



MERRIMACK VALLEY WORKFORCE BOARD

Planning/Career Center Committee

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

9:00 am

Remote Meeting via Zoom

Meeting ID: 828 5991 2763

Passcode: 102102

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS IN PARTICIPATION:

Frank, Amato, Andrew Herlihy, Carol Riemer, Frank Surillo

STAFF IN PARTICIPATION:

Frank Bonet, Lynda Buote, Varsha Gandhi, Corina Ossers, Abby Seripais

GUESTS IN PARTICIPATION:

Juan Belliard, Nelson Buttons, Eric Nelson

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

All members being present Chairman Frank Surillo welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He informed attendees that this meeting is recorded for meeting minutes purposes only and asked for a statement of meeting recording to be included in future meeting agendas.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2026, Meeting (vote required)

Chairman Frank Surillo asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026, meeting.

Motion by Carol Riemer, seconded by Andrew Herlihy to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026, meeting. Motion passed.

III. Performance Summary Update

Frank Bonet presented the Labor Exchange Program and WIOA Performance Summary for the MassHire Merrimack Valley Career Center as of 3.31.26.

LABOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM and WIOA PERFORMANCE SUMMARY
for the MASSHIRE MERRIMACK VALLEY CAREER CENTER
LOWER MERRIMACK VALLEY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA
FISCAL YEAR 2026

PROGRAM ACTIVITY	FY26 ANNUAL PLAN	ACTUAL TO DATE as of 3/31/2026	PERCENTAGE OF PLAN
Job Seekers Served			
1. Total Job Seekers Served	8,800	5,519	63%
a. Job Seekers Unemployed	8,200	5,095	62%
b. Persons with Disabilities	388	566	146%
c. UI Claimants Served	6,112	4,036	66%
d. Veterans Served	213	135	63%
2. Total Entered Employments	1,000	516	52%
Employer Services			
1. Total Employers Served	1,309	955	73%
a. New to Career Center	519	295	57%
b. Repeat	790	660	84%
2. Employers Receiving Job Seeker Referrals	69	68	99%
3. Employers Hiring from Referrals	19	13	68%
4. Employers Receiving Enhanced Services		187	
WIOA Adults			
1. Total Participants	81	69	85%
a. Carry-in Participants	25	23	92%
b. New Participants	56	46	82%
2. Total Participants in Training (single count)	69	64	93%
a. Carry-in Participants	25		
b. New Participants	44	39	89%
3. Program Exits	38	19	50%
a. Enter Employment	29	5	17%
i. Average Hourly Wage at Placement	\$20.00	\$25.08	125%
b. Negative Exits	9	14	156%
WIOA Dislocated Workers			
1. Total Participants	52	45	87%
a. Carry-in Participants	29	24	83%
b. New Participants	23	21	91%
2. Total Participants in Training (single count)	64	47	73%
a. Carry-in Participants	29		
b. New Participants	35	18	51%
3. Program Exits	34	17	50%
a. Enter Employment	27	7	26%
i. Average Hourly Wage at Placement	\$25.00	\$38.98	156%
b. Negative Exits	7	10	143%
WIOA Youth (Younger & Older)			
1. Total Participants	109	74	68%
a. Carry-in Participants	23	19	83%
b. New Participants	86	55	64%
2. Enrollments by Program Element			
a. Occupational Skills Training (ITA's)	52	16	31%
b. Youth Group Program (In-School & Out-of-School)	34	33	97%
c. Work Experience (ITA & Group Program)	38	49	129%
3. Program Exits	63	20	32%
a. Enter Employment	24	11	46%
b. Average Hourly Wage at Placement		\$20.02	
c. Entered Post Secondary/Advanced Trng (double count possible)	26	0	0%
d. Negative Exits	13	9	69%

References: FY26 MMVWB Annual Plan; MOSES & Crystal reports

Frank Bonet said our performance is indicating some measurable improvement in placement outcomes and employer engagement. Negative exits have increased but the system overall is transitioning from strong activity to strong outcomes. Negative exits are participants who do not complete their program.

