



**Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. Board of Directors
Eastern Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (EKWIB)
Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2021
Joint Meeting with the EKCEP Board of Directors**

Minutes

The Eastern Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (EKWIB) and the EKCEP Board of Directors had their quarterly meeting jointly on Thursday, December 9, 2021. The meeting was in-person at 412 Roy Campbell Drive Hazard, KY

EKWIB's Board Chair, Howard Blackburn called the meeting to order. Howard Blackburn asked each person in attendance to provide a brief introduction of themselves.

Featured Panelists

Matt Brown – Senior Vice President of Administration, Addiction Recovery Care
Dr. Audria Denker – Executive Vice President of Nursing, Galen College of Nursing
Bob Helton – Development Specialist, AppHarvest & Chairman, KY Association of Economic Development
Valerie Horn – Executive Director, Cowan Community Action Group
Charles “Rusty” Justice – Co-Founder, BitSource
Brett Traver – Executive Director, Southeast KY Economic Development Corporation
Kathy Walker – CEO, EKAMI, East KY Advance Manufacturing Institute

Welcome

Jeff Whitehead, EKCEP Executive Director, welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed attendees that this meeting was to feature some of the innovation that was occurring in our region. This was the first meeting, in-person in 21 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Trish Adams, EKCEP's Agency Ambassador, Industry & Board Liaison introduced each panelist and announced that this meeting would be recorded and also featured as an episode on the East KY Works Podcast.

Approval of Minutes

Howard Blackburn asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2021 board meetings, which had previously been distributed via email to both boards. Chuck Caudill made the motion to approve the minutes. Betsy Clemons seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Adjourned

The meeting concluded at approximately 4:00 p.m.