

Goodwill Workforce Enterprises

Board of Director Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2026

Members present: Kristin Craig, Rene Hankins, Nina Storey, Chris Williams, and Meredith Osburn.
Members absent: David Friedrich,

Staff present: Dan Davis, Lisa Walker, Carl Conwell

Public Comment

The floor was open for public comment, with no public attendees present. A motion to adjourn this portion of the meeting was made by Chris Williams. Nina Storey seconded and all approved.

Student Success Moment

Jessalyn Boone, a recent graduate, shared her journey at the Excel Center, highlighting the support she received in overcoming health and personal challenges. She discussed her employment experience, future educational plans, and the flexibility provided by the school. Board members congratulated her and inquired about her experience, including how she learned about the Excel Center, her graduation timeline, and her future educational plans and aspirations.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chris Williams motioned to approve the minutes of the 5/20/2026 meeting. Nina Storey seconded and all approved.

Finance Report, Accounts Payable Vouchers, and Financial Overview Discussion

Darin Gregg, representing Gregg and Reid Financial Firm that completes the financials for GWE, presented the finance report. He reviewed enrollment projections, CSP grant expenditures, line of credit updates, and budget planning. The school is actively managing grant funds, reviewing qualifying expenditures, and monitoring financial stability, with a focus on meeting enrollment targets and preparing for the annual audit. Action items include identifying additional qualifying expenses before the CSP grant deadline of 8/25/2026. Discussed the repayment of Goodwill loaned funds for the line of credit. More requested documents were sent to the IEDC to complete the READI request. Should receive confirmation by the end of the week.

AP Vouchers were reviewed and signed for May, June, and July 2026.

Kristin was assigned as interim board treasurer to sign necessary compliance documents until the position is filled.

A motion was made by Chris Williams and seconded by Rene Hankins and all approved of the July financials and the financial report, along with the packet Darin Gregg supplied in the meeting.

Director Updates

New state laws affecting cell phone use – they are monitoring closely, with the understanding that these are adults with families, jobs, and other needs. If they become a distraction, it will be discussed on an individual basis. The school is accommodating an influx of minors, hiring additional staff, and adjusting class schedules due to high attendance. Outreach and job placement activities are ongoing, and enrollment is expected to reach the target. Carl provided an EEP committee update (next meeting Friday, August 28th) and that the

Excel Center team stays actively engaged in as many community events as possible, including elementary school open houses in Vigo County.

Facility/Landlord Issues

The board discussed ongoing communication and maintenance issues with the shopping center landlord, concerns about utility payments, and contingency plans for facility operations. Security measures and collective tenant actions were discussed. The plan is to withhold CAM charges and keep stakeholders updated. Dave Friedrich (agency attorney) has been updated and will continue to be updated as more information comes across.

Organizational Model Discussion

The board discussed the Excel Center's organizational model under Wabash Valley Goodwill, highlighting shared administrative functions, compliance, and financial reporting. Meredith will communicate the same information with the Wabash Valley Goodwill Board of Directors. The next GWE board meeting is scheduled after the fall count intentionally, to provide the board updates and if a re-forecasting of the budget needs to be reviewed and approved.

Final Q&A

The meeting concluded with final questions, administrative notes about the school schedule and coordinate OnBoard access and content uploads. We are in the process of hosting several potential board members. We will update with potential good fits, once those meetings are finalized.

Adjournment