

Area 8 WIB Meeting Minutes

9/25/2025

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Radway at 2:33pm

Members Present: Rob Radway, Jodi Knouff, Dave Krendl, Stacey Pickens-Smith, Nathan Strange®, Fred Rush, Josh Bloomfield, Lesia Arnett®, Gary McPheron, Logan O'Neill, Brad Wendel, Amanda Miller®, Tammy Eilerman, Justin Bloomhorst. quorum met. Julie Marchal, Carol Knapke, Tara Shepard & Troy Suchland

Chairman Radway reviewed the standing Committees. Amanda Miller has been added to Goal #1. This committee will provide an update at the next Board meeting regarding work toward classroom collaboration with traditional and vocational schools.

Goal #2 committee has met and will report at the next meeting for the work they are doing.

Goal #3 has met. They are collaborating with Business Advisory Councils to share resources. Review State curriculum for education and reviewing OMJ Centers.

Anita Kremer, Fiscal Officer, provided copies of the financial report. Anita has distributed the Special Project #2 funds to each county and will recommend redistribution between counties when necessary. She continues to work with State finance staff designating both Special Projects for reporting and performance. Anita also introduced language for consideration of the Board for Hardin County's contribution of \$20,000.00 toward Director Freymuth's contract. Logan O'Neill 1st, Dave Krendl 2nd; motion passed unanimously. Anita helped clarify Rapid Response fund question and also discussed required quarterly & monthly reports for both Special Projects.

Director Freymuth reported that not much has changed on the Federal budget however, there is threat of a Government shut down for October 1, 2025.

Mercer OMJ has completed their State CCMEP/WIOA monitoring with 2 CIP's completed.

Auglaize OMJ has completed their Area fiscal & program monitoring. Anita is finalizing her report. Anita and Director Freymuth will be scheduling the other counties.

Auglaize & Mercer counties were visited by a Secret Shopper seeking Adult Services, both passed with no concerns.

MOU submitted to State.

OMJ Center certification template is still being developed

Attended OWA conference last week. Lots of discussion regarding Federal funding.

Rapid Response events in both Auglaize and Mercer counties. Ohio is seeing an uptick in these events.

Michael Burkholder, ODJFS Workforce Specialist presented meaningful information regarding TechCred, how much each county has achieved in credentials, reimbursements and how many employees affected. Great discussion on how TechCred can be used by employers as well as IMAP for employees.

Next Board meeting is November 20, 2025.

Chairman Radway adjourned the meeting at 4:16pm.