



Local Elected Official (LEO) Board Meeting

June 21, 2023

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Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

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Local Elected Official (LEO) Board Meeting Agenda

Union County Government Center, Lewisburg
Wednesday, June 21, 2023 9:00 a.m.

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| I. | Call to Order and Approval of Minutes | Dave Kovach |
| II. | Public Comment | |
| III. | WDB Membership | Dave Kovach |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Action Needed: Appointment of WDB Candidate | |
| IV. | Executive Director's Update | Erica Mulberger |
| V. | Open Discussion | |
| VI. | Adjournment/Date of Next Meeting | Dave Kovach |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive Committee – August 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.LEO Board – September 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.WDB/LEO Board – September 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. | |

Local Elected Official Board Action Items June 21, 2023

1. Motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2023 LEO Board meeting.

Motion:

Second:

2. Motion to appoint Jennifer Stehman, to the Workforce Development Board as a business organization representative with a term from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

Motion:

Second:

Local Elected Officials (LEO Board)

Meeting Notes

March 15, 2023

The Local Elected Official (LEO) Board of Advance Central PA held a meeting Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

LEO Board Members Attending

Commissioner Angela Harding, Clinton County
Commissioner Kenneth Holdren, Montour County
Commissioner Joe Klebon, Northumberland County
Commissioner David Kovach, Columbia County
Commissioner Richard Mirabito, Lycoming County
Commissioner Chuck Steininger, Snyder County

LEO Board Members Excused

Commissioner Steven Dershem, Centre County
Commissioner Robert Postal, Mifflin County
Commissioner Stacy Richards, Union County

Guests Attending

Jon DeWald - Solicitor
Dave Zartman

WDB Staff Attending

Alexa Hann
Korrie Lucas
Erica Mulberger
Gabi Randall
Kelly Walter

Call to Order and Welcome

Ken Holdren, LEO Board Chair, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and confirmed a quorum was met.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Holdren called for a motion to approve the December 21, 2022 meeting minutes previously sent to all LEO Board members.

- ▲ Commissioner Harding made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2022 LEO Board meeting. Commissioner Mirabito seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with no abstentions.

Invitation for Public Comments

Commissioner Holdren opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

Workforce Development Board (WDB) Membership

Ken explained that with Jim Nemeth's retirement, Advance Central PA has a vacancy for a private-sector member on the WDB. Nominations can come from any county in the region since there are currently members from each of the nine-counties. To be considered, the person must be a leader with authority within their place of business. It is imperative for compliance that a candidate is appointed at the next meeting in June, so Ken welcomed nominations to be vetted by the Governance Committee.

Executive Director's Update

Erica Mulberger, Advance Central PA Executive Director, provided updates.

Early Childhood Education

In early March, the Pennsylvania Early Learning Investment Commission released a report: *\$6.65 Billion: The Growing Annual Cost of Pennsylvania's Child Care Crisis*. This followed a report released in January 2023 from Start Strong PA: *The High Cost of Working in Early Childhood Education*. Both demonstrate the inadequate early childhood education options and the negative effects felt by parents, businesses, and taxpayers. The LEO Board reviewed and discussed highlights from each report, including county level data in the Start Strong PA report showing the childcare worker wage for all counties in the region is below the cost of living in their respective counties and data that shows wages do not align with the degrees required for some of the positions. Erica cited data that it will be 10-13 years until the workforce is replenished given current conditions and the critical need for businesses and the public to see early childhood education as a workforce issue.

Across the region, there are various groups working to develop solutions. The Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way (GSVUW) has worked to bring them together via an Early Learning Council and recently asked Advance Central PA to take the lead with coordinating the group. A contract is being drafted to that end.

Commissioner Mirabito commended the partnership and added that the issues must rise to the state and federal levels in order to impact positive change. Erica shared the Early Learning Council is currently developing an advocacy letter with a vision it will be signed by partner organizations. The LEO Board discussed and agreed to see the results of that letter, but recommended that perhaps a separate letter should then be sent on behalf of the Advance Central PA LEO Board and WDB to increase impact on what is clearly a workforce issue. Further, Commissioners requested that with Advance Central PA's lead, an action of the Early Learning Council might be to invite elected officials at the state and federal levels to a round-table for the purposes of educating them and advocating for needed change.

Third Party Evaluation Recommendations

The procured provider of the evaluation of Advance Central PA and PA CareerLink® services in the region, Research Evaluation Consultants (REC) finalized their report and recommendations in December 2022. REC presented findings and recommended actionable next steps to the Executive Committee during the January 2023 meeting. A report will be provided to the LEO and the full WDB at a future meeting.

Open Discussion

None.

Date of Next Meetings

Commissioner Holdren announced the following upcoming meetings:

- Executive Committee – April 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
- Annual Meeting of the Members/LEO Board Meeting – June 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
- WDB/LEO Board – June 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

With no further business to attend to, Commissioner Holdren adjourned the LEO Board at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Walter



Office/Board Coordinator