the minutes, and Rosemary Alexander seconded the motion. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the November 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, Reed Brockman, Maria Kefallinou, Rafael Mares, Rachael Running, Sue Walsh, Jennifer Mancia, Carson Burrington (Vice Chair), Steve Sullivan, Nancy Conti, Rick Laferriere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No: N/A ▪ Not Present at time of vote: Stacey Leibowitz, Valerie Sutton ▪ Abstain: N/A 	
Labor Market Report Data Presentation	<p>Labor Market Data “Deep Dive” Presentation and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Georgia Wright, US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Northeast Information Office</i> Georgia Wright, Economist. Economic Analysis and Information - Northeast. www.bls.gov. 617-565-2329. wright.georgia@bls.gov U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Public Affairs: 202-693-4676 • <i>Pahneez Hasseli, MNWB Chief Operating Officer</i> • <i>Liana Gracia, MNWB Manager of Data and Impact</i> 	
Project Spotlight and Discussion	<p>NewBiz <i>Jimmy Rao, MNWB Sr. Manager</i> <i>Ways to support the future of NewBiz as a board member:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Support mentor recruitment efforts for WIOA Youth – NewBiz</i> 2. <i>Find new funding opportunities to continue the Adult NewBiz program</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reed: Suggests brainstorming companies that can support funding this through future meetings, finding ways to connect mentors/mentees beyond this program</i> • <i>Rachael: How will this program change for youth? More structure to the program, youth must be WIOA eligible to participate,</i> • <i>Sue: Many immigrants run businesses in Cambridge, but the kids don’t want to be the next gen to take over the business, can we create some kind of pathway for future entrepreneurs to take on these businesses? (common in Cambridge and Somerville). Jen (city of Somerville) states they are now planning for succession for small businesses in Somerville.</i> 	
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. • LeeAnn Johnson, ABCD Deputy Director Workforce Development - Career Center Operations <p>---Malden grand opening event on February 21st, 10AM!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See Meeting Packet for all updates</p>	
Member Updates		

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Other business as may come before the Quarterly MNWB Meeting	N/A	
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at 10:24AM 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents used at the November 13th MNWB Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Draft November 2024 Meeting Minutes • Major Activities Report • Committee Updates • LMI PowerPoint 	