



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Best, Bryan Brackemyre, Joe Henry, Kirk Robbins

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner John Lancaster

OTHERS PRESENT: Lyndsey Hellems, Gus Linde, Stephanie Clawson

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair, Ron Best, called the Executive Board of Directors Meeting to order at 9:00 am. Quorum was present.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Best requested any declaration of conflicts of interest from Board Members. None were noted.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken, and meeting moved forward.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Executive Board Meeting Minutes from 01.28.25 and the Fiscal Report ending 03.30.25 were provided in the advanced materials for review. Motion to approved by Kirk Robbins. Second by Bryan Brackemyre. Motion carried by roll call vote.

BOARD EXECUTIVE TEAM UPDATES: The JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) program is facing defunding. It was moved from DWD to the DOE budget as an optional program. NLJ Programs are currently in question. The funding for Employer Training Grants may be moved to a training tax credit. These few programs would account for a projected loss of \$1.5 million in state funded program dollars. The Richmond office will close in July. DWD is moving all state staff to the Muncie Comprehensive Office. We will be meeting with key stakeholders in Richmond to maintain a presence in Wayne County. Governor Braun created 8 policy areas or "verticals". DWD falls under the Secretary of Commerce Vertical which oversees the state's economic development plan. Governor Braun signed an executive order to standardize workforce and economic development regions in Indiana. This empowers Commerce Secretary Adams to make recommendations on the redrawing of regional economic development and workforce maps for Indiana. With the funding uncertainty, it might be prudent to create a severance policy for the EIW staff. Lastly, EIW and East Central Educational Service Center's collaboration efforts are currently serving 29 school corporations from Pre-K through 12th grade.

BOARD CHAIR REMARKS: There was discussion if we would be able to spend the JAG money that we currently have before it could be taken away. We should be able to do so.

ADJOURN: Best concluded the meeting at approximately 9:42 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bryan Brackemyre