

Emerging Workforce (Youth) Committee Meeting Minutes

Workforce Development Board: Butler Clermont Warren

Meeting Date: February 23, 2026
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: Remote (TEAMS)

Attendance: Remote

Members Present: Chair Boyce Swift

Staff Present: Becky Ehling, Brittney Stephens, Amy Miller

Guests Present: Tonia Williams, Emily Crawford, Chelsea Engel, Riley O'Grady, Aaron Brandenburg, Paige Sheridan, Jena Short

Absent: Brittany Cousins

I. Welcome & Attendance

Committee Chair Boyce Swift opened the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from February 9, 2026, were approved as official.

III. Committee Discussion & Updates

A. Focus Questions

Focus questions were displayed, reviewed, and finalized.

Paige Sheridan will place the finalized questions into a formal document and distribute them to schools. Schools will have until the end of March to gather data. The committee will review and report on the collected data during the April meeting.

B. Forum Discussion

The Spring Forum is scheduled for **May 14**.

Breakout Session 1: Mental Health

Tracy is assigned to lead this breakout session and will contact Zach Stanfield to determine if he has any insight or connections to contribute.

Breakout Session 2: Networking and Mentorship

Boyce Swift was requested to be assigned to this breakout session.

Breakout Session 3: Round Table Discussion

It was suggested to invite business professionals from IT, healthcare, manufacturing, and construction. Consideration will also be given to individuals who have completed apprenticeship programs or businesses that currently host apprenticeship programs. Easterseals will take the lead on coordinating this breakout session.

Breakout Session 4: Dress for Success

Easterseals will also take the lead on this breakout session.

At the next meeting, Boyce Swift will provide updates on the breakout sessions. The committee agreed with this plan.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Swift adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.