

**Northwest Central IL Works (NCI Works)
Meeting**

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

12:00 Noon

Business Employment Skills Team, Inc., 4110 Progress Blvd., Suite 1C, Peru, IL

One Stop Center, 406 Avenue C, Sterling, IL

IL Valley Community College, Room C 325, 815 N. Orlando Smith Avenue, Oglesby, IL

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AGENDA

Call to Order (Patty Head)

Roll Call

Chairman's Comments

Recognition of Guests

Executive Director Comments

Consent Agenda (*Action Item*)

Consent Agenda Items - Anyone may remove an item from the consent item list by requesting the chair to do so. Items removed will be discussed and voted upon immediately following passage of the remaining consent items.

NCI Works (November 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes) (**Page 1**)

Business Meeting

Committee Reports

- Employer Engagement Committee (February 4, 2025) (**Page 7**)
- Youth Committee (February 11, 2025) (**Page 9**)
- One Stop Partner Committee (February 18) (**Page 14**)

Oversight Committee Report

- Approval of the Financial Reports Ending December 31, 2024 (*Action Item*) (Page 17)
- Approval Second Quarter Title I Performance Report (*Action Item*) (Page 20)
- Approval of PY 24 Second Quarter Partner Report (*Action Item*) (Page 21)
- Review of the Partner Referral Report (Page 22)
- Review of One Stop Partner Customer Satisfaction Survey (Page 23)
- Training Program Recertifications from Illinois Valley Community College (*Action Item*) (Page 26)
 - Medical Administrative Assistant
 - Truck Driver Training Advanced Proficiency Certificate
 - Welding Advanced Construction Certificate
 - Welding Basic Construction Certificate
 - Welding Production Certificate
- Training Recertifications from Sauk Valley Community College (*Action Item*) (Page 26)
 - Pharmacy Technician Program with Clinical Externship
 - Phlebotomy Technician with Clinical Externship

Other Business

- Approval of Report of Outcome for MOU Budget (*Action Item*) (Page 27)
- Approval of the PY 25 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (*Action Item*) (Page 30)
- Grant Application(s) Updates (Carrie Folken)
- Request approval for any grant modifications (if necessary) (Carrie Folken) (*Possible Action Item*)
- Partner Updates (Partner members) and Member updates (NCI Works members that want to update the board about their business needs)
- Apprenticeship Activities

Summary of Grant Goals

Goals for this program/grant year was to get the Borg Warner CNC standards approved and signed. This has taken place and was signed by US DOL on July 1st.

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Status update on Strategic Partnership Activities

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Status update on Employer Engagement Activities

An event was held in partnership with Northwest Illinois Economic Development. That event engaged primarily the hospitality industry along with Jo Daviess County Transit. Jo Daviess Co. Transit is very interested in apprenticeship programs and is soliciting support from their stakeholders. A follow up will be planned to solidify that interest.

- Membership List (Page 76)
- BEST Success Stories (Page 81)
- Next Meetings:
 - ✓ NCI Works Meeting – May 6, 2025

Public Comments

Adjournment