



## **NEMO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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### **NEMO Workforce Development Board (WDB) Employer Engagement Committee Meeting June 1, 2022**

#### **Members Present**

Jim Kolve  
Annette Sweet  
Amanda Sizemore

#### **Members Absent**

Michael Purol  
Glenn Eagan  
Steven Garner  
Julie Rodgers  
Erin Dennis  
Jennifer Taylor

#### **Guests Present**

Shari Schenewerk  
Lisa Blickhan  
Janet Meyers  
Mandy McClanahan  
Jenn Weber  
David Gaines  
Ruth Whitis  
Latrisha Hicks

#### **WDB Staff Present**

Diane Simbro  
Wonda Hart

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Jim Kolve called the NEMO WDB Employer Engagement Committee Meeting to order at approximately 10:00 am. The meeting was conducted in person and electronically through Zoom.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and three Committee members were present. A total of 13 people were in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

Amanda Sizemore moved to approve the Agenda and the March 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Annette Sweet seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Jim shared information on *Finding Our New Normal*, *Engaging a Hidden Workforce* and *Recruit and Retain Beyond the Job Posting*. The documents will be sent to the Committee Members via email.

### **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – ALL ATTENDEES INVITED TO SHARE EVENTS, ETC.**

Diane shared information on Coursera/Comp Tia and using those free courses offered by OWD to fill in skill gaps, upskill job seekers and as an additional service to offer employers. She also shared information

from MERIC on in-demand jobs and career pathways and how transferrable skills can be used along with additional training or education to move a person upward on their career ladder.

Shari said Doyle Manufacturing continues to expand and they are offering flexible schedules to help them recruit and retain employees. Riverview and Doyle merged and Riverview (Hannibal) co-located with Doyle at the Palmyra facility.

It was noted that the Labor Participation Rate increased slightly from February (63%) to March (63.4%) and this was an indication that it was going up.

Amanda, with St. Charles Community College, said that their target for the opening of their new facility in Warren County would be early 2025. She noted that they continue to struggle in finding instructors and that they are currently looking for a CDL instructor.

Mandy shared that employers are conducting hiring events at the Kirksville Job Center. DHL, Cenveo, Preferred Family, Moberly Corrections and the Job Center are hosting a FAFSA Frenzy event. The Kirksville Job Center is also partnering with K-REDI to organize an event targeting Childcare.

Janet, at the Hannibal Job Center, said the Hannibal Walmart will need an additional 30 employees. Job Center staff is also working with Hannibal Lagrange University employees who have been laid off. In addition, Northeast Corrections was also hiring.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned.