

# Local Elected Official (LEO) Board Meeting

September 20, 2023 Union County Government Center Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

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### Local Elected Official (LEO) Board Meeting Agenda

Union County Government Center, Lewisburg Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

I.	Call to Order and Approval of Minutes	Ken Holdren
II.	Public Comment	
111.	Assistant Director's Update	Korrie Lucas
IV.	Open Discussion	
V.	<ul> <li>Adjournment/Date of Next Meeting</li> <li>Executive Committee – October 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>LEO Board – December 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.</li> </ul>	Ken Holdren

• WDB/LEO Board – December 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

## Local Elected Officials (LEO Board)

#### Meeting Notes June 21, 2023

The Local Elected Official (LEO) Board of Advance Central PA held a meeting Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

#### LEO Board Members Attending

Commissioner David Kovach, Columbia County Commissioner Richard Mirabito, Lycoming County Commissioner Robert Postal, Mifflin County Commissioner Stacy Richards, Union County Commissioner Chuck Steininger, Snyder County

#### LEO Board Members Excused

Commissioner Steven Dershem, Centre County Commissioner Angela Harding, Clinton County Commissioner Kenneth Holdren, Montour County Commissioner Joe Klebon, Northumberland County

#### **Guests Attending**

Jon DeWald - Solicitor Dave Zartman

#### WDB Staff Attending

Alexa Hann Brooke Gessner Erica Mulberger Gabi Randall Melanie Scurto Kelly Walte

#### Call to Order and Welcome

Commissioner David Kovach, from Columbia County, filling in for Kenneth Holdren, opened the meeting at 9:13 a.m. and confirmed a quorum was met.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Kovach called for a motion to approve the March 15, 2023 meeting minutes previously sent to all LEO Board members.

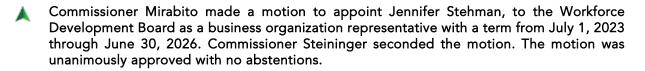
Commissioner Mirabito made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2023 LEO Board meeting. Commissioner Postal seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one abstention. Commissioner Richards abstained due to absence.

#### Invitation for Public Comments

Commissioner Dave Kovach opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

#### Workforce Development Board (WDB) Membership

Erica Mulberger, Advance Central PA Executive Director, reported the Governance Committee has reviewed an application from Jennifer Stehman for Workforce Development Board (WDB) member. Jennifer is the Senior Director of Human Resources at UPMC. She is excited to be more involved in the community and, as an example, is partnering with the PA CareerLink<sup>®</sup> Lycoming County to offer workshops and help solve workforce problems. She would fulfill a business representative position. The Governance Committee is pleased to recommend her application for LEO Board consideration.



#### Executive Director's Update

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

#### **Certification**

Erica stated that with the appointment of Jennifer to the WDB, Advance Central PA will be back in compliance with WIOA. This will allow for the state's re-certification process of Advance Central PA to continue.

#### **Apprenticeships**

Staff is working diligently on apprenticeship relationships, including to become even more involved with career & technical education (CTE) in order to generate interest with high school students. Members held discussion on implementing the model used by the Department of Corrections within high schools because of the high success rate, teaching skills, and moving students into Registered Apprenticeship. HVAC and landscaping are some of the programs offered to the incarcerated population.

Erica described the Lycoming County Second-Chance Hiring Summit. She was a panelist during the May 2023 summit which highlighted tools and resources for effectively recruiting, hiring, and retaining second-chance employees in Lycoming County.

Commissioner Richards discussed the Inflation Reduction Act and impressive tax credits as well as rebates in regard to renewable energy. This could benefit apprenticeship opportunities in HVAC and solar energy in our area.

Erica shared that staff is currently working on a PAsmart grant project with Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology (CPI) to develop a Registered Apprenticeship program for Solar PV Installers. Staff are working hard to bring the program to the agenda for first review by the Apprenticeship & Training Office in July. This would be the first Registered Apprenticeship program for solar in Pennsylvania.

Erica also described the Building Green Futures program for a weatherization certification. Advance Central PA has partnered with the Pennsylvania College of Technology to promote and offer this entrylevel training opportunity. The six-week training program with a mentor and field assignments result in a certificate that meets employers standards for entry-level employment. Due to limited interest in the program, despite the PA CareerLink<sup>®</sup> and Advance Central PA actively promoting the opportunity, three onsite recruitment events encouraging people to attend and apply for the program and weatherization related employment are scheduled to take place prior to July 1.

#### **Open Discussion**

None.

#### **Date of Next Meetings**

Commissioner Kovach announced the following upcoming meetings:

- Executive Committee August 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
- LEO Board Meeting September 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
- WDB/LEO Board September 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

#### Adjournment

With no further business to attend to, Commissioner Kovach adjourned the LEO Board at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Walter

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Office/Board Coordinator



### Local Elected Official Board Action Items September 20, 2023

1. Motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2023 LEO Board meeting.

Motion:

Second: