

# IWIB WINTER BUSINESS MEETING

**Date:** December 10, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Location:** Online



ILLINOIS  
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INNOVATION  
BOARD

**Chair:** John Rico

**IWIB members present:**

John Rico, Elba Aranda-Suh, Michelle Cerutti, Brian Durham, Marcie Johnson (for Carmen Ayala), Mike Conley, Daniele Ferrari, Jennifer Foster, David Friedman, Amanda Martin (for Kirk Gadberry), Erin Guthrie, Tom Hacker, Norine Hammond, Grailing Jones, Angela Mason, Mike Massie, Marlon McClinton, Barb Oilschlager, Rahnee Patrick, Terri Payne, Mike Perry, Tom Wendorff, Terry Wilkerson, Whitney Thompson

**IWIB members absent:**

Tom Ashby, Henry Beards, Melinda Bush, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Victor Dickson, Grace Hou, Sandeep Nain, Kristin Richards Margi Schiemann, Nina Tangman, Aaron Tennant, Andrew Warrington, Chuck Weaver

**Guests:**

Bethany Jaeger, KEB; Stephanie Veck, Maher & Maher

**Staff Attendees:** Aime'e Julian, Julio Rodriguez, Kiersten Baer, Molly Cook, Jennifer Phillips, Martha Smith

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1:00 pm	<p><b>Roll Call</b> Dr. Julian called roll of all members of IWIB – a quorum was present.</p>	Dr. Julian
	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b> Chairman Rico welcomed the IWIB members and members of the public to the meeting. He informed attendees that the meeting was being recorded and asked that the public hold their questions until the end. He expressed his gratitude for everyone’s effort in the light of COVID.</p>	Chairman Rico
1:05 pm	<p><b>Overview of Initiatives This Year</b> Director Guthrie welcomed the group and thanked them for their hard work during a difficult year. Before she began the overview of initiatives, Director Guthrie pointed out that 2020 has put Illinois workers under a great deal of pressure, compounding the disparities that exist for communities who have been left behind in the past. She thanked her department and other collaborators across state government, public and private sectors for addressing the challenges. Director Guthrie proceeded to give an overview of initiatives launched this year to help people who are looking for work.</p> <p><b>Get Hired Website</b> – allows employers post jobs with IDES and allows workers to navigate those as a one-stop shop. They are seeing good success with usage both on the employer and employee side.</p> <p><b>Growth of Virtual Job Fairs</b> – Julio Rodriguez has been instrumental in championing this and getting employers and employees to register. Virtual job fairs allow job seekers to meet with many different employers at once, get feedback on resumes, and network. Director Guthrie presented this initiative to a group of her peers at the national level, where it was well-received.</p> <p><b>Using Digital Inclusion/Equity as a Lens for an Economic Recovery Plan</b> - Broadband expansion has been a key pillar of the governor’s mission. We recognize that access and adoption of digital tools are key to economic recovery. Julio Rodriguez has partnered with community members, non-profits, office of broadband, and the governor to develop ways to create a more digitally inclusive world.</p> <p><b>Apprenticeships</b> – a major driver for recovery. The office of Illinois Works has been established its goal is to bring inclusivity to the trades to those</p>	Director Erin Guthrie

	<p>and provide career paths and models to those working on state projects. Apprenticeships continue to be a big driver for companies. Director Guthrie closed by saying interest in Illinois continues to be healthy from a business perspective. The governor continues to talk with CEOs about coming to Illinois, and Director Guthrie anticipates some exciting announcements coming soon.</p>	
1:13 pm	<p><b>Approval of September 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes</b> Chairmen Rico called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous IWIB Quarterly Business meeting. Elba Aranda-Suh submitted a correction, indicating she was listed as absent from the meeting in the minutes, but was present at the meeting. The error will be corrected before the minutes are posted to the workNet calendar. Chairman Rico called for a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Elba Aranda-Suh moved that the minutes be approved with the correction. Marlon McClinton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and attending board members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected.</p>	Chairman Rico
1:15 pm	<p><b>IWIB Organizational Chart Overview</b> Ms. Jaeger from KEB has been working with Aimee Julian, Brian Richard, and Lisa Jones to take inventory in PY2021 of where we are, how we've evolved and where to go from here. She shared the draft of the organizational chart and asked the group to review it and identify any redundancies or gaps in effort. This is a working document that Ms. Jaeger will adjust based on feedback and report back to the group every quarter. Chairman Rico suggested sending updates directly to Bethany.</p> <p><b>Annual Report Submission Update</b> This year there was a shift to more closely align with the Unified State Plan and the outcomes directly related to the Unified State Plan. This resulted in the creation of the WIOA Annual Report Committee that worked closely with the Continuous Improvement Committee (CIC). The final report was submitted on time to the Department of Labor (DOL) last week. A version enhanced with individual customer success stories will be shared with the General Assembly prior to December 31, 2020. Work on the 2021 Annual Report was already begun. CIC has developed a 'report card' to determine what to evaluate. The effort is ongoing.</p>	Bethany Jaeger, KEB



	<p><b>IDES</b>  Overview of what IDES has done to respond to the pandemic and address the unprecedented strain it has placed on Illinois workers, as well as how the inaction at the federal level has impacted COVID-related programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More people filed for UI in the first three weeks of the pandemic than in the entirety of 2019.</li> <li>• Twice as many claims were filed from March to October than any other comparable time period.</li> </ul> <p>New IDES Programs: PUA – covers workers historically excluded from UI, and PEUC – 13-week benefits extension. Areas IDES is focusing on to improve service: expanding capacity, call center, customer services, and employment services.</p>	Kristin Richards
	<p><b>DCEO</b>  DCEO applied for two DOL dislocated worker grants, securing \$16 million for COVID response. Funds were used to mitigate local issues and start the contact tracer program. DCEO partnered with Coursera to provide free online training and is considering a gap analysis on all the online offerings that connect clients to training and education.</p> <p>Three initiatives will launch in 2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Association of Supply Chain Managers</i> (Southern, SW Illinois, and Metro Chicago) - get people into supply chain management.</li> <li>2. <i>National Association of HR Professionals</i> – develop apprenticeships in Human Resources.</li> <li>3. <i>Illinois Office of Film</i> - Working with The Illinois Arts Council on a creative arts initiative to create jobs for professionals in the arts.</li> </ol>	Julio Rodriguez
1:50 pm	<p><b>Business Discussion Follow-up</b>  Ms. Veck will return and present a full version of this discussion in 2021.</p>	Stephanie Veck, Maher & Maher
1:50 pm	<p><b>Holiday Cheer</b> – the group shared holiday best wishes via a video.</p>	Chairman Rico
1:55 pm	<p><b>Call for Public Comment</b> – Chairman Rico called for public comment, there was none.</p> <p><b>Next Quarterly Meetings:</b> Informational – March 17, 2021;  Business – March 19, 2021</p>	Chairman Rico
2:00 pm	<p><b>Adjournment</b>  Chairman Rico called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Hacker moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Barb Oilschlager. Following a unanimous voice vote to accept the motion to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.</p>	Chairman Rico