



# Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board

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## **Youth Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

**Members Present:** Jacob Nye, Rebecca Ruberg, Regina Matheson, Patrick Stock, Carol Reynolds, Andy Sokolovich, and Tim Brown

**Members Absent:** Heather Halbrook

**Staff Present:** Andrea Taylor, Associate Director, and Mandy Tripp, Executive Assistant

**CEO Present:** Chad White

**Equus Staff:** Taylor Longstreth, Title One Operations Manager, and Shannon Weaver, Title One Operations Manager

**One-stop Operator:** not present

### **CALLED TO ORDER**

Nye called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **QUORUM**

There was a quorum to conduct business.

### **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

No excused absences. Halbrook had an unexcused absence.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Matheson made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Reynolds, and the motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sokolovich made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Ruberg, and the motion carried.

### **EQUUS OCTOBER YOUTH REPORT**

Weaver reported 32 stipends and 8 incentives have been paid out. Weaver also reported two out-of-school youth work experiences began and they had two measurable skill gains. Enrollments for October were 3 in-school youth, 6 out of school youth, and 1 occupational skills training.

### **VIRTUAL REALITY METRICS REPORT**

Longstreth stated they had 18 users and 31 completed SIMS in October. Davenport location hosted an event on 10/19/22 where youth were exposed to manufacturing opportunities and were able to use the VR headsets and participate in a workforce escape room experience.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

National apprenticeship week is this week, there are several events to expose youth and unemployed or underemployed adults to the opportunities available through an apprenticeship.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURN**

Sokolovich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matheson, and the motion carried. Nye adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.