Northwest Central IL Works (NCI Works)
Meeting
Tuesday, November 3, 2026
12:00 Noon
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc., 4110 Progress Blvd., Suite 1C, Peru, IL
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AGENDA

Call to Order (Patty Head)

Roll Call

Chairman's Comments / Executive Directors Comments (Carrie Folken)

Approval of September 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Page 1) *(Action Item)*

Committee Reports

Business Liaison & Marketing Committee Meeting (DeAnne White) (Page 8) (October 7, 2026)

- Election of Officers *(Action Item)*
    - Slate of Officers –

      Patty Head (Chair)
      DeAnne White (Vice-Chair
      John Spencer (Secretary)

One Stop Services Committee Meeting (Vanessa Hoffeditz) (Page 10) (October 20, 2026)

- Appointment/Selection of an Impartial Negotiator *(Action Item)*

Business Meeting

- Review and Approval of the Financial Reports Ending August 31, 2026 (Jessica Green) *(Action Item)* (Page 14)
- Review & Approval of PY 26 First Quarter Partner Report (Carrie Folken) *(Action Item)* (Page 15)
- Review of the Partner Referral Report (Carrie Folken) (Page 16)

Other Business

- Request approval for any grant modifications (if necessary) (Carrie Folken) *(Possible Action Item)*

- Grant Updates (Carrie Folken)

  PY 2026 State of Illinois Supplemental Grant

  Staff are starting to enroll individuals in the work-based learning portion of this grant. The other projects are in the planning stages for later in the winter and spring. Just a reminder, the projects this year are:

  1) Work Based Learning
  2) Subscriptions for tools we use for workforce development
  3) Career exploration field trips for mainly youth exploring pathways with businesses, post-secondary education and our team.
  4) Lunch and Learn virtual events

  Train the Trainer grant

  The training for the trainers has been ongoing. With "Office Hours" and Hypercare sessions. The new IWDS 2.0 roll out wasn't as smooth as they had hoped. The system still has a lot of bugs and updates are pushed out weekly.

- Partner Updates (Partner members) and Member updates (NCI Works members that want to update the board about their business needs)

- BEST Success Stories (Page 17)

- Next Meetings

  ✓ NCI Works Executive Committee Meeting Schedule for 2027

  - January 5
  - July 6

  ✓ NCI Works Meeting Schedule for 2027

  - March 2
  - May 4
  - September 7
  - November 2

Public Comments

Adjournment