



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Commission on Economic & Workforce Development

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

4:00 PM

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:18 p.m.

Staff and others present: Dave Phillips and Peter Ouchakof (staff).

Present 5 - PATRICK MILES, MARIANNE MORTON, PAT SCHRAMM, Chair MICHAEL
ZIMMERMAN, and JOE OSWALD

Excused 4 - YOGI BROWN, DOROTHY KRAUSE, BRYAN FOSTER, and NADEEM AFGHAN

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

C. Consideration of Minutes

Motion by Schramm, seconded by Morton, to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2018 COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC AND
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MEETING.

Attachments: [8.8.18_Minutes](#)

The Minutes were approved.

D. Reports to Committee

Commissioner Schramm, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board (WDB) of South Central Wisconsin, provided an update to the Commission on worker dislocation initiatives and apprentice programs.

Businesses with 25 or more employees are required to submit a WARN Notice to the State if the business will be closing. Individual employees are automatically eligible for dislocation assistance from the WDB when a closing notice is made. 1,935 workers were affected by business closures in 2017, up from 1,058 affected workers in 2016. The retail industry has had the highest share of business closings in recent years due to the emergence of online shopping, accounting for 12 of the 25 business closures in south-central WI in 2017.

WDBSCW is working on 3 unique initiatives to support registered apprenticeship work. The WAGE\$ grant is intended to establish registered apprenticeships in new areas, including: Health Care (registered Medical Assistant); Information Technology (IT Help Desk Technician, Data Analyst, Software Programmer); and Manufacturing (Mechatronic and Industrial Maintenance). Apprenticeship Expansion includes Biotechnology Associate and Construction apprenticeships targeted to women and people of color.

E. Discussion Items

Commission continued discussion of business walk planning. Staff will talk with Kennedy Turner (organizer of the business walk program) about focusing on Todd Drive/ Beltline/ Fish Hatchery area plus one nearby small community. Staff will look at economic and demographic data for outlying communities in Dane County outside the Madison. The City of Madison and Fitchburg have both expressed interest in partnering on the business walk in/ around the area of the future annexation of the Town of Madison.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Bill Clingan- Big Step/WRTP

Next Meeting: October 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 421 of the City-County Building.

G. Adjourn

Motion by Schramm, seconded by Miles, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

This was approved