

AREA 8 WORKFORCE BOARD AGENDA

Location: Auglaize County Administrative Building

Date 9/24/2026 Time: 2:30 pm

1. Roll call

2. Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2026 meeting

3. Executive Committee minutes

4. Board Standing Committees

Goal #1: Nurturing Flexible Work Environments | The Board aspires to cultivate flexible work schedules and environments, allowing employers to meet the transportation and childcare needs of the region's workforce. This goal involves the creation and implementation of an online survey to understand real world needs, convening employers to set innovative goals around flexible work schedules, and evaluating the impact on employee retention. Chair Dave Krendl

Goal #2: Establishing Work-Based Learning Programs | The Board aims to initiate a collaborative effort to establish a work-based learning program to serve employers, high school seniors, adults, and their communities. The program targets to achieve 10% program completion by high school seniors in the first year and 25% by the fifth year, with the outcome measure to have more participants return to work locally. Chair Josh Bloomfield

Goal #3: Developing Collaborative Partnerships for Career Pathways | The Board seeks to develop local collaborative partnerships with public and private entities to engage students in career pathways by establishing a standardized career exploration curriculum and employer activities. The curriculum is slated to be established by the 2026-

2027 school year, with results being evaluated on a quarterly basis. Co-Chairs Tammy Eilerman & Jodi Knouff

5. Executive Committee Minutes

6. Fiscal - Anita

- Special Projects #1 and #2: As reported by counties, all funds are on target to be spent. These projects ended June 30, 2026, with a liquidation by September 30, 2026.

7. Director & Legislative Updates

- Bi-annual required voting for Chair and Vice Chair positions
- Board Chair temporary leave
- Area 8 Fiscal Agent requiring Board minutes reflect Director duties
- Data Sharing agreement delayed
- Executive Committee meeting with Mercer County Commissioners
- Meeting with ODJFS Assistant Director Brad Barger
- OWA Conference updates

8. Good of the Order

9. Adjournment