

LAKE COUNTY BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Thursday, February 13, 2025 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Lake Erie College
391 W. Washington St., Painesville, OH 44077

Mission Statement (Per ORC 3313.84): *The mission of the ESWR Business Advisory Council (BAC) is to foster cooperation among our member schools, businesses, and the communities they serve to make our education system more aware of the local labor market; promote work-based experiences within businesses; and help students prepare for successful learning and employment opportunities.*

Minutes

1. Opening Items:

- a. Roll Call
 - i. Dan Wilson, Geoff Kent, Josh Englehart, James Kalis, Tyler Kelly, Tony Podojil, Margo Reda, Paul Hagan, Kelly Moran, Jennifer Kinnard
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Welcome any new and/or invited guests - Resolution
- d. Approval of the November 14, 2024 Lake County Meeting Minutes - [Link](#)
 - i. Margo Reda made first motion to approve
 - ii. Dan Wilson seconded the motion
- e. Lake County [Bylaws](#)

2. Superintendent Updates: -Kelly Moran gave the following updates

- a. Emotional Poverty Training - 2nd PD April 4, 2025
 - i. Over 100 participants attended the first training, where participants learned about the impacts of emotional poverty and the second training will take place on April 4th, 2025 at Perry High School. There is no cost to attend.
- b. Hiring Workforce Development Coordinator
 - i. ESCWR hiring a Workforce Development Coordinator (new position). The ESCWR is seeking input from the BAC on the qualities ESCWR should look for in candidates, as well as recommendations for applicants. Interviews will take place this spring, new hire will start in summer for the upcoming school year.
- c. Legislative Updates - Tony Podojil reported on the biennium budget and reported the following:
 - i. The school funding plan is moving forward
 - ii. Continued support for literacy coaches to enhance student learning
 - iii. \$34 million allocated for new buses and upgrades to safety features on buses.
 - iv. \$10 million dedicated for the Ohio Principal Apprenticeship Program
 - v. Anticipation of a future focus on K-3 math, similar to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee initiative.

- vi. Increased emphasis on student wellness and success, with funding aimed at supporting school lunches and addressing growing poverty.
 - vii. Industry recognized credential list will be updated and changed alongside the budget when signed in July.
3. **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Jennifer Kinnaird, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs at Lake Erie College
- a. A successful partnership with Perry and Riverside has been established for HVAC programs, providing valuable opportunities for students.
 - b. An exercise science program is set to launch.
 - c. The Teacher Pathway Program for paraeducators is progressing, with the first 6 graduates completing the program in December. An additional 48 individuals are on track to graduate this summer.
 - d. This year's graduation ceremony will be held will at Mentor Fine Arts Center.
 - e. The college boasts a 91% retention rate from fall to spring semester this year.
 - f. Overall enrollment has increased by 60 students, with 589 full time students, and a total of 852 undergraduates. The total enrollment stands at 1,180.
4. **Time Sensitive: Industry-Recognized Credential Survey for Quarter 4 of 2024** - Linked below you will find the survey for Industry-Recognized Credential Applications. We count on these survey responses to make informed, industry-focused decisions as to whether to accept these credentials onto the state-approved list. Please fill out the survey so that we at the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce can continue to be a steward of education and business.
- a. [Q4 IRC Survey](#)
5. Individual Updates
- a. Lake Erie reported NOTED job fair for teachers on April 1st in Akron
<https://calendar.uakron.edu/event/5799-northeast-ohio-teacher-education-day-noted-job>
 - b. Educator Business Bootcamp event dates March 20, April 15, and May 29, 2025 . Invitation to participate as well as to sponsor the event.
 - c. Kelly Moran reported on the two grant opportunities the ESCWR applied for related to BAC and workforce development.
 - d. Margo Reda, Ohio Means Jobs, reported a large layoff at Tarkett of 92 people, March 4 Career Exploration event in partnership with Kent State Geauga, April 25 Career Expo at Chardon High School open to Lake and Geauga students will have over 60 businesses, and the Reverse Job Fair at Auburn is being rescheduled.

Future Meeting Dates:

- Lake BAC Meeting - Thursday, April 03, 2025 at 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM -
Location - ESCWR Auburn Road TLC Building - 8221 Auburn Road,
Painesville, OH 44077
- Lake BAC Meeting - Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM -
Location - ESCWR Auburn Road TLC Building - 8221 Auburn Road,
Painesville, OH 44077