



**Eastern Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (EKWIB)  
Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2023**

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**Attendees:**

**EKWIB Members**

Vic Adams  
Trina Allen  
Mike Lasslo  
Sonya Bergman – Chair  
Frances Feltner  
Tracey Smith  
Betsy Clemons  
Frank Dawahare – Vice Chair (Virtual)  
Paul Dole  
Tanelle Sawyer (Virtual)  
Meriwether Hall  
Kevin Chesnut (Virtual)  
Vince Minix (Virtual)  
Ava McKenzie (Virtual)  
Rusty Justice  
Colby Kirk

**EKCEP Staff**

Becky Miller – Executive Director  
Bridget Back  
Tonya Collins  
Cris Ritchie  
Trish Adams  
Sharon Poff  
Travis Winkler

**Guests**

Secretary Jamie Link  
Jason Hutchinson  
Tonia Prewitt  
Melissa Miller  
Andrea Begley  
Jennifer Lindon  
Zack Lawrence  
Brian Fields  
Dalton Bryant  
Major Jerry Fultz

## **Minutes**

The Eastern Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (EKWIB) held its quarterly meeting on March 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. The hybrid meeting was held at 412 Roy Campbell Drive Hazard, Ky or via Zoom (if requested).

EKWIB's Board Chair, Sonya Bergman called the meeting to order. The roll call resulted in 16 WIB members being in attendance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Sonya Bergman asked for a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes, which had previously been distributed. Meriwether Hall made the motion to approve the minutes. Vic Adams seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

### **Introduction**

Sonya Bergman asked each attendee to introduce themselves.

### **Introduction of New Executive Director – Rebecca Carnes-Miller**

Sonya Bergman introduced EKCEP's Executive Director Rebecca Carnes-Miller to the group. Rebecca began her position with EKCEP effective March 1, 2023. Becky Miller thanked the EKWIB and the EKCEP staff for their assistance in the upcoming transition.

### **Introduction of new Chair and Vice Chair of the EKWIB**

Becky Miller, EKCEP Executive Director thanked both Sonya Bergman and Frank Dawahare for their willingness to be officers of the EKWIB.

### **Overview of WIB Roles**

Becky Miller directed everyone's attention to the "handout" that was included in the EKWIB packet pertaining to "EKCEP board of directors and EKWIB overview". Becky Miller stated she looked at the role and expectations of the EKCEP BOD as the fiscal agent and EKWIB as program development. Paul Dole said he assumed the BOD was the corporate board and was responsible for policies and procedures of operations, such as personnel policies and finance policies.

### **EKY FLOOD Update**

Bridget Back, EKCEP's Deputy Director, provided an update on the DOL EKY FLOOD grant. A handout of the EKY FLOOD update was provided to all attendees prior to the meeting. Paul Dole asked how much was awarded in the grant. Bridget Back said the total award grant amount was around \$20,000,000. Tonya Collins stated the initial amount of the grant that was received around \$4,000,000.

### **Board Questionnaire**

Becky Miller told the group an EKWIB Self-Assessment Questionnaire was included in the “board packet”. Becky Miller said she felt it was important to ask them, the board, what their thoughts were as members of the EKWIB. Becky Miller said Cris Ritchie or Trish Adams would send a link if members would rather complete the questionnaire online.

### **Other Comments**

Mike Lasslo asked what does EKWIB stand for. Sonya Bergman stated it stood for Eastern Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board.

The next EKWIB hybrid meeting will be June 8, 2023. Sonya Bergman asked Trish Adams to send out the calendar invites for the remainder of 2023.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business to discuss, Tracey Smith made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Colby Kirk.