

**SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN GOVERNMENTAL ALLIANCE, INC.  
MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2022 – 2:00 PM**

**A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS** of Southeast Michigan Governmental Alliance, Inc. was held on Friday, March 11, 2022.

Members in Attendance: Commissioner Al Haidous, Michael Bosanac, Steve Poloni and Khalil Rahal (by phone)

Absent: Dale Krajniak and Mayor Jack O'Reilly

Staff in Attendance: Gregory Pitoniak, Traci Sassak and Tamara Norrix

Guests in Attendance: Charlie Mahoney (by phone)

**The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. The Board welcomed Stephen Poloni, the replacement for Dale Krajniak from the Conference of Eastern Wayne. Pitoniak provided him with the SEGA Board Orientation Manual. Norrix will provide the Board with the updated electronic copy of the Manual.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was made upon request.

**Approval of Agenda of March 11, 2022**

**MOTION by Bosanac to approve the Agenda of March 11, 2022, as presented, supported by Poloni. All voting aye, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2021**

**MOTION by Bosanac to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2021, as presented, supported by Rahal. All voting aye, motion carried.**

**Approval of New Workforce Development Board Member**

Pitoniak noted that SEMCA received the nomination of Donna Moser from Gerdau Steel to replace Patrick Lambrix for his remaining term on the SEMCA Workforce Development Board (WDB). This comes before the WDB has had the opportunity to recommend the nomination, but the SEGA Board does not meet again until June. We are asking this Board to approve the nomination with the caveat that that the Monroe County Board of Commissioners approves Moser at their upcoming meeting and the WDB concurs with the appointment. Bosanac noted that the item is on the Monroe County Commission's agenda at their upcoming board meeting.

**MOTION by Bosanac to approve appointment to the Workforce Development Board of Donna Moser, Management Systems Facilitator at Gerdau Special Steel to replace Patrick Lambrix for the term beginning 3-1-22 through 6/30/23, subject to receiving the nomination**

**letter from the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce, the approval of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, and the concurrence of the SEMCA Workforce Development Board, supported by Poloni. All voting aye, motion carried.**

**Approval of Workforce Development Board Member**

Pitoniak noted that he and WDB Chair Charlie Mahoney met with Jay Steffensky, Vice President of Business Banking for PNC Bank. Steffensky is keenly interested in participating on the board and understood the environment and need of the employer side. He was recommended as the replacement for PNC's current representative Wanra Pearson, who has retired. This request for approval is out of sequence. A nomination from the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber to the Downriver Community Conference for appointment would normally be completed first and then sent to the Workforce Development Board. The WDB, if they concur, would then recommend approval of the appointment by the SEGA Board.

**MOTION by Bosanac to approve the appointment to the Workforce Development Board Jay Steffensky of PNC Bank to replace Wanra Pearson for the term beginning 3-1-22 through 6/30/23, subject to the receipt of the nomination letter from the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber, the approval of the Downriver Community Conference, and the concurrence of the SEMCA Workforce Development Board, supported by Rahal. All voting aye, motion carried.**

**Receive and File FY 2021-2022 Revised Corporate Budget**

Pitoniak provided a brief overview of the Corporate Budget and noted there is a slight decrease of \$250,000, but there is no adverse impact in the budget. He further noted that the Administrative Budget expenses did go down as well. SEMCA is still approximately \$450,000 in the good. No questions were asked.

**MOTION by Bosanac to receive and file the FY 2021-2022 Revised Corporate Budget as presented, support by Rahal. All voting aye, motion carried.**

**Federal /State/SEMCA Updates**

Pitoniak noted the federal Build Back Better program, if passed by the legislation, does include funding for the Workforce Development System.

Michigan Works Association is approaching the state to consider us regarding their ARPA funds.

WIN submitted a \$5 Million grant application for MiREV, a new grant for the mobility and electrification of vehicles.

State has advised they like our grant application for the Good Jobs EDA grant for \$25 Million and has WIN helping write the proposal.

The state did pass the work registration requirement with a Michigan Works! agency beginning November 8 for all UIA customers. It has helped increase the flow of customers into our American Job Centers. We have seen an increase in training requests.

SEMCA submitted 92 Going Pro Talent Fund applications, up from last year's 77, and await the announcement of those that have been chosen to be funded for 2022.

Haidous noted his concern about the jobs we cannot fill. The governor has proposed doubling the funding for Going Pro Talent Fund. Some of last year's award winners are returning funding for new hires due to the labor shortage. Pitoniak noted that the Clean Slate and Business Resource Network programs should help with these shortages, but it is a concern.

### **New/Old Business**

Bosanac noted that it is getting difficult to obtain a quorum for these meetings and asked if there is an update on the replacements from DCC and CEW.

Dale Krajniak has asked to be replaced and is trying to get the Conference of Eastern Wayne to move forward with his replacement. He stated he would keep attending until they find his replacement. He called to let us know that he was out-of-state for this meeting. It is up to DCC to determine who will sit on the SEGA Board as their representative. Just because Jack O'Reilly will no longer be Mayor of Dearborn after December 31, 2021 does not necessarily mean he will be replaced. We should know more by the March, 2022 meeting.

**MOTION by Bosanac to adjourn the meeting, supported by Rahal. All voted aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:17pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Adopted at 3-11-22 Meeting**

Tamara Lamper-Norrix