

Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting

March 11, 2026

LeBaron Hill's Country Club, Lakeville

Meeting Minutes

Attendance : Jean Breault, David Cabral, Helena DaSilva Hughes, Eva dosSantos, John Fernandes, Bernice Jensen, Angela Johnston, Lisa Lemieux, Bonnie Mello, Steve Merrill, Chris Mittell, Mike O'Sullivan, Macie Pais, Victor Pereira, Aaron Polansky, Duarte Dilva, Michael Watson, Steven White, Corinn Williams, Michael Williams

CC Staff: Fran Grey

Workforce Board Staff: Mike Santos, Wil Edmond, Christina Baptiste, Lynn Connor, Angie Furey, Debbie Hartman, Jacqueline Sylvia

Welcome and Meeting called to order– Duarte Silva opened the meeting at 8:00 AM with information that going forward there would be a new schedule to be followed as far as when the Board Meetings would be scheduled. He touched upon legal matters currently involving MassHire Board. Two have been settled and others in an upcoming Superior Court Case in which they have a very good lawyer handling it. No other information other than it is in the process. Motion to approve agenda and minutes approved by all.

Workforce Board updates: Michael Santos – Mike first spoke of challenges ahead, some inherited and some found and that we are moving in a forward direction. Mike acknowledged two awards received. One by the Veterans Department and the other by the Youth Team. He spoke of the upcoming summer youth program and giving the kids work experience opportunities. Wil introduced himself as a first time Board Meeting and speaker and touched upon the importance of teamwork and how we could work to be better educate staff. A grant commission was created headed by Jacquie. It will consist of a small group that will look at all grants and come up with a way that anyone can come in and understand the process.

Youth Updates: Christina Baptista – Christina spoke of the upcoming Summer Youth Program and how they currently have 180 youth enrolled and how it builds relationships with the employers. They are working on an orientation to bring in more worksites. She mentioned the upcoming Youth Expo and how they are expecting 20 to 30 employers. Youth Works Year-Round continues to progress steadily, with strong enrollment, consistent youth engagement, and active case management support across all parts of the program. Staff is continuing to balance participant needs while the program remains stable and productive, with next steps focused on increasing employer partnerships, strengthening in-school engagements, and gathering success stories for upcoming reporting periods.

Healthcare/Communications: Jacquie Sylvia - Jacquie spoke of being on the final year of a 3-year CommCore – Workforce Trust Grant that was funded through workforce funds and state funds. Current programs are doing very well. CommCore is very pleased with what has been turning out. CNA program is continuing to grow and continuing to be needed. Jacquie informed everyone that we are currently doing a lot of video media working with ABC 6, which ended in December. She is trying to keep costs down so has gone with working with cable access and how that works.

Mike spoke on behalf of the Career Center and informed everyone that we are on track with our adult population receiving their credentials. We have 109 people in training so those numbers should jump up. He let

people know that we are not the unemployment center we have a small piece where we assist the unemployment office. We are to get people skills and they are to give people benefits.

Mike asked for any thoughts, questions or concerns, thanking everyone for joining Duarte called for a motion to adjourn with all in favor. Meeting closes at 9:10 AM

Upcoming Meeting

- **FY26 Board of Directors Meeting**
 - **October 28, 2026**
 - Time and Location TBD**