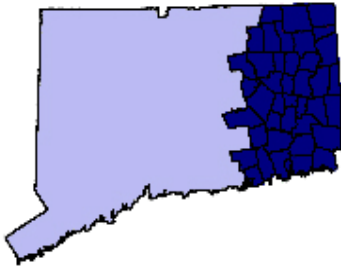


# EASTERN CT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS

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**Hon. Christopher Lippke, Member**  
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## CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

*April 11, 2019*

#### ATTENDEES

**MEMBERS:** Thomas Sparkman, *Lisbon*; Ron McDaniel, *Montville*; Ken Beausoleil, *Thompson*; & Christopher Lippke, *Canterbury*.

**OTHERS:** Jim Butler, John Beauregard, Carol LaBelle, & Virginia Sampietro.

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sparkman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The members reviewed the minutes of the February 14, 2019 CEO Council meeting. A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting, as presented (**McDANIEL/BEAUSOLEIL**).

**ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

#### CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Beauregard discussed EWIB's submission to CTDOL for the Apprenticeship Bonding funding. EWIB was notified by CTDOL that "*they were not selected for an award at this time.*" He also reviewed correspondence sent by Senator Cathy Osten to Commissioner Westby noting her concern that the Board that designed and successfully ran the Pipeline effort wasn't funded.

Members asked about how the Pipeline would be continued without that funding. Mr. Beauregard stated that other than EB funding from DECD (\$8 million, \$1 million per year to EB for 12 years) only two options remain: a) a small pilot we are discussing with the New Haven WIB; and, b) a line item that has existed in the state budget for the last two years.



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## COUNCIL BUSINESS

### ▪ Eastern CT MPI Update

- Supplier Days Event – Mr. Beauregard noted he participated on a panel at General Dynamics’ Supplier Days event in Washington, D.C. EWIB’s Chairman, Chris Jewell, also attended representing his company.
- DECD Commissioner Conversation – DECD indicated that they want the training funding that is going to EB to be used at CT schools. After discussion about the curriculum being built by the Westerly Center, DECD has drafted a short-term waiver to accommodate that concern.
- Upcoming Job Center Event – Mr. Beauregard discussed the US Secretary of Labor’s upcoming visit to the Montville American Job Center & Quinebaug Valley Community College’s Machinist Training Program to witness first-hand the Eastern CT Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (*MPI*). Governor Lamont and Senators Blumenthal & Murphy will also be attending the Tuesday, April 16, 2019 event. Mr. Beauregard invited the Council members to attend at either location.

- Linking EWIB System to Regional Economic Data – A synopsis was provided of the report that EWIB jointly prepared with economist Don Klepper-Smith, which examines how the Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative has affected the region. By the first quarter of 2019 over 7,000 people had registered in the portal. CT’s annual job growth peaked in 2016 with a growth of 5,000 jobs and declined the following two years. However, in the Eastern region, all 41 towns had more people working in 2018 than 2015. The Eastern region had 4 times the Manufacturing growth seen in CT.
- Casino Discussion – Members briefly discussed the state of the Eastern CT Casinos *vs* the ongoing prospect of a casino opening in Bridgeport or the Windsor area.
- Ratification of EWIB Board’s Actions – A **MOTION** was made to approve EWIB Board Resolution EWIB-19-02, which authorizes President/CEO John Beauregard to enter into a Prime Contractor Agreement for Third Party Workforce Development Initiatives with General Dynamics/Electric Board Division on behalf of the Board (*BEAUSOLEIL/MCDANIEL*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

- CHEFA Award – EWIB has received \$100,000 of the Connecticut Health & Educational Facilities Authority (*CHEFA*) grant awarded to the CT Workforce Development Council (*CWDC – the united body of CT’s five Workforce Development Boards*). The funding will be used to fill gaps in training and support services to ensure that low-income individuals with significant barriers to employment have access to training and support services.
- Business Closure – A brief update on businesses closing in the region was provided, including the purchase of the Savings Institute Bank & Trust, which will result in 57 layoffs; Willimantic Price Rite closure; and an update on the Crabtree & Evelyn closure.

## ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 A.M. (*MCDANIEL/BEAUSOLEIL*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.