As I have indicated in previous meetings, usually at the end of the fiscal year, we tend to see the numbers rapidly increase as participants are entering or completing their training programs or being placed in jobs.

One of the strongest numbers we've seen is the job seeker services for persons with disabilities. The Career Center and the Board have been working with area agencies who work with persons with disabilities.

The Board believes that training remains below the required levels to sustain our long-term training goals. The increase in negative exits indicates that we have challenges with retention of our participants.

We are improving in people entering employment, strengthening employer engagement, improving new employer growth and increasing job seeker volume. The wage outcome is strong, and the training pipeline is slightly improving but the negative exits are concerning. For the next 60 – 90 days the focus for the Career Center and the Board is to reduce negative exits, accelerate training enrollments, continue employer momentum and make sure we sustain our placement gains.

Chairman Surillo asked if there were any questions and there were none.

**MassHire Merrimack Valley Workforce Board
FY 2026 Performance Dashboard Ending March 31, 2026**

FY'26 Annual Budget: \$10,482,431 (as of 3.31.26)				LMVWDA Unemployment:	5.4% January 2026
Job Seekers Served		Employers Served		Employers Who Hired a Job Seeker Referral	
5,519		955		13	
% Of Plan:	63%	% Of Plan:	73%	% Of Plan:	68%
WIOA Youth		Customer Demographics		WIOA Participants	
New participants: 55		Male	2812	Dislocated Worker:	45
Carry-in: 19		Female	2666		
Total Youth Served: 74		White	2813	% Of Plan:	87%
% Of Plan:	68%	Hispanic	2297	Adult:	69
		Other	409		
		18 and under	79	% Of Plan:	85%
		19-21	189		
		22-45	2648		
		46-54	983		
		55 and over	1620		
		Less than HS	544		
		HS Diploma/GED	1806		
		Some College	622		
		Associate Degree	367		
		Bachelor's Degree	1261		
		Advanced Degree	779		
		Unknown	140		
Total Entered Employment		FY26 WIOA Funds Invested in Training (as of 3.31.26)		FY26 Non-WIOA Funds Invested in Training (as of 3.31.26)	
516		\$594,737		\$151,815	
% Of Plan:	52%				
Average Hourly Wage:	\$36.70				

IV. Budget Update

Frank Bonet presented the MassHire Merrimack Valley Workforce Board Budget Report for FY 2026 as of 3.31.26.



MassHire Merrimack Valley Workforce Board Budget Report for FY 2026

As of **3/31/2026**

	Budget	Expenditure	Accrual	Balance	% Used
MMVWB Total	\$3,674,583	\$1,663,334	\$0	\$2,011,249	45.27%
GLCAC Total	\$2,393,837	\$1,154,087	\$155,372	\$1,084,378	54.70%
DCS Total	\$1,600,858	\$900,999	\$0	\$699,859	56.28%
Customer Training Total	\$2,813,154	\$1,268,470	\$370,429	\$1,174,256	58.26%
Youth Wages & Stipends		\$862,084	\$0		
Non-Youth Wages & Stipends		\$6,675	\$0		
WIOA Individual Training Account & Group Training		\$355,379	\$239,359		
Non-WIOA Group Training		\$20,745	\$131,070		
On the Job Training		\$0	\$0		
Needs Related Payments		\$0	\$0.00		
Support Services		\$23,587	\$0.00		
Grand Total	\$10,482,431	\$4,986,889	\$525,801	\$4,969,742	52.59%
		\$4,986,889		\$4,969,742	47.41%

\$0.00

WIOA Training Total is	\$594,737
NON WIOA Training Total is	\$151,815

GLCAC Expenses are paid through February 2026.

DCS Expenses are through January 2026.



