

# West Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board

West Michigan Works! is a solutions-driven workforce development organization that strengthens businesses and the local economy through talent development programs, services and initiatives. The organization is governed by an employer-led board that includes representatives from private business and economic development, community based, labor and education/training organizations. The primary focus of the West Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board is to:

- Broker and promote strategic relationships between employer, economic, education, and workforce partners.
- Develop a strategy to continuously improve and strengthen the workforce development system through innovation/alignment/improvement of employment, training, and education programs.
- Establish a platform in which all members actively participate and collaborate with partners to create a more effective workforce investment system.
- Collaborate with workforce and education partners to improve and align employment, training, and education programs under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), as well as other workforce development programs.

## **Board Application Process**

West Michigan Works! is seeking applicants for appointment to our regional workforce board. Interested applicants must fill out the attached application and submit it to <a href="mailto:admin@westmiworks.org">admin@westmiworks.org</a> to be reviewed by a Nominating Committee from the Executive Committee of the Workforce Development Board. The committee will review applicants for alignment with WIOA regulations, geographic representation across the region and diversity requirements. If an appropriate number of applicants is not received, the application will be rereleased.

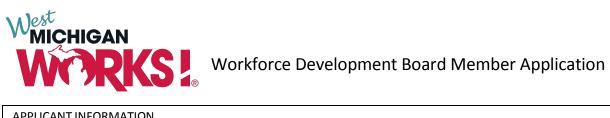
Applicants meeting nomination requirements and having the necessary support (see below) will be presented to the West Michigan Works! Governing Board for appointment. Appointments will be for 2 years and individuals may seek reappointment after their two year term.

### **Letters of Support**

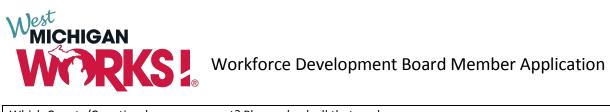
WIOA requires that business representatives appointed to the local Workforce Development Board have optimum policymaking and/or hiring authority. They should represent businesses—including small businesses—that provide employment opportunities in regional in-demand industry sectors or occupations. These representatives must also be supported or nominated by local business (e.g. Chamber of Commerce) or a trade organization/association. A letter of support or nomination from such an organization must accompany a business representative application.

Individuals representing workforce or labor organizations must provide a letter of support or nomination from a local labor federation. Individuals representing higher education or adult education may provide a letter of support or nomination from the Career and Educational Advisory Council (CEAC). To contact the CEAC for support please contact admin@westmiworks.org.

For further guidance, questions or to submit an application, please contact admin@westmiworks.org.



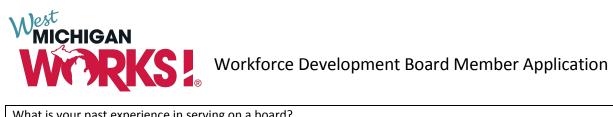
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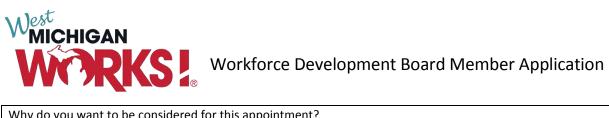
Which County/Counties do yo	u represent? Please check	all that apply.		
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Montcalm	Muskegon	Ottawa		
Which industry does your orga	anization represent?			
Which sector(s) do you repres	ent?			
Business: owners, chief employment in high-de	executives, operating office	ers, or other business (	executives or employe	ers that provide
Labor Organization				
Representative of a Reg	istered Apprenticeship Pro	gram		
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Higher Education: instit	cution that provides workfo	rce investment activiti	ies (including commu	nity colleges)
Adult Education/Literac	cy: agency that administers	adult education and li	iteracy activities unde	r Title II
	Development: organization or another local agency or in delopment		_	•
Vocational Rehabilitation	on: representative of progra	ams carried out under	Title I of the Rehabilit	tation Act of 1973



If you represent the business sector, please attack organization or trade organization with your appli		dation from	a local business		
NOMINATING/SUPPORTING CONTACT INFORMAT	TION				
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Phone	E-mail Address				
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Last Name	First	st M.I. Date			
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What is your past experience in serving on a board?			



Why do you want to be considered for this appointment?		
Does ACSET West Michigan Works! Employ any members of your family?	Yes	No