



Career and Educational Advisory Council

Mecosta-Osceola Career Center

Wednesday, June, at 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Board Members (7 Makes Quorum)

Present	Michigan Works Staff	Absent
Augustson, Chelsea Bull, Joshua Eppley, Jonathan Finch, Jason Hamelund, Dave Martz, Caleb Marr, Chad Miller, Melissa Robeck, Rebecca Sanders, Julie Wolgamott, Vanessa	Davis, Toni Miller, Kelly Guest: Todd, Darryl	Bandstra, Jamie Dotson, Brian Gandhi, Nicholas Maloney, Jody Sanchez, Tracy Stakley, Deedee White, Vaughn VanAlstine, Siobhan Wells, Wendy Gradwohl

1. Call to Order, Career and Educational Advisory Council (CEAC) was brought to order at 11:51 p.m., by Joshua Bull. A quorum is present.
2. Introduction
 Bull welcomed the CEAC Members to MOCC. He gave a brief summary and introduction of Mecosta-Osceola Career Center and all it has to offer. Bull, then had each person introduce themselves and asked each to give one thing they enjoyed doing in their free time.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2026 - Emailed Prior
Jonathan Eppley, moved to approve April 22, 2026, meeting minutes; J. Finch, supported; motion approved.
4. Region 7 Perkins V Grant Discussion
 - a. Review 2026 Perkins V Application –
 - I. Perkins V Overview / Core Performance Indicators:

1. The MOCC, Newaygo County RESA CTE Center and Summit Tech Center have activities in our Regional Perkins plan centered around supporting Mathematics and Reading. The Summit Tech Center will be adding a new math consultant position to support their program instructors. Newaygo County RESA CTE Center will be focusing on best educational practices to improve their instructional design. The MOCC will be training in instructional and paraprofessional staff on researched-based reading strategies to help improve our students' reading comprehension.

5. Other CTE Regional Discussion Topics

a. Follow-up Survey Results –

1. Perkins V CPI Discussion Guide CEAC 2026

b. Follow Up Survey Results - Our local Follow Up Survey data. For the MOCC we highlighted approximately 70 % of our recent graduates were working at least part-time after following graduation and 42 % of our students were attending some form of post-secondary training or schooling. Although many of our students reported they were not immediately working in the MOCC program field of students, many reported that they value the skills they learned while attending the MOCC.

6. CTE Program Updates

a. MOCC: Caleb Martz shared employability skills, Career Diversity – per career / job choices. Leadership – Employability Skills/Vocabulary, Skills USA – MOCC had 30-40 students attend the Grand Rapids competition and 4 students went to Nationals. Toni Davis added: There was a discussion about what local employment is considered. A lot of this would depend upon who you talked to -commuting distance within our region or the state of Michigan.

b. NCRESA: Melissa Miller shared that placement for after school – Focus is on Certifications, Promise Scholarships. Students using the promise school scholarship and working with Ferris State University. Key Quality – Life Contact and promoting a new look 'Portrait of a Graduate- or a Citizen' **STILL WOULD LIKE MORE FROM MELISSA** Davis added: Miller discussed additional learning for para-pros and making this available to them. They want to be more trauma informed as they are looking at math and reading and how best to support students.

c. West Shore ESD: Was not able to attend. It was mentioned that West Shore ESD would be hiring a math instructor who would be shared.

7. Michigan Works! West Central updates

Toni Davis: What is trending with Funding – Funding: WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth funding has increased. We would like to enroll and work with our training providers and to spend-down this grant, send us your students.

Jonathan Eppley: MiCareerQuest – Recapped the event and thanked all who participated. Upcoming Event: 20 under 30 magazines were handed out and Eppley expressed gratitude for support and submitted candidates. 20 under 30 event will be held on August 7, 2026, at the Ludington Michigan Works! West Central service center. CEAC members are welcome to attend.

Chad Marr: Provided an update on the Michigan Works! West Central Hiring Parties in June; shared Incumbent Worker skills and how this program has helped employees and employers' success.

Vanessa Wolgamott: She shared how staff are preparing for 20 under 30 event and shared the date/time with CEAC members.

8. Other Business –

Bull congratulated Michigan Works! West Central on how successful the turnout was for the Big Rapids Hiring Party, which he attended.

Dave Hamelund, owner/operator of HamTech for 42 years, announced the sale of HamTech and that he will be retiring as the new owners takes over. He also asked about MMPA-Remus, if we were aware of them needing to hire 53 New Employees. Marr said the Business Engagement team is coordinating a meeting with them.

Rebecca Robeck with Grand Oak shared they are in need of 8 CNAs to have a full roster. She had attended 5 out of 6 Hiring Parties and is still going through the applications.

9. Next Meeting: October 21, 2026, hosted by NCRESA

10. Adjourn

Eppley moved to adjourn the Meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.