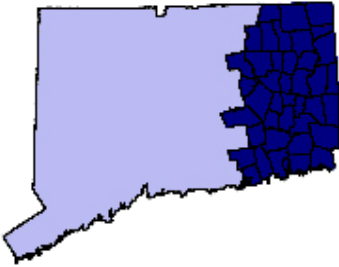


EASTERN CT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS

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CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2022

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS: Thomas Sparkman, *Lisbon*; Ron McDaniel, *Montville*; Chris Lippke, *Canterbury*; & Kevin Cunningham, *Plainfield*

OTHERS: Jim Butler, John Filchak, Mark Hill, Carol LaBelle, Guy Saporito, & Sheila Taurianen

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sparkman called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made to accept the minutes from the December 2, 2021, EWIB CEO Council meeting, as presented (*CUNNINGHAM/McDANIEL*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

- **President's Presentation** - Mr. Hill reviewed several items with the Council to highlight strong community support and brand awareness for EWIB's workforce programs. Those items included 1) a visit from U.S. Rep. Courtney and subsequent press release labelling the MPI as a "blockbuster success"; 2) a visit from U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona to review the MPI/YMPI programs, which he then advocated for national expansion of these programs; 3) a meeting with state legislators, who pledged their support for EWIB programs; 4) a launch of the state's CareerConneCT initiative, which expands the MPI program to other regions and sectors in the state; and 5) strong advocacy from Electric Boat leadership to the MPI as a "secret weapon critical to our success" at its annual legislative update. Mr. Hill also commended EWIB staff for working on four funding pursuits simultaneously, with applications due in the next month.
 - **EWIB FY21 Audit** - Mr. Saporito provided an overview of the annual Independent Auditor's Report and accompanying financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The opinion rendered by the Auditors contained no findings and expressed their overall satisfaction with the organization's financials, as



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evident in their opinion. A **MOTION** was made to approve EWIB's financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 as presented (*CUNNINGHAM/McDANIEL*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

- ***EWIB Board Member Approval*** – A letter nominating seCTer Executive Director, Paul Whitescarver, to EWIB's Board of Directors to fill the Economic Development position left vacant from the departure of Nancy Cowser from seCTer was reviewed. A **MOTION** was made to approve seCTer Executive Director Paul Whitescarver to EWIB's Board of Directors (*CUNNINGHAM/McDANIEL*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting (*CUNNINGHAM/McDANIEL*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.