



February 18, 2026

Goodwill Workforce Enterprises, Excel Center of West Central Indiana

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Meredith Osburn & Kristin Craig

Director Roll Call

Kristin Craig, Board Chair

Present: Meredith Osburn, Kristin Craig, Ryan Keller, Betsy Peperak, Nina Storey, René Hankins, Chris Williams; quorum confirmed.

Absent: Mary Halsted, John Lukens, David Friedrich

Staff: Carl Conwell, Dan Davis, Lisa Walker, Rodney Hendricks, Michael Powell

Public Comment

Public present: No public comment.

Minutes Approval-12/10/2025 Meeting

Motion to approve, Ryan Keller, seconded by René Hankins, motion unanimous.

GWE Board Member Updates

New Members David Friedrich and Chris Williams

Appreciation to outgoing members John Lukens and Mary Halsted

Motion to approve, Ryan Keller, seconded by René Hankins, motion unanimous.

Financials

Ryan Keller, Treasurer

APV reports reviewed for January, April, November, December 2025, and January 2026.

Financial statements reviewed for December 2025 and January 2026.

Expenses are on track with no issues.

Meredith Osburn added that the Excel Center is using CSP grant funds to enhance classroom spaces. First audit costs exceeded the estimate. This was due to this being the first audit of the Excel Center, and consideration of grant awards and Federal guidelines. The GEI Conference in May was not included in the budget and will be adjusted in the next budget.

Motion to approve the financials and report made by Nina Storey, seconded by René Hankins, motion unanimous.

Director's Report

Carl Conwell

The February 2026 count was 159 students.

Update that no policy change to enrollment criteria concerning pending charges of a sexual nature would be made. Cases will be handled on an individual basis. The sexual offender policy is moving to a more appropriate section of the handbook.

The first Education to Employment Committee meeting was held on 2/11/26. The committee's goal is to build relationships with community groups and potential employers through student referrals and graduate employment placement. Representatives from Adult Probation/Vigo County, Purdue Extension Office, and Union Health were in attendance. Excel Center continues to partner with several agencies for student referrals.

Open positions: Science Teacher and Young Learners Center Manager.

New students are enrolled in a Foundation class to access placement. Carl noted that this is working much better than a testing format during orientation.

The Excel Center staff will be reviewing the student demographic data captured at enrollment, to see if we can easily translate the data into a report out for the board and will eventually be templated into a monthly communication.

The second graduation ceremony was held on January 30 with 10 students graduating. Mayor Sakbun was the keynote speaker, State Senator Goode attended, along with several board members.

Staff awards at the recognition luncheon included Faith Brewer, Teacher of the Year, and Matt Rollins, Educator of the Year.

Next Board Meeting

May 20, 2026, 9 AM

Adjournment

Kristin Craig