



The Workforce Connection Board and Chief Elected Officials

The Workforce Connection, Inc.

Local Workforce Innovation Board

Serving Boone, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Time: 8:00 am to 9:00 am

Location: Rockford Public Library, 215 N. Wyman Street, Rockford, Illinois

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Mission Statement

The Workforce Connection is committed to providing a workforce that meets the needs of the business community now and in the future.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

- a. TWC Board
- b. Chief Elected Officials

Michelle Cassaro, TWC Board Chair
Mayor Thomas McNamara, CEO Chair

2. Roll Call

- a. TWC Board
- b. Chief Elected Officials

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes-*TWC Board & CEO Action Item (Voice Vote)*

- a. TWC Board Meeting Minutes – 03/04/2025
- b. CEO Meeting Minutes – 03/04/2025

Michelle Cassaro, TWC Board Chair
Mayor Thomas McNamara, CEO Chair

4. Board Member Recognition

Michelle Cassaro

5. Training Provider and Program Approvals and Re-Approvals-*TWC Board & CEO Action Item (Voice Vote)*

Emily Welsh

6. Approval of One-Stop Operator & Title 1-B Career Services for Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Trade Award-*TWC Board & CEO Action Item (Roll Call Vote)*

Pamela Lopez-Fettes

7. Approval of Youth Services Award-*TWC Board & CEO Action Item (Roll Call Vote)*

Scott Bloomquist

8. Approval of Program Year 2025 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)-*TWC Board & CEO Action Item (Roll Call Vote)*

Ben Bernsten

9. Program Year 2025 WIOA Budget

Dr. Gina Caronna and Dan White

10. Finance

Paul Nolley, Finance Committee Chair

- a. Finance Report – April 2025
- b. Community Foundation - 03/31/2025 Update

11. Keynote Speaker

EMT and Firefighter Apprenticeship

E.J. Dilonardo, North Boone Fire District #3

12. Virtual Reality Presentation

Mitch Dickey, Transfer VR

13. Board Chair’s Remarks

Michelle Cassaro

14. President & CEO’s Remarks

Dr. Gina Caronna

15. Member Comments

16. Board Member Engagement Opportunities

Dr. Gina Caronna

17. Public Comment

18. Adjournment

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