



Local Elected Official (LEO) Board Meeting

March 19, 2025

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Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

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Local Elected Official (LEO) Board Meeting Agenda

Union County Government Center, Lewisburg
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

9:00 – 9:05	Call to Order and Approval of Minutes	Rob Postal
9:05 – 9:10	Public Comment	
9:10 – 9:15	WDB Membership	Rob Postal
	– Action Needed: Appoint new Workforce Development Board member	
9:15 – 9:25	Executive Director’s Update	Erica Mulberger
9:25 – 9:30	Open Discussion	
9:30	Adjournment/Date of Next Meeting	Rob Postal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee – April 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. • LEO Board Meeting – June 18, 2025 – Meeting at Playworld at 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. • WDB/LEO Board Joint Meeting – June 18, 2025 – Meeting at Playworld at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 	

Local Elected Official Board Action Items March 19, 2025

1. Motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2024 LEO Board meeting.

Motion:

Second:

ACTION NEEDED:

- Appoint new Workforce Development Board member

Local Elected Officials (LEO Board)

Meeting Notes December 18, 2024

The Local Elected Official (LEO) Board of Advance Central PA held a meeting Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at the Union County Government Center, Lewisburg, PA.

LEO Board Members Attending

Commissioner Angela Harding, Clinton County
Commissioner Joe Klebon, Northumberland County
Commissioner David Kovach, Columbia County
Commissioner Mark Mussina, Lycoming County
Commissioner Robert Postal, Mifflin County
Commissioner Chuck Steininger, Snyder County
Commissioner Stacy Richards, Union County

LEO Board Members Excused

Commissioner Steven Dershem, Centre County
Commissioner Rebecca Dressler, Montour County

Guests Attending

Jon DeWald
Michele Foust
Dean Girton

WDB Staff Attending

Allison Grose
Korrie Lucas
Erica Mulberger
Patrick O'Connor
Gabi Randall
Kelly Walter

Call to Order and Welcome

Commissioner Robert Postal opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. and confirmed a quorum was met.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Postal called for a motion to approve the September 18, 2024 meeting minutes previously sent to all LEO Board members.

- ▲ **Commissioner Harding made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2024 LEO Board meeting as corrected. Commissioner Klebon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with no abstentions.**

Invitation for Public Comments

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

Approval of Solicitor

Commissioner Postal referred to Erica Mulberger, Executive Director for Advance Central PA who gave an update on the solicitor status for Advance Central PA. The current solicitor has held the same rate since 2016 and sent notice of an increase to \$195 per hour. This prompted staff to release a request for proposals to complete due diligence. Through the process, it was determined the current solicitor is competitive.

Commissioner Postal asked for someone to make the motion.

- ▲ **Commissioner Klebon made a motion to appoint McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall as solicitor for the Advance Central PA Local Elected Officials Board beginning January 1, 2025. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with no abstentions.**

Executive Director's Update

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

Membership

There are two vacancies on the WDB: one for a private sector member and one for organized labor/community serving organization. An individual from the private sector has expressed interest and a meeting with Erica to understand responsibilities is being scheduled. The LEO Board discussed inviting leadership from the Union-Snyder Community Action Agency to apply.

WIOA Re-authorization

With WIOA due for re-authorization, A Stronger Workforce for America Act (ASWA) has been proposed and includes legislative changes that will have a negative impact on the Central region. Erica has been speaking with lawmakers to educate them about the workforce system in the area and advocating for sensible changes. However, the bill may pass even after Senator Casey placed it on hold, since it has been attached to the continuing resolution process.

The largest areas of concern in ASWA are stipulations about how the funding may be used. With significant carve-outs including a requirement to use 50% of Adult/Dislocated Worker funds for training and paid work experience requirements for Youth increasing from 20% to 40%, available funds could not support the existing PA CareerLink® sites and staff. With a 45-minute drive-radius for each site now, this will result in a service desert for businesses and people.

Other administratively burdensome requirements in proposed legislation include an increase in WDB membership requirements for labor/community serving organizations from 20% to 30% which then increases the required number of private sector members.

Erica suggested there may be 18-months to transition from WIOA to the requirements of ASWA if passed as anticipated. She explained the carryover funds available which would benefit the organization and PA CareerLink® for a period of time.

The LEO Board held discussion.

- Commissioner Postal advised Erica to move forward by outlining a business plan for three scenarios: best, worst, and modest.
- Commissioner Richards suggested that communication must be part of the strategy going forward. State leaders need to understand the negative impact of the bill, for example.
- When asked how other WDBs are reacting, Erica responded that there is concern across the state, however, one-county areas need less funding to operate so she anticipates the negative impact is greatest in rural regions such as ours.
- Commissioner Postal inquired as to how training is defined in ASWA; Erica responded that is not yet known and will likely be made clear in the Final Rule.

Commissioner Postal requested that WIOA re-authorization remain an agenda item so that the LEO Board remains well informed. He suggested strategic development updates be discussed at Executive Committee meetings where he and WDB members can weigh in.

Open Discussion

There was none.

Date of Next Meetings

Commissioner Postal announced the following upcoming meetings:

- Executive Committee – February 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- LEO Board Meeting – March 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
- WDB/LEO Joint Board Meeting – March 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

With no further business to attend to, Commissioner Postal adjourned the LEO Board at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Walter

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Walter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Office/Board Coordinator