

**MassHire Central Region Workforce Board
Executive Committee
August 19, 2022; 8:30 AM
Conducted via webex**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Paul Gilbody, Robin Hooper, Joshua Froimson; Jennifer Almeida,
Staff: Jeff Turgeon

- Paul Gilbody welcomed everyone to the Webex meeting and asked everyone to review the agenda and note any conflicts of interest. None were noted.
- The committee reviewed the June 17, 2022 meeting minutes on screen and a motion was made and seconded to accept the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- J. Turgeon informed the committee of an operational issue happening at the Worcester career center/Board office; a large leak from the HVAC unit had flooded a hallway and adjoining offices (twice) and the work to remediate the water significantly impacted operations and due to concerns about potential for mold, all staff have either been relocated or working remotely. In order to serve any career center customers that do not have internet access, a table has been set up in City Hall and J. Ryan Weekes is looking into use of space in the City's Municipal Service Center on Main Street until the current building can be tested to ensure the absence of mold (or until the move into the new facility in January). P. Gilbody suggested the City look into making a claim through the building owner's insurance for lost operations. J. Turgeon will explore this with City officials.
- J. Turgeon then reviewed Board programming, including the summer YouthWorks program that served more than 420 youth in Worcester, Southbridge, and Milford, and work on grants and grant applications, including one being developed by J. Almeida and the MA Restaurant Association.
- J. Turgeon then discussed the status of open vacancies at the career center – and a few pending offers that have been extended to candidates, and informed the committee that a new program manager has started at the MCRWB. Her name is Maria Sanchez and she is working now on the state-funded manufacturing initiative.
- The executive committee meeting will next meet on Friday, September 16, 2022 at 8:30am
- Hearing no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: J. Turgeon