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**Elected Official**

Donald W. Layden, Jr.  
**Chair**

## EMPLOY MILWAUKEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Board of Directors**  
**Thursday, March 9, 2023**  
**8:30am-10:00am**  
Via Zoom Technology  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Members:** Don Layden Deshea Agee, Chytania Brown, Carla Cross, Randy Crump, Michael Daily, Pam Fendt, Jennifer Fogarty, Eduardo Garza, Andres Gonzalez, Mark Kessenich, John Kissinger, Steve Martin, Lupe Martinez, Darryl Morin, Alan Perlstein, Karen Spindler, Sylvia Swan, Shannon Lesselyoung,

**Absent Members:** Dan Bukiewicz, Jakeim Jackson-Bell, Maysee Herr, Vicki Martin, Dr. Mark Mone, Dr. Keith Posley, Amanda Manthey

### **Guests:**

**Employ Milwaukee Staff:** Julie Cayo, Lowell Raven, Romell Greer, Brenda King

Chair Donald Layden called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

1. Approval Of Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2022  
Approved Unanimously.
2. Guest Speaker Romell Greer, Special Projects Manager with Employ Milwaukee. Romell discussed with the board the Skillful Transitions program. This program targets the unemployed, part-time, underemployed, and incumbent workers. This program has enrolled 786 participants with a goal of 500, they have been able to offer paid work experience and occupational skills trainings. They have been able to create partnerships with Industry Associations, Public Sector, Community and Faith based Organizations, and Education and Training providers.
3. **Chair Report:**

**Executive Committee:** Don shared that the meeting had several approvals from the program committee, and they did approve everything. Continue conversation with PFA committee to complete an investment policy.

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**CEO Update:** Chytania shared that the year has started off busy, received the Titan 100 Award, WISN 12-Recognized as First Black Woman to Lead EMI, Biz Times Notable BIPOC Executives, Johnson Media did a video Power of Words. We had an event with DWD Winning with Wisconsin's Workforce, and this event showcased the Hospitality and Restaurant Partnerships. We will be attending the WWDA Talent Development Conference in April. New grants received SCSEP which is the Senior Community Service Employment Program also known as the Work Wise program we received \$164,630 to serve 22 participants. Received Layoff notices from Accelerated Clinical Labs, Walmart, Piggly Wiggly, ABM Industries, and Briggs & Stratton that has 677 workers affected. The agency is currently accepting RFP'S for WIOA Adult/Dislocated worker and youth services that we plan to be completed and to the Executive Committee's meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Youth Programs Camp Rise is currently hiring for camp counselors, they have an elder advisory board that will start meeting in April. Applications opened February 27<sup>th</sup> for returning campers, and general applications opened March 1<sup>st</sup>. First day of camp is June 20<sup>th</sup> and last day July 31<sup>st</sup>. Earn and learn has already started worksite applications and orientation meetings that will conclude in May. Participants applications open March 13<sup>th</sup> and close May 19<sup>th</sup>. First day is June 20<sup>th</sup> last day August 6<sup>th</sup>. New partnerships with Journey House and Thrive Design for High School students' construction and design academy. Employer engagement on the spot interviews for manufacturing hiring event took place on February 7<sup>th</sup> with '0 employers and 86 jobseekers in attendance. Upcoming events hospitality onsite hiring event at Sherman Phoenix, US Census Bureau Training and EMI March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Governance, Compliance, & Nominating Committee Update:**

Andres Gonzalez informed the Board that we are fully compliant.

**Personnel, Finance, & Audit Committee Update:**

PFA committee is still in continued discussion on an Investment Policy and the best thing to do with the funds from the sale of the building.

**Program Committee Update:**

Carla informed us that they received the approval for the Water Works grant.

**Youth Committee Update:**

Dr. Posley reported out, no approval items, they discussed the summer programs with Earn & Learn and Camp Rise. They focused on moving forward to have another successful summer.

Adjourned 9:16am

**Next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.**