



DU PAGE COUNTY

Economic Development Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
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Tuesday, August 19, 2025

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Yeena Yoo at 8:35 AM.

The Chair read the language to allow Member Galassi to participate remotely. A motion was given by Member Rutledge, second by Member Childress, all ayes, motion passes.

2. ROLL CALL

Member Haider was late due to the Judicial Public Safety Committee running late.

PRESENT	Childress, Eckhoff, Rutledge, and Yoo
REMOTE	Galassi
LATE	Haider

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR YOO

The Chair welcomed members back, extended best wishes to Member Sheila Rutledge as she transitions to her next chapter, and introduced Lisa Schvach with workNet DuPage, and Innovation DuPage for presentations.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. A. [25-1994](#)

Economic Development Committee - Minutes - June 17, 2025

Attachments: [Economic Development Committee - Minutes - June 17, 2025](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Sheila Rutledge

6. INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING

6. A. [25-1917](#)

Marquardt School District 15

Attachments: [Marquardt SD15](#)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
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MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Sheila Rutledge

6. B. [25-1918](#)

Aqueity

Attachments: [Aqueity](#)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Sheila Rutledge

6. C. [25-1925](#)

Laser Technologies, Inc.

Attachments: [Laser Technologies](#)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Sheila Rutledge

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

7. A. Lisa Schvach: workNet DuPage Update

Lisa Schvach, Executive Director of workNet DuPage, delivered the 2024 Year in Review, highlighting key outcomes from the Career Center. The presentation included program statistics, success stories, and an overview of services offered. A copy of the presentation was sent to Committee Members.

7. B. Dan Facchini & Joe Cassidy: Innovation DuPage

Dan Facchini and Joe Cassidy presented on Innovation DuPage and the Owner-to-CEO program. Innovation DuPage reported 400+ companies in residence, \$46M in revenue, 850+ jobs, and noted strong impacts through scholarships, internships, and events-all without taking equity stakes.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Yeena Yoo at 9:12 AM..



Minutes

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8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Yeena Yoo at 8:40 AM due to the JPS Committee running late.

2. ROLL CALL

Member Paula Deacon Garcia was also in the meeting for the Choose DuPage presentation, Michael Childress left at 8:55am when the presentation concluded to Chair the Public Works Committee.

PRESENT	Childress, Eckhoff, Galassi, Haider, and Yoo
ABSENT	Rutledge

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR YOO

Chair Yoo reminded the Committee of the Health Care Industry Insight Series being held at workNet DuPage this week and noted that Health care has grown significantly in DuPage and is a huge driver for the regional economy.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. A. [25-1540](#)

Economic Development Committee - Summary Minutes - May 20, 2025

Attachments: [Economic Development Committee - Minutes - May 20, 2025](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Kari Galassi
SECONDER:	Saba Haider

6. INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING

6. A. [25-1505](#)

Noteable Notes Board Memo

Attachments: [Noteable Notes IWT - Board Memo](#)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
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MOVER:	Saba Haider
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

6. B. [25-1506](#)

Sumitomo

Attachments: [IWT Board Memo - Sumitomo](#)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Kari Galassi
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

7. GRANT PROPOSAL NOTIFICATIONS

7. A. [25-1521](#)

GPN 017-25: Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, Department of Labor, Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Grant (WIOA) PY25, \$6,140,333.
(Human Resources, Workforce Development Division)

Lisa Schvach, Executive Director of workNet DuPage, updated the Committee regarding the status of the Federal Grant Funding.

Attachments: [GPN 017-25 WIOA PY25](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Saba Haider
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

8. PROCUREMENT REQUISITIONS

8. A. [25-1459](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce, to fulfill the role as the "One Stop Operator", for the Workforce Development Division, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$24,000, per RFP #25-048-WIOA.

Attachments: [Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce - PRCC](#)
[Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce - Scorecard](#)
[Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce - Pricing Form](#)
[Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce - Proposal Form](#)
[Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce - Vendor Ethics](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Kari Galassi
SECONDER:	Saba Haider

9. PRESENTATION

Greg Bedalov, Choose DuPage, presented on the Industry Cluster Analysis. This study provides a

comprehensive overview of DuPage County's economy and industry sectors, including areas of competitive strengths and projecting trends into the future. Questions were taken from Committee members.

