



**Massachusetts Workforce Association
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

Stan Usovicz, Chair

Thursday, April 11, 2019 10:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

Location: MassHire South Shore Career Center, 1515 Hancock St., Suite 101, Quincy, MA 02169

Attendees:

Present -

Stan Usovicz, *Verizon/MassHire North Shore Workforce Board*

Valerie Sutton, *Harvard University/MassHire Metro North Workforce Board*

Robert Bower, *MA AFL-CIO/CLU*

James Oliveria, *MassHire Greater New Bedford Workforce Board*

Harneen Chernow, *1199SEIU Training & Upgrading Fund*

David Gadaire, *MassHire Holyoke Career Center*

Michael Weekes, *Providers' Council*

Maddrey Goode, *MassHire Boston Career Center*

Joseph Peters, *United Plastics*

Present via Phone -

Erin Travassos, *Eversource*

Absent -

Suzanne Fernandes, *Mutual Bank/MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board*

Mary Sarris, *MassHire North Shore Workforce Board*

Chris Kealey, *Massachusetts Business Roundtable*

Karen Pelletier, *Worcester Chamber of Commerce*

Raymond Wrobel, *Align Credit Union/MassHire Greater Lowell Workforce Board*

Staff -

Tonja Mettlach, *MWA Executive Director*

Guests -

Nancy Snyder, *Consultant*

Dean Rizzo, *MassHire South Shore Workforce Board*

Ron Iacobucci, *MassHire South Shore Career Center*

Minutes:

Chair's Welcome and Introductions, Stan Usovicz

- Stan called the meeting to order and introduced Ron and Dean to welcome the Board to the MassHire South Shore Career Center.
- Ron and Dean provided a welcome and an overview of the new Career Center and manufacturing initiative in the South Shore.

Approval of December and January Meeting Minutes, *Stan Usovicz*

- Vote: Motion to approve the January board meeting minutes (Robert Bower move, Michael Weeks second)
 - Unanimous
- Vote: Motion to approve the December board meeting minutes (Valerie Sutton move, Robert Bower second)
 - Unanimous

Discussion of Strategic Priorities, *Nancy Snyder, Consultant*

- See detailed notes attached hereto.

Action Items, *Valerie Sutton*

- Valerie, as chair of the Governance committee, provided an update on the Governance committee including who is on the committee and what its focus areas will be.
- There was then a discussion about creating a Membership Committee and a Public Policy Committee given the member feedback at the Joint Council meeting and the priorities of the association.
- Vote: Motion to create a Membership Committee (David Gadaire move, Michael Weeks second)
 - Unanimous
- Vote: Motion to create a Public Policy Committee (Joe Peters move, Robert Bower second)
 - Unanimous

Executive Director Update, *Tonja Mettlach*

- Tonja provided an update on the state budget. HWM budget was released earlier this week and included great funding recommendations for WCTF, Connecting Activities, and YouthWorks. MWA with its partners are pushing four amendments and engaging MWA members to contact their local Reps to support our budget priorities.
- Tonja and Robert Bower provided an update of MWA's trip to D.C. and meetings that were held with 9 of the 11 members of our Congressional delegation.
- Tonja also reminded Board members to register to MWA's annual meeting, including sharing who has confirmed to speak thus far.

Adjournment and Lunch

- Motion to adjourn for lunch.