



CAPE AND ISLANDS WORKFORCE BOARD

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MassHire Cape & Islands Workforce Board

Annual Meeting Agenda

May 26th, 2022: 8:00am

8:00am

Arrival & Breakfast

8:15am

Welcome & Call Meeting to Order - MassHire CIWB Board Chair, Christopher Richards

8:20am

Welcome, MassHire CIWB Executive Director, Kara O'Donnell-Galvin

8:30am

Special Guest & Keynote Speaker, Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, Rosalin Acosta

8:50am

MassHire CIWB Board Business

- *Approval of March Meeting Minutes - **CIWB BOD Vote Only***
- *FY'22 Executive Committee Members: Christopher Richards, Melissa Farrell, David Sampson, Anne Stout, Kris Dower, Lindsay Cole, Julie Wake – **CIWB BOD Vote Only***
- *CIWB Officers: Christopher Richards (Chair), Anne Stout (Vice Chair) Lindsay Cole (Clerk), & Melissa Farrell (Treasurer) - **CIWB BOD Vote Only***
- *New CIWB Board Member: Christine Hochkeppel & Fabienne Renelien-Hannigan (MRC/WIOA Partner) - **CIWB BOD Vote Only***
 - *CIWB Connecting Activities Update*

9:00am

Regional Update, CEO of Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, Paul Niedzwiecki

9:10am

MassHire CIWB 2021 & 2022 Awards

Award recipient list separate.

9:30am

Wrap-up, MassHire CIWB Board Chair, Christopher Richards

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**MassHire Cape & Islands Workforce Board
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 24th, 2022: 8:00am**

- Meeting was called to order at 8:03am by Christopher Richards, Board Chair
- Roll Call
- Approval of January 27th, 2022, meeting minutes (David S./Kris D.)
- Kara introduced Senator Julian Cyr, guest speaker.
 - Sen. Cyr is the Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery; he is Vice Chair of the Elder Affairs Committee and of the Joint Committee of Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
 - Sen. Cyr's discussion included some of the challenges facing his district and the Cape and Islands, including the climate crisis, wastewater, and housing, specifically workforce housing.
 - There has been a 90% drop in housing inventory since 2012 and a 97% drop since 2020.
 - Sen. Cyr said this is not a problem we can "fix" but one that needs to be addressed by local changes; he encouraged attendees to get involved in the happenings with local ZBAs, selectboards, and planning committees.
 - Sen. Cyr said he filed an act relative to housing and discussed potential revenue streams for traditional housing.
 - Jamie Regan echoed the senator's thoughts, saying that this is an "unbelievable time" in real estate and called for zoning to be updated near transportation centers.
 - Julie Wake shared that the transportation issue has impacted the arts; she said that moving forward transportation needs to include infrastructure near the arts.
 - Discussion ensued about deeper train service into the Cape; Cyr noted that the Southcoast Rail System could see improvements to existing service in Bourne.
 - Hope asked for talking points from the senator as it relates to housing.
 - Anne raised the issue of the message that not everyone wants "affordable, low-income housing" because they believe it equates to negative messaging; Cyr said attainable housing or workforce housing are more correct and better terms for what is needed.
- **CIWB Finance Report & Monthly CIWB Financial Update:** David Sampson stated that from a budget standpoint the CIWB is in "very good shape." Kara added that there have been four grants that were brought in since the prior meeting.
- Approval of FY22 CIWB Budget (Anne/Roger)
- **MassHire Cape & Islands Career Center Update:** Kris discussed the recent job seeker survey and stated they would like to do another survey in June to see what trends are happening. Kris also discussed the series of job fairs being held in the coming months with attendees being awarded with incentives such as gas cards and raffles. She said that these were necessary to drive interest with so many people still unemployed. The Career Center is engaged in a CVS training program as part of Healthcare Hubs which they are enthusiastic about and will help since

demand is so high. Kris also explained that the Career Center was preparing for monitoring. Chris Mittel requested copies of job fair information for visually impaired job seekers as it could be an access point for that group. Barbara-jean asked if there was any discussion to include the islands; Kris explained that this training was through CVS and not independent pharmacies.

- **MassHire Cape & Islands Young Adult Update:** Samantha provided an update on the 25th Anniversary of ArtWorks. The CIWB staff is working diligently to prepare for the upcoming two-night art exhibit. This is the first in-person exhibit since the onset of the pandemic. Along with the CIWB, students and artist mentors are looking forward to a great showcase. Samantha also provided a brief overview of the regionwide Connecting Activity goals. Samantha noted how thrilled they were to already meet the goals for the fiscal year. Samantha concluded her discussion with a reminder of the Youth Council Annual Scholarship application.
- **MassHire Cape & Islands Workforce Board Update:** Kara explained about the upcoming monitoring along with the Career Center and praised the great work being done at the CC. She also mentioned that Healthcare Hubs has five new participants and that she and Sam have been working with CommCorp and the CC. Kara also discussed the kick-off of the behavioral health grant and the consortium being developed. She then discussed the new Market Maker position as well as the Inspiring Women's YouTube series created internally with nine local female leaders. Kara also discussed the upcoming Brainstorm session with Community Action Partners, a Harvard Business School alumni group that works to support non-profits in their work. Kara asked Silene to discuss her participation in a recent radio broadcast. Silene appeared on WCAI-NPR in a program that was done in tandem with a radio station (Source FM) in Cornwall, UK. The series, "Falmouth to Falmouth" documents challenges being faced in both Cape Cod and the Cornwall community, with this session addressing housing insecurity and costs and included a live conversation with participants in both countries. Kara also discussed upcoming grant opportunities being pursued, including through the Cape Cod Foundation. Lastly, Kara reminded everyone that the in-person annual meeting would be held at the Hyannis Yacht Club on May 26 at 8am.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:21am

Attendees:

Marnell Cash

Dr. Barbara-jean Chauvin

Kris Dower

Melissa Farrell

Roger Forget

Dr. Hope Hanscom

Diane Hurley

Christopher Mittel

Paul Niedzwiecki

Jamie Regan

Christopher Richards

Dr. William Roberts

Ann Robinson

David Rose

Maryanne Ryan

David Sampson

Robert Sanborn

Anne Stout

Julie Wake



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Board Member Attendance: March 24th, 2022

First, Last	Yes	No	First, Last	Yes	No
Dora Camara		X	Paul Niedzwiecki	X	
Marnell Cash	X		Jamie Regan	X	
Dr. Barbara-jean Chauvin	X		Christopher Richards, Chair	X	
Lindsay Cole, Secretary		X	Dr. William Roberts	X	
Dr. John Cox		X	Ann Robinson	X	
Kris Dower	X		David Rose		X
Melissa Farrell	X		Maryanne Ryan	X	
Chris Flanagan		X	David Sampson, Treasurer	X	
Roger Forget	X		Robert Sanborn	X	
Dr. Hope Hanscom	X		Wendy Savary		X
Diane Hurley	X		Anne Stout	X	
Carol Lidard		X	Julie Wake	X	
Sheila Lyons		X	Theresa Whelan		X
Christopher Mittell	X				

Clerk: L Cole Date: 5/24/22