MassHire Merrimack Valley Workforce Board Budget Report for FY 2026
Balance of Funds by Fiscal Year

As of 3/31/2026

Grants ending in Fiscal Year 2026	Start Date of Grant	End Date of Grant	Balance available to spend <u>by</u> June 30, 2026
Youth Works - FY 25-26	5/15/2025	6/30/2026	\$257,318
Adult Community Learning Services	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$7,526
Senior Community Services	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$0
Mass Commission for Blind	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$1,848
MassAbility	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$1,349
Operation A.B.L.E.	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$2,007
Snap Expansion qtr 1 FY 26	7/1/2025	9/30/2025	\$1,269
DTA Work Program	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$36,470
DESE Career Pathways	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$6,177
Emergency Assistance Shelter Funding FY25-26	10/1/2024	6/30/2026	\$30,766
ARPA Upskilling Navigator FY 22-26	5/1/2022	6/30/2026	\$0
Workforce Investment Board	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$36,479
Connecting Activities	7/8/2025	6/30/2026	\$142,402
Helfrich Brothers - FY 25-26	1/14/2025	12/31/2025	\$0
COL Stand Alone Intensive English FY 20-26	7/1/2019	6/30/2026	\$170,371
Wagner Peyser 10% FY26	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$16,934
Career Center One Stop	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$186,133
DVOP JVSG	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$57,685
Rapid Response DCS Staff	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$22,849
WIOA Youth FY 25	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$246,777
WIOA Adult FY 25	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$109,712
WIOA Dislocated Worker FY 25	7/1/2025	6/30/2026	\$19,666
		Total	\$1,353,523 27.24%

Multiple Years Grants	Start Date of Grant	End Date of Grant	Balance available to spend <u>after</u> June 30, 2026
WCTF Behavioral Health Program FY24-27	1/1/2024	12/31/2026	\$266,744
WCTF Healthcare Hub Program FY24-27	1/1/2024	12/31/2026	\$154,253
WCTF ESOL Program FY24-27	10/1/2023	9/30/2026	\$255,231
Wagner Peyser 90% FY 26-27	7/1/2025	6/30/2027	\$353,768
RESEA CY 25	1/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$427,174
RESEA CY 24	7/1/2024	9/30/2026	\$70,975
WIOA Youth FY 26	7/1/2025	6/30/2027	\$1,072,795
WIOA Adult FY 26	7/1/2025	6/30/2027	\$564,754
WIOA Dislocated Worker FY 26	7/1/2025	6/30/2027	\$450,524
		Total	\$3,616,219 72.76%