Greg Bedalov, Choose DuPage: Industry Cluster Analysis

10. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Yoo thanked Glenn Mazade (Old National Bank) and Karyn Charvat (PowerForward DuPage) for attending the meeting.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Yoo at 9:03 AM.



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Memo

Date: August 6, 2025
To: Economic Development Committee
From: Griffin Leininger, Business Services Lead, DuPage Workforce Development Division
RE: Incumbent Worker Training Application – Marquardt School District 15

Marquardt Elementary School District 15 serves 2,550 students in the communities of Glendale Heights, Addison, Bloomingdale, Lombard, and Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Schools within this district include: Black Hawk Elementary, Charles G. Raskin Elementary, G. Stanley Hall Elementary, Marquardt Middle School, and Winnebago Elementary.

As with many other districts locally, statewide, and nationally, District 15 has experienced teacher shortages. While they do have many dedicated paraprofessionals, there are limitations to what those staff members can do as a result of their lack of higher education. These staff often have a keen understanding of the needs of each classroom they serve, and they acquire significant amounts of knowledge on-the-job. Often times, they are parents within the district or other dedicated community members. It is frequently impractical or impossible for such paraprofessionals to acquire their Bachelors degrees due to time or financial constraints.

This project, in conjunction with Bloomboard serving as apprenticeship intermediary, will provide the opportunity for 2-3 paraprofessionals to begin a registered Teacher Apprenticeship. Trainees will continue learning on-the-job while completing Bachelors degree coursework. This IWT grant will offset costs of the first year of the program. A subsequent grant will be issued for year two. At completion, trainees will receive a Bachelor's degree, their teaching certificate, a promotion, and a raise as a result of this training. Trainees will earn their Bachelor of Arts in Education. They will earn their teaching certificate in the areas required by the Illinois State Board of Education after which they will be hired by Marquardt SD15 as a full-time certified teacher.

Notes:

- * Marquardt School District 15 - 420 Employees
- * Located in Glendale Heights, Illinois
- * Number of Incumbent Workers to be Trained: 2-3
- * Total Amount Approved: \$14,100.00



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Memo

Date: July 2, 2025
To: Economic Development Committee
From: Nicolas J. Webb, Business Services Representative, DuPage Workforce Development Division
RE: Incumbent Worker Training Application – Aqueity, Inc.

Aqueity delivers technology services and IT strategic consulting to a wide spectrum of small and medium size businesses. They will be undergoing a series of trainings in the domains of cybersecurity, fundamentals of cloud and Microsoft functionality, digital marketing, and marketing management.

Aqueity needs to maintain a highly qualified team to meet their growing and changing client needs. They also need to be able to continuously source new customers due to the changing nature of the IT industry.

Training covers various Microsoft cybersecurity platforms and firewall training. Marketing training includes tracking marketing outcomes through different software platforms as well as managing marketing campaign progress.

Notes:

- * Aqueity, Inc. — 30 Employees
- * Located in Downers Grove, Illinois
- * Number of Incumbent Workers to be Trained: 12
- * Total Amount Approved: \$6,637.85



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Memo

Date: August 1, 2025
To: Economic Development Committee
From: Nicolas J. Webb, Business Services Representative, DuPage Workforce Development Division
RE: Incumbent Worker Training Application – Laser Technologies Inc

Laser Technologies delivers fully integrated contract manufacturing services with over 35 years of experience in high precision manufacturing. Three of their employees are continuing their Related Theory Apprenticeships through the IWT grant.

Related theory for skills in Tool & Die making are necessary in order to successfully fulfill orders for precision metal components.

Students will learn tool and die making basics including shop safety, types of dies, principles of blanking/piercing dies, bending, screw and dowel holes, die life, die-block construction, and stock material utilization and strip layouts.

Notes:

- * Laser Technologies Inc — 121 Employees
- * Located in Naperville, Illinois
- * Number of Incumbent Workers to be Trained: 3
- * Total Amount Approved: \$16,950.00