



Workforce Development Board of Sullivan, Inc.

Jacob Lerner, Chair
Laura Quigley, Executive Director

Minutes September 15, 2026 - Full Board Meeting

Members Attending: Jacob Lerner - Board Chairman, Dory Alport- Board Vice-Chairman, Denise Burgio - Board Treasurer, Robert Green – Immediate Past Chair, Jim Boxberger, Heather Brown, Donna Buccigrossi, Olga Campos, Nicole Congelosi, LaQuesha Matthews-Reed, Jeff Molusky, Dr. David Potash, Ray Stanishia, Drew Taylor.

Others Attending: Laura Quigley - WDB, Executive Director, Michelle Cruz- Director, Center for Workforce Development/ One Stop Operator, Justine Hoskin– Director, Workforce Development, SUNY Sullivan, Samuel Rogers – BOCES, MaLyn Smith – Delaware Valley Job Corps (DVJC), Olivia Kern – DVJC.

This meeting called to order at 8:05 AM. Quorum was met with 14 voting members present.

Board Business:

1. Approval of May 12, 2026 meeting minutes.
Motion: Jim Boxberger
Second: Davis Potash
All in favor: Unanimous

2. Directors Report Highlights -Laura Quigley, Executive Director

- The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program Year 2026 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) allocations were released by the US Department of Labor (USDOL). The State lost \$16,150,338.00 across all three funding streams (Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth) resulting in a loss for Sullivan County of just under \$49,000.
- The loss of WIOA funds resulted in the loss of the Job Developer Position. This position provides business services was previously held by the staff who has now become the Junior Accountant for the Center for Workforce Development (CWD). The reworking of business services is under way.
- The CWD received the four-year subrecipient agreement from the NYS Department of Labor (NYSDOL) in the amount of \$34,615.00. This funding is passed through NYSDOL from the Office of Mental Health and is in effect from July 1, 2026 through July 1, 2027.
- The CWD also received an additional \$20,000 from the Office of Mental Health through the NYSDOL for the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NYSCION) program. This funding is effective through October 31, 2026.
- The restructuring of the Eligible Training Provider List approval and renewal process is underway by the NYSDOL. It will increase reporting expectations on providers and require all WIOA staff to be more well versed in the overall process.

- We have been organizing job fairs for the 80+ staff impacted by the closing of the Care Center at Sunset Lake. A job fair was held on September 1st with ten employers from the healthcare industry. We had 42 staff attend. We have a second job fair scheduled for September 16th that will include employers from education, vocational rehabilitation and healthcare. The CWD is also aiding with resumes and other services.
- Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.8% for July 2026, an increase from 3.6 % in July of 2025.

3. Board Education and Discussion – Laura Quigley- Workforce Board Director
Ms. Quigley gave brief presentation on the Labor Market Comparison July 2025 and July 2026 with a Board Discussion to follow.
4. Michelle Cruz – Director, Center for Workforce Development, gave a presentation on the Summer Youth Employment Program. Presentation is attached.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Lerner called for motion to adjourn meeting at 9:02 AM.
 Motion to adjourn: Rob Green
 Seconded: Dory Alport
 All in favor: Unanimous

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2026