

Executive Board Meeting
September 2, 2022
Hilton Garden Inn

The Executive Board met on Friday, September 2, 2022 at noon at the Hilton Garden Inn. In attendance were Matt Cooper, Rod Castillo, Jody Pettit, Angel Munson, John O’Driscoll, and Director Cheryl Mayforth.

Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm. The agenda for the upcoming September 15, 2022 meeting was reviewed and discussed.

Director Mayforth discussed our funding of the CDL-B program at BOCES, and that we are losing Brittaney Cole. Brittaney’s last day is September 14th. Director Mayforth also went over the details of the Board meeting that is being held at the Italian American Club on September 15th.

Chairman Cooper stated that it looked to be a light agenda and asked if we were having a speaker. Director Mayforth shared that Ethan Brown would be presenting on the Summer Youth Program. Director Mayforth next discussed the resolutions for the board meeting. Further discussion ensued.

Vice President Pettit stated that she has had a steady flow of applications for open positions, which has been a nice change. This led to further discussion of Chick-fil-A, Convalt and wages in general.

Director Mayforth stated that according to Craig McNamara (Fort Drum TAP), 81% of soldiers PCSing or ETSing from Fort Drum plan to leave the area, 18% plan to stay temporarily, and 4% plan to settle in the North Country. Further discussion ensued regarding wages, rental costs, and housing costs.

The Perkins Grant and Workforce Connections were the next topics of conversation, as was the Lewis County IDA and Chamber of Commerce merger and the Eligible Training Provider List update.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 pm.