REPORT THRU 3.31.25

Grant #	Grant Name	MASSHIRE MWBS			GLAC			DQS-STATE PARTNER			CUSTOMER TRAINING			TOTAL BUDGET, EXPENSES, AND BALANCES			CASH			OBLIGATIONS & RECEIVALS			TOTAL OBLIGATIONS
		Budget	Expenses	Balances	Budget	Expenses	Balances	Budget	Expenses	Balances	Budget	Expenses	Balances	Budget	Expenses	Balances	Revenues	Cash Flow	MASSHIRE MWBS	GLAC	DQS - STATE	CUSTOMER TRAINING	
4	City Cash Board/Disabilities Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
13	Youth Works - FY 24-27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
15	Youth Works FY 25-26	\$666,075.79	\$12,544.93	\$153,530.86												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
31	Adult Community Learning Services	\$611.00	\$1,803.52	\$2,396.77												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
32	Senior Community Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
33	Mass Commission for Blind	\$153.00	\$2,897.00	\$2,744.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
34	Mental Health	\$94.00	\$1,996.00	\$1,902.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
35	Operation A.B.L.E.	\$500.00	\$1,905.95	\$1,405.95												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
36	Snip Expansion (FY 17-18)	\$183.00	\$184.00	\$1.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
37	Snip Expansion (FY 24-25)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
38	OTA Work Program	\$1,388.00	\$28,968.18	\$27,580.18												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
39	2022 Senior Pathways	\$15,660.00	\$10,308.96	\$5,351.04												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
40	Emergency Assistance - Shelter	\$1,472.13	\$1,472.13	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
41	Funding FY25-26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
54	WV Healthline - No Prior FY 23-26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
55	WV Healthline - No Prior FY 23-26	\$185,854.76	\$185,854.76	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
73	WV Healthline - No Prior FY 23-26	\$20,771.00	\$20,771.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
77	WV Healthline - No Prior FY 23-26	\$18,514.83	\$18,514.83	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
78	WV Healthline - No Prior FY 23-26	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
81	Workforce Investment Board	\$5,332.26	\$5,332.26	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
82	Connecticut Activities	\$30,964.06	\$30,964.06	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
85	Healthcare - FY 25-28	\$1,446.58	\$1,446.58	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
86	CCJ State Allow Initiative English FY 25-28	\$20,064.06	\$20,064.06	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
90	Wagner Center - FY 25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
91	Wagner Center - FY 26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
92	Wagner Center - FY 27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
93	Wagner Center - FY 28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
94	Wagner Center - FY 29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
95	Wagner Center - FY 30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
96	Wagner Center - FY 31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
97	Wagner Center - FY 32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
98	Wagner Center - FY 33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
99	Wagner Center - FY 34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
100	Wagner Center - FY 35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
101	Wagner Center - FY 36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
102	Wagner Center - FY 37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
103	Wagner Center - FY 38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
104	Wagner Center - FY 39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
105	Wagner Center - FY 40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
106	Wagner Center - FY 41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
107	Wagner Center - FY 42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
108	Wagner Center - FY 43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
109	Wagner Center - FY 44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
110	Wagner Center - FY 45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
111	Wagner Center - FY 46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
112	Wagner Center - FY 47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
113	Wagner Center - FY 48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
114	Wagner Center - FY 49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
115	Wagner Center - FY 50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
116	Wagner Center - FY 51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
117	Wagner Center - FY 52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
118	Wagner Center - FY 53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
119	Wagner Center - FY 54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
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121	Wagner Center - FY 56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
122	Wagner Center - FY 57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
123	Wagner Center - FY 58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
124	Wagner Center - FY 59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
125	Wagner Center - FY 60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
126	Wagner Center - FY 61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
127	Wagner Center - FY 62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
128	Wagner Center - FY 63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
129	Wagner Center - FY 64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
130	Wagner Center - FY 65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
131	Wagner Center - FY 66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
132	Wagner Center - FY 67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
133	Wagner Center - FY 68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
134	Wagner Center - FY 69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
135	Wagner Center - FY 70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
136	Wagner Center - FY 71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
137	Wagner Center - FY 72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
138	Wagner Center - FY 73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00																			



Fiscal Year 2026 Highlights
As of March 31, 2026

Increased Funding for Massability in the amount of \$840.00. MMVWB portion \$42.00. GLCAC Portion \$798.00.

Frank Bonet said we need to look at training pipeline versus spending. We'll have to make an effort to get more participants into the pipeline. Spending is up and negative exits are up. That's the biggest disconnect I see. We need to find out if there are barriers for participants with negative exits and if they need other services like transportation or childcare.

What's working is supporting increase in placements and activities. The Career Center is having an Open House in June – date TBD. Training investment is growing and funds are being deployed. I think we should tie our training dollars to enrollment targets, shift our resources toward retention, and link our spending to placement conversion metrics and monitor burnout rates especially with our large FY26 funding.

Chairman Surillo asked if there were any questions and there were none.

V. Career Center Report

In Alicia Appugliese's absence, Eric Nelson presented the MassHire Merrimack Valley Career Center Report.

Career Center Report
Planning Committee Meeting April 21, 2026

Business Services:

Past Events

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| • 2/4/26 | Mass PCA Recruitment | 17 Job Seekers attended |
| • 2/10/26 | Seven Hills Recruitment (Virtual) | 13 Job Seekers attended |
| • 2/11/26 | Job Seeker Training – Navigating MassCareers (Virtual) | 46 Job Seekers attended |
| • 2/12/26 | Magellan Aerospace Onsite Recruitment (Haverhill) | 5 Job Seekers attended |
| • 2/25/26 | Work Opportunities Unlimited Recruitment (Virtual) | 27 job Seekers attended |
| • 2/26/26 | Waystone Onsite Recruitment (Lawrence) | 7 Job Seekers attended |
| • 3/5/26 | Emmaus Inc. Recruitment (Virtual) | 11 Job Seekers attended |

