

## MINUTES OF THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**Friday, May 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.**  
**Ashtabula County Educational Service Center Via ZOOM**

### **Members Present:**

Mr. Patrick Arcaro, Executive Director, Ashtabula County Department of Job and Family Services  
Mr. Mike Candela, Superintendent, Ashtabula County Educational Service Center  
Ms. Hattie Grubke-Barnard, Workforce Development Administrator, Ohio Means Jobs Ashtabula  
Mr. Jonathan Forbes, Director, Human Resources at Ashtabula County Medical Center  
Mr. Richard Jackson, Executive Vice President, Operations ASHTA Chemicals, Inc.  
Dr. William Nye, Superintendent, Grand Valley Local School District  
Ms. Christina Ray, Human Resources Director, Ashtabula County Educational Service Center  
Mr. Craig Sernik, Executive Director, Area 19 NOC COG  
Dr. Sue Stocker, Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University at Ashtabula  
Mr. Scott Wludyga, Superintendent, Ashtabula County Technical and Career Campus  
Ms. Wendy Zele, Manager of External Affairs, FirstEnergy Corporation

### **Members Absent:**

Ms. Beth Dougherty, Human Resource Generalist, INEOS Pigments USA  
Ms. Kelli Jones, Executive Director, Leadership Ashtabula County  
Mr. Greg Myers, Executive Director, Growth Partnership of Ashtabula County  
Mr. John Ringer, President, Ringer Screen Print, Inc.  
Mr. Mike Sass, Director of Human Resources, Community Care Ambulance  
Ms. Lisa Shank, Human Resources Manager, Lake City Plating  
Mr. George Smith, Ashtabula County Educational Service Center Board Member  
Mr. William Stoots, Operations Manager, Worthington Industries

### **Guest:**

Ms. Kayla Mack, M.S. EdPsy, Ohio Department of Education, Education Program SPecialist, Career Connections

### **Items Discussed:**

1. Introductions  
Each member introduced themselves.
2. Review and Approve Minutes from March 19, 2021 Meeting
  - Motion by Mr. Candela, second by Mr. Patrick Arcaro. . All in favor.

3. Job Readiness Seal Presentation: Ms. Kayla Mack, M.S. EdPsy,  
Ohio Department of Education, Education Program Specialist, Career Connections

- Provided a powerpoint presentation with regard to the Job Readiness Seal
- Provided the following links regarding the seal:

[AEP – Isaiah’s OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal Journey](#)

[Graduation Requirements – includes seal requirements and recommendations](#)

[Graduation Pathway’s One Pager](#)

Guidance for Engaging in the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal through Remote Mentorship

[Five things to know about the readiness seal – For students and parents](#)

[Snapshot – For Business, post-secondary and community partner engagement, or internal conversations](#)

[successbound.ohio.gov](http://successbound.ohio.gov)

4.. Summer Camp Activities at A-Tech: Mr. Scott Wludyga, Superintendent, Atech

- Provided a presentation and overview of A-Tech’s Summer Camp Activities.
- New website: Connecting Careers to Academic. Features career videos from community members demonstrating how different learned skills are used in their careers.
- “Find Your Future in Ashtabula County Retreat” on October 1, 2021 at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds for seventh graders focusing on manufacturing.

5. Updates and Other Open Discussion - Mr. Sernik

- There will be some tech-cred funding available sometime soon through NOC COG - Ohio Means Jobs funds to assist with incumbent worker training through Atech and KSUAC. Mr. Sernik will send more information out on this opportunity.
- Industry Credentials/Certifications - Mr. Wludyga indicated there will be a huge push by the state on students earning industry credentials upon graduation. Could be earned at Atech and or public schools. Some discussion on working on this type of credential/certification together as a group. There is information on the Ohio Tech Cred list of several certifications/credentials that are available.
- Job Readiness Seal - We will address it at our next meeting. There is a PowerPoint that will be shared with the information on the seal. There is also information on our shared drive for everyone to review what this seal looks like. We will also invite some others to conduct a presentation on this opportunity that we might adopt as a project for the Business Advisory Committee.
- Mentorship through the Growth Partnership this year is virtual.
- Growth Partnership is offering to develop a draft of a survey document that would help identify industry needs in our county. We would determine how to get this survey out to the community. Mr. Sernik mentioned they have business outreach funds available to help offset costs available for this project. Ms. Jones said there are several database/survey databases available and volunteered to help with the formatting of the survey. The goal is to have something put together.

## 6.. Upcoming Meeting Topics

- Implementing the Job Readiness Seal
- Mentorship Follow-Up
- OhioMeans Jobs Presentation

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Arcaro. All in favor.

Attachments Available in Google folder:

- Job Readiness Seal Presentation by ODE
  - Summer Camp Activities at A-Tech

Next Meeting Date

- Friday, October 15, 2021