



NORTHEAST IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT & STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Person(s) Responsible</u>	<u>Status</u>
Welcome and Call to Order	Nicolas Hockenberry	I
Nicolas Hockenberry called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m. Attendance: Jenny Backer, Donna Boss, Celia Even, Jenna Heiar, Nicolas Hockenberry, Kelsie Kunkel, Amy Lasack, Corrine Rothblum, Brian Schoon, Connie Tolan, Heather Wright. Guests: Sara Cook, Niki Litzel, Victor Ochoa, Todd Oesterle. Board Staff: Erika Lippmann, Johnna Forbes.		
1. Consent Agenda - July 8, 2026 – Agenda - March 11, 2026 – Minutes	Nicolas Hockenberry	I/D/A
Motion by Brian Schoon, second by Connie Tolan to approve the July 8, 2026 – Agenda and the March 11, 2026 – Minutes. Ayes: All. Motion carried.		
2. Apprenticeship Program - Registered Apprenticeship One-Pager - Intermediary Registered Apprenticeship Sponsor - Benefits of Being an Apprentice - Registered Apprenticeship Flyer	Board Staff	I/D
3. Business Engagement Division Updates - AMP'd Iowa - Employer Dashboard Flyer	BEC	I/D
4. Incumbent Worker Training - Updated IWT Flyer - Junior Achievement IWT Application 1 - Junior Achievement IWT Application 2 - RISE, Ltd. IWT Application - RHSHC IWT Application	Erika Lippmann	I/D I/D/A I/D/A I/D/A I/D/A
Motion by Brian Schoon, second by Celia Even to approve the Junior Achievement Application 1 pending approval from IWD to prorate contract amount. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Motion by Kelsie Kunkel, second by Jenny Backer to approve the Junior Achievement Application 2 pending updated training links. Ayes: All. Motion carried.		

Motion by Jenny Backer, **second** by Amy Lasak to approve RISE, Ltd. – Iowa Association of Community Provider remaining sessions pending approval from IWD to prorate contract amount. **Ayes: All. Motion carried.**

Motion by Jenna Heiar, **second** by Heather Wright to approve the RHSHC Application pending updated training certification outcomes and employee information. **Ayes: All. Motion carried.**

5. Review of In-Demand Industries and Occupations	Nicolas Hockenberry	I/D
6. Goal Implementation	Nicolas Hockenberry	I/D
7. Next Steps - One-Stop Operator - Title I Service Provider	Nicolas Hockenberry	I/D
8. Announcements - Next NEIWDB/CEO Joint Quarterly Board Meeting- August 6, 2026 10:00-12:00 - Next Business Engagement & Strategy Committee Meeting- August 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.	All	I/D
9. Adjournments	Nicolas Hockenberry	I/D/A
Motion by Donna, second by Jenny Backer to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.		

Minutes by Johnna Forbes, Board Consultant