



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Supporting the Development and Retention of a World Class Workforce

Jeffrey S. Swartz, Executive Director

Carl A. Donato Jr., Chair

**YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024 10:30 AM – ZOOM MEETING
1111 MARLKRESS ROAD, SUITE 101, CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003**

Attendance

Name	Organization	Trustee Member	24-Jan-24	28-Feb-24	24-Apr-24	26-Jun-24	28-Aug-24	30-Oct-24
Roth-Gutman, Jill (CHAIR)	Roth-Gutman Law, LLC		X	X	X		X	X
Banks, Evangeline	Juvenile Justice Commission				X	X		
Barbella, Sarah	Camden Probation Division						X	
Beverett, Erica	Social Responsibility Through Me		X	X	X		X	
Boucher, Shaneka	City of Camden		X		X			
Boyd, Carl	Community Liaison for the Camden City Partnership at Center for Family Services		X	X	X	X	X	
Canning, Shannon	Wawa		X	X	X	X		
Cirii, Frank	Camden County One-Stop	X						
Clark, Justin	Office of Adult Literacy (NJCOL)							X
Cooper-Vanderlip, Diana	e-Deuce & Associates, LLC				X	X	X	
Davis, Rodney	Turner Construction			X	X	X	X	
Garvin, Torrie	YMCA				X	X	X	
Godorov, Lori	The Work Group	X	X	X	X		X	
Gonzalez, Claudia	NJ Courts				X			
Gorman, Ginger	Winslow Township High School		X	X	X			X
Green, Aurella	Camden County College			X				
Hill, Lauren	Camden County College		X					
Jenkins, Marcell	Winslow Township High School		X	X	X	X	X	
Jenkins, Timothy	Camden Board of Education							
Jones, Shakirah	CC Justice Systems				X	X		
Leary, Ashley	Juvenile Justice Hub		X	X	X	X		
Lofton, Vance	Respond, Inc.							
Ludizaca, Raul	NJDOL							
Maguire, Laurie	Camden County One-Stop		X					
McGough, Jake	YMCA							
O'Neill, Kellianne	Winslow Township High School		X					
Peterson, Jyi	Camden County One-Stop		X	X				X
Robbins, Matt	Wawa			X				
Rosado, Joeliza	Truist Bank		X	X	X		X	
Selby, Andrew	CPAC		X	X		X		X
Sinclair, Nidia	Camden County One-Stop				X			
Soto, Lillian	Juvenile Justice Hub							
Velasquez, Gil	Superior Court of New Jersey		X			X	X	
Wardlow Hurley, Rhonda	HACC Youth Build		X	X	X		X	X
Wemple, Anita	CPAC							
Williams, Melody	Camden Housing							

Welcome

Jill Roth-Gutman, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:39 AM. The meeting attendees were asked to introduce themselves. Jill asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2024 meeting. Motion was made by Jyi Peterson and seconded by Jeffrey Swartz. By majority vote to the affirmative, the motion carried and the minutes for August 28, 2024 were approved.

Update on the Youth Focus Group

A meeting was held with the sub-committee members of the Youth Committee in April with 14 Youth Participants. The objectives and goals of the sub-committee were passed.

Youth Advisory Board Objectives

1. Cultivate an authentic youth voice to ensure that the perspectives, experiences, and ideas of young people are heard, valued, and integrated into the decision-making process
2. Create opportunities for youth to explore and engage in community services, resources, and employment
3. Develop personal and professional skills to assist in future career paths
4. Receive mentorship
5. Empower youth to grow as leaders

November 14, 2024 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm was selected for the next meeting. The meeting will be held at the Camden County OEO Urban Woman's Center, 900 Broadway, Camden, NJ 08103.

- The committee is looking for more participants.
 - Jyi will distribute the flyer to the Youth One Stop Clients, he has had client's express interest in the Youth Group.
 - Emphasize volunteer hours to students furthering their education and leadership experience.
- Stipends will not be given due to funding.
- Food and Beverages will be provided sponsored by Angela Randall of CCCOEO.
- WDB Committee Coordinator, Michelle Rohan will create the flyer with a QR code for easy registration.
- The Youth Focus group will meet 4 to 6 meetings per year, the targeted age is 16-24 years of age.

Youth One Stop Update

Jyi Peterson reports for the month of September at the Youth One Stop, there were 37 youth at Orientation, 9 in Remediation (formerly the Learning Link) and 5 contracts for In Demand Occupational Training and 5 youth finished school and received employment.

- A yearly update will take place in the beginning of 2025 for the committee
 - Jyi Petterson will invite a counselor to join him on the update.
- The medical and cyber security fields are growing occupations of interest for clients.



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- The largest challenge for their youth is homelessness.
 - Andrew Selby, CPAC spoke about FYI (Forcing Youth to Independence) as a resource for Youth One Stop.
 - Justin Clark, DOL will email the WDB and One Stop with further resources from the State.

Committee Updates

Jeffrey S. Swartz, WDB Executive Director

The Quarterly Board Meeting will be held in person on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 8:30am at the Camden County College/Blackwood, Roosevelt Hall, Room 102. Buffet Breakfast will be served.

Andrew Selby, CPAC

November 7, 2024 there will be a Maternal Infant Health Event at the Mercerville Community Center . On December 11, 2024 from 8:30am to 3:00pm the Annual LEAD Forum (Leadership, Education, Advocacy, and Development) will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Adjournment

Jill asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Jyi Petterson, seconded by Andrew Selby. By majority vote to the affirmative, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.

Next Meeting

The next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 10:30 AM via Zoom.

Submitted by:

Michelle Rohan

Committee Coordinator