

Area 8 Workforce Board
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2025 @ 2:30pm
JTDMH Board Room

Board President, Rob Radway at 2:30pm

Roll Call: Present, Lesia Arnett, Rob Radway, Fred Rush, Dave Krendl, Carol Knapke (remote), Fiscal Officer Anita Kremer and Amy Freymuth

Approval of Executive Committee minutes from the August 21, 2025, meeting approved unanimously without additions or corrections moved first by Lesia Arnett; second by Carol Knapke

Jodi Knouff was welcomed as the new Executive Committee member.

Amy Freymuth reported on the following:

Special Project – #1 continues with Auglaize, Hardin and Mercer counties

#2 monthly reports are due on the 1st of each month, 1st one was tardy due to counties not reporting data timely.

Government shut down has not yet affected Area 8's funding.

Mercer County OMJ Amendment was submitted to the State for signature.

MOU is still waiting for signatures from State staff. No explanation as to why it is not signed yet.

Discussion regarding having 3 representatives appointed by each BOCC discussed. Currently Auglaize and Mercer have 3 while Hardin and Van Wert have 2. Amy had discussion with State staff seeking input on having all 3 counties the same. Amy instructed that it was decided at a local level with the Chief Operating Officers. Amy to meet with BOCC's to seek input on the potential change.

2 Rapid Response events were last reported to Amy on October 5th.

Committees have been meeting, Amy had a phone meeting with Josh Bloomfield as he had questions regarding the Goal. It has become a common theme that Business Advisory Councils are doing much of the same work therefore, OMJ center staff should be actively involved with those groups.

Hardin and Van Wert OMJ Center Certification dates were swapped to accommodate their staff schedules.

Amy to propose the 2026 meeting calendar.

Anita Kremer provided fiscal updates. She continues to work with the individual counties on making sure all funds are spent. Additionally, she is spending time working with State staff regarding the 2 special projects.

Chairman Radway lead discussion regarding TechCred. He also suggested that any guest speakers moving forward, present at the beginning of the meeting and be limited to 15 minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57pm, by Chairman Radway

*The meeting minutes from the August 21, 2025 meeting will be amended to reflect the approval of a reimbursement to Amy Freymuth for the purchase of software to be used in the Area 8 laptop. Amy was instructed to send the paid invoice to Anita Kremer.