Upcoming Events:

- 3/17/26 Community Group Recruitment
- 3/18/26 Essex Tech Recruitment
- 3/19/26 Vicor Recruitment
- 3/24/26 MKS Instruments Recruitment
- 4/7/26 Merrimack Health Recruitment (Virtual)

- 4/9/26 Merrimack Health Recruitment (in Person)
- 4/29/26 Whole Foods Recruitment

Future Planning / not scheduled

- TBD (APR-MAY) Business Resources Seminar
- TBD (APR-MAY) Industry Information Sessions – Employer Panels for Job Seekers
- TBD (JUL) Premier Virtual Job Fair

Staffing:

- We have hired 2 new employment counselors. They started March 23. We still have 1 Business Service Representative position to fill. Filling these roles is a priority to ensure continuity of services and operational capacity.

Upcoming Events:

- April 29th we will host an open house in our new office location
- Hoping to connect with the following organizations in the coming months:
 - Squash Busters in Lawrence
 - libraries, chamber of commerce’s and local YMCAs in Lawrence and surrounding communities
 - SISU in Lawrence
 - The School of Exceptional Studies in Lawrence

Eric said to date for the month of February and March, we’ve done a total of eight events for seven companies with a total of 112 job seekers.

Upcoming events include recruitment events with Community Day Charter School and JVT Advisors Manufacturing on May 5th, Business Resources Virtual Lunch and Learn on May 6th and a recruitment event with Whole Foods on May 27th here at the Career Center.

When we separated from Northern Essex Community College, we lost the ability to use their space at no cost. We’ve been doing more individual recruitment events vs large-scale job fairs. We are looking for space for small job fairs. The MMVWB has offered space, and we just spoke with building management at 439 South Union Street to hold an event here as well.

Frank Surillo said I will speak with the mayor to see if we can hold an event at 255 Essex Street, 1st floor and Eric said I’ll drop my contact information into the Chat. One of the biggest issues with event space we’ve looked at is that they don’t have tables and chairs and we can’t spend the money to rent them and Frank Surillo said we have tables and chairs at 255 Essex Street. Frank said I will let you know about the space at 255 Essex Street.

Juan Belliard said we continue to reach out to the community to increase our youth numbers. We have a long list of dislocated and low-income adult people waiting to meet with counselors. We have two new counselors in training, and we have one counselor focusing on ITAs and an MDCS worker working 30% on ITAs. We’re trying our best to process more ITAs.

Chairman Surillo asked if there were any questions and there were none.

VI. Other Business

Frank Bonet said John Mitchison, Councilor, City of Haverhill, is our guest speaker at the April 28th MMVWB Quarterly meeting. The agenda will be posted this week. Andrew Herlihy said thank you for having him at the upcoming meeting.

Frank Surillo said the Economic Development team for the City of Lawrence is moving to 255 Essex Street within the next two weeks. We will have all four floors. The first floor will be our Business Resource Center, and it would be good to have a job fair there.

Frank Surillo said did anyone attend District Day with Congresswoman Trahan in Washington. I didn't attend this year, but I usually attend to advocate for funding for the city of Lawrence. Frank Bonet said the Massachusetts Workforce Association was present to try to increase funding and changes to WIOA and Juan said Vilma Martinez-Dominguez attended.

Frank Bonet said the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) conference was in Las Vegas this year. As I understand it, there was negative news regarding the administration's view of workforce boards and career centers however, it's not the view of all elected officials.

Andrew Herlihy said the Secretary of Labor resigned yesterday.

VII. Adjourn (vote required)

Having no further business, Chairman Frank Surillo called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Andrew Herlihy, seconded by Carol Riemer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Buote

Recorder

Attachments:

Labor Exchange Program and WIOA Performance Summary for the MHMVCC as of 3.31.26

MassHire Merrimack Valley Workforce Board Budget Report for FY 2026 as of 3.31.26

MassHire Merrimack Valley Career Center Report 4.21.26