

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

VETERANS OUTREACH MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Via Zoom

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Tamara Bresette, Christopher Caughey, Michelle Coomber, Karen Dean, Jennie Erdle, Phil Rouin, Bridget Saunders

Staff: Michael Woloson

I. Introductions/Approval of the October 13, 2022 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes: Mr. Rouin; Seconded by Mr. Caughey

II. Discussion on Veteran Outreach Committee: mission and vision

Jeremy Marshall, previous chair of this committee, has left the area and the committee needs a new chair. Mr. Woloson assured all present that the WIB will continue to facilitate the meetings, but the chair is needed to direct the meetings. All questions relating to the position can be sent to Mr. Woloson at mwoloson@fingerlakesworks.com.

III. Updates from Career Centers

Mr. Woloson shared that Ontario County is readjusting their staff and doing a lot of cross-training. In conjunction with Wood Library, Ontario County held an in-person job fair on November 8th and had 15 Canandaigua based businesses participate and 60+ job seekers. Mr. Woloson also stated that David Kelley, of The Arc of Wayne, is the new Disability Resource Coordinator for the WIB. As Seneca County Workforce Development decided not to continue with the WIOA contract, FLACRA will now be providing Adult and Dislocated Worker services for Seneca County.

Mr. Caughey stated that veterans' unemployment rate is 1% lower than the standard unemployment rate and he continues to assist unemployed and underemployed veterans in employment endeavors.

IV. Roundtable and other business

Mr. Rouin shared that there is a new Veterans Service Officer in Yates County, John Antes, both a Marine and Army veteran, and he will be invited to these meetings. Mr. Rouin will be retiring in March and moving on to his next adventure!

Ms. Bresette asked attendees to direct any veterans who are in need of financial, housing or other assistance to her at AMVETS Farmington Post 332 bresette6@yahoo.com.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 3pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jen May
Executive Assistant