

**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:** DCC Vacancy

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

**Guests in Attendance:** James Perry-DCC, Charlie Mahoney, WDB Chair (by phone)

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

**Roll Call**

Roll call 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 entire Board with the updated electronic copy of the Manual. (Completed on 3-14-22)

**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 SEMCA received a nomination for Donna Moser from Gerdau Special Steel to replace Patrick Lambrix for his remaining term on the SEMCA Workforce Development Board (WDB). The nomination arrived prior to the WDB meeting on March 16, 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 and the WDB concurs with the appointment at their meetings next week. Bosanac noted that the item is on the Monroe County Commission's meeting agenda.

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

### **Receive and File SEMCA 2021 PQI Annual Report**

Pitoniak provided a summary of the PQI Report. Performance measures were reviewed. Bosanac asked if SEMCA is happy with the performance results. Pitoniak noted that with the complexity of the pandemic and now the opportunity to obtain a job without SEMCA's help, we are happy with the results. Talent shortages were difficult prior to the pandemic, but it is now more extreme. Employers are experiencing a high number of retirements and they are willing to train new employees. It is a changing world. The report is on file.

**MOTION by Poloni to receive and file the 2021 PQI Annual Report as presented, supported by Bosanac. All voting aye, motion carried.**

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

Pitoniak provided an overview of the complexity of SEMCA's funding and budget. We are currently working on the annual audit with our new audit firm, Maner Costerisan out of Lansing. Pitoniak noted SEMCA received the State of Michigan's MiREV award for \$5 million. Recently we were notified it will only receive half of that amount for 2022. SEMCA's budget remains in good shape.

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

### **Federal /State/SEMCA Updates**

Pitoniak provided the background on the following funding opportunities and awards:

- The Ballmer Group Foundation proposal submitted by SEMCA for \$1.5 million last year was awarded and received for the full amount requested. Part of this funding will be used for outreach in our at-risk communities to obtain youth for our programs.
- SEMCA is one of many partners and subrecipients on the Detroit Regional Partnership federal grant application. Several hundred applicants applied for this billion-dollar grant and Detroit's Global Epicenter of Mobility (GEM) application was one of 60 accepted to continue in the process. SEMCA is a co-applicant and was asked to be the fiscal administrator of the Talent Transformation Pillar of the application. Monday the team will finalize this component of the application for \$28 million. The awards will be announced in September and one winner will have a presidential visit for their announcement.
- A continuing resolution is expected for the federal budget. It expires in four days.
- Congresswoman Tlaib has sponsored a Community Project Grant for \$850,000 with SEMCA and Wayne Westland Schools for an intensive work skills training and paid work experience project for youth. It has passed Congress and is before the Senate for approval.
- No cuts or increases are expected in the WIOA budget.

Last year, SEMCA participated in a regional DOL discussion regarding SEMCA's reaction to the pandemic. The meeting was successful and SEMCA has now been chosen as one of four Michigan Works Agencies to participate with the USDOL Washington office for a listening session in May to learn more about the grassroots of the system.

Michigan Works Legislative Day was held in Lansing on March 9. SEMCA has 28 legislators in its region. Pitoniak and Commissioner Haidous could only meet with seven of them personally. A SEMCA specific information packet was distributed, and Pitoniak shared with the Board an example of the district stats prepared for each legislator. Feedback was incredibly positive. Pitoniak will personally deliver the remaining packets.

State budget process is underway, and they are looking at tax cuts versus new program funding. Pitoniak updated the Board on the bipartisan supported Going Pro Talent Fund program.

Pitoniak advised that the Open Meetings Act requirement of in-person participation for meetings and a two-tier approach of elected/tax levy boards versus volunteer boards is being reviewed. The Michigan Works Association is encouraging more flexibility to hold meetings virtually and hope for approval of the change.

Bosanac noted job training duplication in funding.

### **SEMCA Program Updates**

Pitoniak reviewed the Workforce Development Board oversight for Poloni. Program reports for the March 16's WDB meeting are provided for your review. If you have any questions, contact Pitoniak anytime. Pitoniak also noted for Poloni that SEMCA is audited many times a year by federal and state agencies as well as foundations for its many programs, and we also have our annual audit each year. He thanked the fiscal department for their work in achieving clean audits on a regular basis. SEMCA takes extraordinary pride in our cybersecurity procedures and policies. The IT team is top notch and makes sure that staff has the training opportunities to help keep our systems safe.

### **New/Old Business**

Pitoniak noted SEMCA is not immune to the employee shortage and is currently hiring for several positions. He asked the Board if they know of anyone that may qualify for the job listings provided, to please guide them to our website to apply.

Perry noted one of the greatest accomplishments is the Michigan Works System stepping up to help UIA during the pandemic. Pitoniak and Haidous noted that the legislators mentioned how much they appreciated our help with their constituents during that time.

**MOTION by Bosanac to adjourn the meeting, supported by Poloni. All voted aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m. Next meeting is June 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Adopted at Meeting of 6/27/22**

Tamara Lamper-Norrix