



SWW Workforce Development Board

Meeting Minutes

of June 22, 2021 Online (ZOOM) Meeting

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Serafini (Chair), Ash Anand, Michael Bittel, Gary Dake, Dan Dudley, Mark Fish, Maureen Grabowski, Kathy LaFond, Tara McCaughey, Mike Munter, Turina Parker, Caelynn Prylo, Tracey Riley, Shelby Schneider, Wendy Skawinski, Mary Ann Spezio, Tracy Stadel, John Wheatley. (18)

EXCUSED: Scott Brazie, Michael Kelly, Patricia Klimkewicz, Laura Oswald, Marcy McNamara, Michael Mastropietro, Zack Moore, Dominick Patrignani, Ryan VanAmburgh (9)

GUESTS: Jen McCloskey, Emily Walters (2)

STAFF: Gretchen Steffan, Executive Director

Welcome...Chairman Serafini facilitated the meeting and welcomed all.

1. Discussion Local Plan for SWW

Action Item

Discussion on the draft document. Inputs included:

- a. **Agriculture** section by Michael Bittel.
- b. Caelynn Pyro indicated that **Craft Brewing** should be noted in the plan as this is a burgeoning and growing sector of the economy. Brewers and Distillers are hard to find and Schenectady Community College continues to offer training for this discipline.
- c. Gary Dake mentioned that **Diesel Mechanics** are in demand and Mechanics in general are included in that need. Further **HVAC technicians** are needed due to the heavy demands within the region.
- d. Tara McCaughey mentioned that Global Foundries is now the Corporate Headquarters and will be hiring volumes of **technicians** and **engineers** to support the growth of their high-tech manufacturing, so we should include more within the plan.
- e. Shelby mentioned that **childcare** demand remains significant, both in terms of availability and wrap-around services.

The Board voted unanimously to move the document forward with these modifications, as well as approving the Youth Basic Skills Deficiency Policy.

Motion to Approve: by Shelby Schneider; **Second:** Turina Parker

Discussion: No further; **Vote:** Approved unanimously.

2. Additional Opportunity for Board Member Comments

None...

3. Adjournment at 3:30 pm.

Motion to Adjourn: by Michael Bittel; **Second:** Maureen Grabowski

Vote: Approved unanimously.