



SWIB | State Workforce Investment Board

The State Workforce Investment Board – Executive Board Members convened in-person, at the AccelerateMS office in Jackson, MS December 12th, 2023.

Call to Order:

Chair Patrick Sullivan called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

A **motion** to approve the agenda was made by John McKay and seconded Pablo Diaz Motion carries by unanimous vote.

A **motion** to approve meeting minutes from Executive Team Meeting on September 27th, 2023 was made by Scott Waller and seconded by John McKay Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Topics of Discussion:

SWIB Credential List –

A report from AccelerateMS is going to be made for SWIB to review at a board meeting in Jan/Feb 2024. Referencing what we believe to be the ideal condition for CTE as it relates to the marketplace where we identify those targeted sectors.

- What's the current condition.
- What's the ideal condition.
- Recommendations to be made as to what the SWIB board should be doing moving forward as it relates to the credentials list.

Legislative Session –

Budgetary asks for 2024:

- Funding for Career Coach program. (Currently in the process of finalizing those budgets.)
- Increase investment in Community College Workforce.
- Increase investment in Adult Education at Community College Board.
 - Get money out of WET Funds.
- One time money investment into technology systems
 - Grant Management.
 - Participant Tracking.
- Allow for proxy participation in SWIB meetings.
- Conflicting language in our enabling legislation that references WET Funds getting deposited into “WET Fund Treasury Account” and “WET Funds getting transferred into the “Community College Board Treasury Account” which does not happen. Requested AG opinion to clarify language.

- Meetings have happened with Accelerate state agency partners such as, Rehab & The Community College Board to discuss AccelerateMS priorities in this new legislative session and what their priorities are. To be better partners and advocates to each other.

Contract Updates –

Yolonda Boone contract with AccelerateMS, ends December 31st, 2023. AccelerateMS wants to renew her contract.

- New contract dates: January 1st 2024 – December 31st 2024

A **motion** to approve contract renewal made by John McKay and seconded by Pablo Diaz Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Data Sharing Collaboration –

Recommendation request for SWIB to approve AccelerateMS joining one or more Multi State Data Sharing collaboratives. We have data and can get data from people who go out of state, but only for certain federal programs. Data collaboratives upend that, and states agree to share data with each other.

- Currently created and administered by NASWA.
 - Looking into funding costs right now.
- Working with MDES.
 - Assess which agencies need to join.
 - Create data sharing agreements for SWIB to review.

Purpose:

- Increase data availability for participating states. (states around MS participate)
- Get all of MS data for employment.

Budget Considerations –

- MDES Audit Policy:
 - Executive board review documents.
 - SWIB will need to vote on this in the next board meeting, Jan./Feb. 2024.
- Budget Hearing.
 - Form received from House Budget Officer & Senate Budget Officer that allows AccelerateMS to request a budget hearing with sub-committee.
 - Decision made by AccelerateMS and the Executive Board to request hearing.
 - Current budget: \$3.2M. Asking for: \$4.5M.
- Discussion on 3-line items put in our budget last year including explanation that office did not recommend or ask for any of these line item appropriations. Recommendation to be made to fund those in separate appropriate bill apart from AccelerateMS
 - Pathways to Possibilities.
 - i. Legislatively mandated to come out of the MS Works Fund.
 - Jobs for MS Graduates.
 - Skills Foundation
 - Sent out communication to these three groups in Sept. 2023 and executed MOUs before providing funds.
 - i. Executing an MOU that would have these three groups report outcomes and metrics. how they're spending those monies to further the workforce mission of the state of MS.
 - ii. AccelerateMS will collect that data and communicate to leadership.
 - Requested these three items to be moved away from our budget in the next year.

AccelerateMS/SWIB Overall strategy discussion –

- ATLAS is a guiding map for the state of MS as it relates to workforce strategy, that we believe the entire state needs to be moving toward. This will give us the opportunity to make recommendations and suggestions to other state entities, agencies and depts. that would allow those individual groups to move more in alignment with one another. AccelerateMS has a clear vision of what the ideal condition for the state of MS.
 - An upcoming plan is currently in development. It will be provided to SWIB for review in early 2024 at the next board meeting.
 - SWIB will have editorial license when given the ATLAS to be able to say we agree or disagree and why.
 - Working with MDA.
 - i. Strategy.
 - ii. Benefits.
 - iii. Priority Sector.
 - iv. Defining some basic things that lack definition in MS.
- ROI on Diesel Tech Program:
 - Increase in participants.
 - i. 2021: 168
 - ii. 2023: 310
 - Graduates Increased.
 - i. 2020: 79
 - ii. 2023: 104
 - Associate Yearly Earnings Increased:
 - i. 2021: 34k
 - ii. 2023: 46k
- Critical programs that need growth statewide.
 - AccelerateMS is creating a list in the triage category to include:
 - i. Credit or Non-Credit
 - ii. College by College.
 - iii. Need annual fall enrollments starting in the new academic year, 2023.

Statement of Economic Interest –

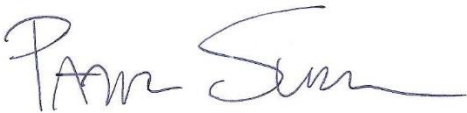
- Entire board to submit/provide a statement of economic interest. It is a disclosure statement and transparency agreement. Where you will provide source of income and names (NOT \$\$ amounts) for every board member, their spouse, and any individual in your household 21yrs and older.
- Due Before next board meeting.
- AG will send out information.

A **motion** to adjourn was made by John McKay and seconded by Pablo Diaz.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Executive Board Members in Attendance:

Executive Board Members	Present	Agency Represented
Patrick Sullivan	X	Chair, State Workforce Investment Board
John McKay	X	MS Manufacturers Association
Scott Waller	X	MS Economic Council
Pablo Diaz	X	Vicksburg Warren Economic Dev. Partnership
Nic Parish		Burns Dirt Construction
Donnie Bell		MS House of Representatives
David Parker		MS Senate
AccelerateMS Staff		
Ryan Miller	X	Executive Director
Courtney Taylor	X	Deputy Director for Postsecondary Strategy
Garrett McInnis	X	Deputy Director for External Affairs
Bree Wheeler	X	Executive Assistant
Additional Guests		
Catherine Bell	X	Attorney Generals Office
Robin Parker	X	CMPDD
Angie Miles	X	CMPDD
Valerie Barton	X	CMPDD



Patrick Sullivan, SWIB Chairman