

**SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN GOVERNMENTAL ALLIANCE, INC.  
MEETING MINUTES OF FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**

**A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS** of Southeast Michigan Governmental Alliance, Inc. was held on Friday, September 8, 2023.

**Members in Attendance:** Commissioner Al Haidous, Steve Poloni, and James Perry

**Absent:** Michael Bosanac and Assad Turfe

**Staff in Attendance:** Gregory Pitoniak, Suzanne Stolz, and Tamara Norrix

**Guests in Attendance:** None

**The meeting was called to order at 2:12 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

Roll call taken, and a quorum was present.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was made upon request.

**Approval of Revised Agenda for September 8, 2023**

**MOTION-PERRY, SUPPORT-POLONI – Approve Revised Agenda for September 8, 2023, as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2023**

**MOTION-POLONI, SUPPORT-PERRY - Approve Minutes of July 13, 2023, as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.**

**Approval of New Workforce Development Board Member**

SEMCA's WDB has received from Dearborn Chamber of Commerce the nomination of Ann Thompson of Ford Motor Company to replace Andy Bianco on the Workforce Development Board for the remainder of his term through June 30, 2025.

**MOTION-POLONI, SUPPORT-PERRY - Approve Ann Thompson of Ford Motor Company to replace Andy Bianco on the Workforce Development Board for the remainder of his term beginning September 8, 2023, through June 30, 2025, subject to the approval of the Conference of Western Wayne and the concurrence of the SEMCA Workforce Development Board. All voting aye, motion carried.**

**Approval of Conference of Western Wayne 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Resolution**

Pitoniak provided for review and approval a framed Proclamation Resolution for the Conference of Western Wayne in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**MOTION-PERRY, SUPPORT-POLONI – Approve the Proclamation Resolution for the Conference of Western Wayne's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.**

### **Receive and File FY 2022-2023 Revised Corporate Budget**

Pitoniak reviewed and provided a comparison to the report provided in March noting the new budget reflects the revenue reduction of the Wayne LINC from \$50 million to \$35 million and the WIOA/ES formula funding cuts. SEMCA does not anticipate any layoffs and will do its best to keep the contractors whole with carry-over funding and other SEMCA funds. We feel we can manage it by prioritizing services and reducing training dollars and SEMCA internal expenditures. Other programs like GEM and EVJA will provide some training funding. LEO-WD may provide supplemental funding in the future. The estimated administrative surplus is now about \$162,000.

**MOTION-PERRY, SUPPORT-POLONI- Receive and file the Revised FY 2022-2023 Corporate Budget as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.**

### **Receive and File FY 2023-2024 Corporate Budget**

The Corporate Budget for FY 23-24 is \$46.5 million, \$10 million more than last year. This increase is primarily attributed to the full implementation of GEM and WayneLINC. The Administration Budget increased \$1.1 million with a \$99,000 admin surplus differential. The proposed budget assumes wage/salary increase of 3% for all employees and 3% merit-based salary increases, and a 10% increase in health insurance premiums.

**MOTION-POLONI, SUPPORT-PERRY - Receive and file the 2023-2024 Corporate Budget as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.**

### **CEO Report**

Pitoniak discussed the following:

- Assad Turfe, Deputy CEO of Wayne County has been appointed to the SEGA Board.
- The 2022 Annual Report printed copy has been mailed to the SEGA Board.
- AJC's flow of customers is steadily increasing. They are striving to boost awareness for career, employment, and training opportunities.
- SEMCA and service providers continue to have challenges with hiring and retention of employees. SEMCA currently has three open positions.
- Wagner Peyser Rule decision is expected to be released in August. Senator Peters recently met with Secretary Wu, and Congressman Walberg and Congresswoman Dingell continue to support the waiver for Michigan.
- Pitoniak thanked the Board for their participation in the online WIOA funding congressional outreach opposing the House Appropriations Committee cuts and zeroing out of WIOA Youth funding.
- SEMCA met their WIOA performance measures for all programs for PY 22-23.
- Wayne County LINC negotiation process is near completion with the potential contractors and would need final county and commission approval. The Clean Slate program has been launched and the Drivers License Restoration will be launched soon.
- GPTF had a total of 75 awards totaling \$4,195,717, with 65% of applications accepted. The state has budgeted \$55 million for the new program year. First round applications window is open and the calendar for employer information dates can be found on our website.

- SEMCA continues to seek new funding with BRES, Community Impact, Global Detroit, Pathways for Jail Inmates, and Job Court.
- SEMCA is administering \$30 million plus in EVJA and GEM programs. EVJA and GEM presented at the Auto Show to press and industry employers. Still waiting on the Congressionally Directed Fund awards with Senators Peters and Stabenow. SEMCA received the highest award of \$1.3 million of the \$8.3 million awarded statewide to MWA's for EVJA training.
- SEMCA recently attended the Michigan Works Conference where our RAIN staff presented. Pitoniak presented the State Legislator of the Year Award to Senator Cavanaugh and Volunteer of the Year Award to our very own Commissioner Al Haidous, SEGA Board Chairman.
- A flyer for the MICareer Quest was distributed. If you are interested in attending the VIP Tour, let Tamara know and she will register you.
- The Michigan unemployment rate for July was 4.3% up from 4.1% in June. The SEMCA region for July - Wayne is 4.8% up from 4.4% in June, Monroe 4.6% up from 4.5% in June.

#### **SEMCA Program Updates**

Pitoniak provided the Board Statistical Reports for August and September 2023 for Board review and asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked.

#### **New/Old Business**

**Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.**

**MOTION-PERRY, SUPPORT-POLONI, - Adjournment of meeting at 2:55p.m. All voting aye, motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Adopted at Meeting on 12-8-2023**

Tamara Lamper-Norrix  
Executive Assistant