



# C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation

*“Community Action Agency”*

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**CEO Meeting**  
**September 15, 2025**  
**Immediately following the conclusion of the Board Meeting**

**Location: C.E.F.S. Building**  
**1805 S. Banker Street**  
**Effingham, IL**

**Zoom:**  
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**Meeting ID:** 87516418660

- I. Welcome – Call to Order/Roll Call – Chair Brewer
  - II. Approval of Minutes of the 6/16/25 Meeting – **Page 2** (Action Required) – Chair Brewer
  - III. Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Chair Brewer
  - IV. Signatory Authority Update – Cindy Mayer, Workforce Director
  - V. Board Attendance Report – **Page 4** Cindy Mayer, Workforce Director
  - VI. Fiscal Agent Report – Cindy Mayer, Workforce Director
  - VII. New Business
    - a. Board Appointments and Reappointments - **Page 5** (Action Required) – Chair Brewer
    - b. Workforce Development Month Proclamation – (Action Required) – Chair Brewer
  - VIII. Old Business – Chair Brewer
  - IX. Public Comment/Closing Remarks (next meeting Dec. 16) – Chair Brewer
  - X. Motion to Adjourn – Chair Brewer
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# LWIA 23 QUARTERLY CEO MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 16, 2025

at

CEFS – 1805 S Banker, Effingham

Chair: Jim Brewer

Vice Chair: Jeff Voigt

**Attendance:**

In Person: Jim Brewer, Tim Wentz, Nancy Purdy, Jason Warfel, Jeff Voigt

Virtual: Josh Roe, Bill Burke, Cory Hodges

Absent: Jim Bolin, Josh Douthitt, Denis Graves, Ashley Towler, Debbie Smith

Others Present: Kevin Bushur, Kelly Denton, Tina Percy, Dylan Pugh, Cindy Mayer

**Welcome – Call to Order:**

Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Roll call read by Cindy Mayer. Quorum present.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes for the March 17, 2025, CEO meeting was approved as is. Nancy Purdy made the motion to approve the minutes and Jason Warfel seconded. Motion carried.

**Conflict of Disclosure:**

Chair Brewer asked for any conflicts of interest. There were none reported.

**Signatory Authority Update:**

Cindy Mayer reported that the CEFS CEO, Kevin Bushur, signed for the Apprenticeship Expansion Grant and budget modifications for PY23 Formula Grant, PY 24 Supplemental Grant, and PY 24 Formula Grant.

**Board Attendance Report:**

Cindy Mayer pointed out the attendance report was in the meeting packet. There was no further discussion

**Fiscal Agent Transition Update:**

Cindy Mayer reported C.E.F.S. is three quarters into its first year as the fiscal agent and things continue to go well.

**New Business:**

Approval of the PY25 Budget

As CEOs were present during the Board meeting when Tina Percy, CFO, presented the budget, there was no further discussion. Jeff Voigt made a motion to approve the budget and Nancy Purdy seconded. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

#### Approval of the PY25 Meeting Schedule

There was no discussion. Tim Wente made a motion to approve the meeting schedule, and Josh Roe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **Old Business:**

None

#### **Public Comment/Closing Remarks:**

Cindy Mayer shared she had forgotten to share a few things during her report. Cindy reported concern for board participation and encouraged CEOs to consider people's willingness to be involved when nominating someone to the board. It was shared that six people declined nominations for the Vice-Chair position on the board and that was all the board members who met eligibility requirements to hold an office.

Additionally, Cindy reported new board members are needed for Effingham, Crawford, Fayette, and Marion counties. Also, Kim Taylor has announced her retirement from FAYCO so Cindy will be working on a replacement for a community-based organization. It was also reported that Lesley Savage with DHS is replacing Aaron Hacker.

Finally, Cindy shared information on the federal budget proposal for FY26 and what it may mean to WIOA funding. Information shared included the proposal to revamp WIOA to Make America Skilled Again (MASA) which eliminates the requirements of adult, dislocated, and youth spending requirements and consolidates 11 workforce programs. MASA also would require 10% of funds to be spent on registered apprenticeship activities. The proposed budget decreases DOL funding by \$932,682. Additionally, DCEO is monitoring discussions on the elimination of local workforce boards. Cindy stated she will continue to keep the CEOs informed.

#### **Motion to Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. Jeff Voigt made the motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Nancy Purdy. Motion carried.

## LWIA 23 Board Attendance

\*\*=Chair; \*=Vice Chair      P=Present; X=Absent; N/A=Not Applicable

Last Name	First Name	County	Committee Participation	6/16/2025	special 5/28/2025	3/17/2025	12/16/2024	9/16/2024	6/17/2024	special 5/6/24	3/18/2024	12/11/2023	9/18/2023	6/12/2023	3/20/2023	12/12/2022	9/19/2022	6/20/2022	3/21/2022
<b>Clark County</b>																			
Bolin	Jim	Clark	None	NA	NA	NA	NA	P	X	P	X	P	P	X	P	X	P	P	P
Bohanon	Deb	Clark	None	P	P	X	P												
<b>Clay Co.</b>																			
Igert	Cassi	Clay Co.	None	X	P	P	X	X	P	X	X	X	P	X	P	P	P	X	X
<b>Coles County</b>																			
Smith	Denise	Coles	None	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	X	P	P	X	X	P	P
<b>Crawford County</b>																			
Bilyew**	Gareld	Crawford	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
<b>Cumberland County</b>																			
Deters	Sandy	Cumberland	None	X	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	X	P
<b>Edgar County</b>																			
Martin	Mandy	Edgar	None	P	X	P	X	P	P	P	P	X	X	X	P	X	P	P	P
<b>Effingham County</b>																			
Conrad	Mike	Effingham	PO	NA	X	X	X	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	X	P	P
Shelley	Roy	Effingham	None	X	X	P	X	X	X	P	P	X	RS for JP	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Fayette County</b>																			
UNFILLED		Fayette	None										X	X	X	X	X	P	P
<b>Jasper County</b>																			
Warfel*	Jason	Jasper	VC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X
<b>Lawrence County</b>																			
Cannon	Bryan	Lawrence	None	P	X	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	X
<b>Marion County</b>																			
Reed	Deb	Marion	None	X	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	X	X	P	P	X	P	P
<b>Moultrie County</b>																			
Poorman	Lori	Moultrie	Y	X	P	X	X	X	X	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P
<b>Richland County</b>																			
Zwilling	Austin	Richland	None	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	P	X	X

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Burgholzer	Casey	Wagner-Peyser	PO Y C	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P
Buenker	Kevin	Labor	None	P	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	P	P	X	X
Bushur	Kevin	CBO	PO C	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	L J for KB	P	P	P
Jorgenson	Carolynne	Voc Rehab	Y C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	X	P
Vockey	Courtney	Eco Dev	None	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	TM	P
McElravy	Josh	Labor	None	X	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	X	X	X	P	X	X	X	P
Tracy	Carol	CBO	PO	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	X	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P
Taylor	Kim	CBO	PO	P	P	P	P	X	P	X	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	X	P
Obermark	Julie	Higher Ed	PO C	JF for JO	X	P	X	P	P	X	X	X	X	P	X	P	P	P	P
Hacker	Aaron	TANF	PO C	X	X	X	X	X	X	P	P	P	AH for CW	X	X	X	X	X	P
Strohl	Chris	Adult Ed	PO Y C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

### New Appointments Effective Oct. 1, 2025

Rachel Collins	Effingham	Private
Marcy Wallace	Fayette	Private
Sami Windham	Crawford	Private
Lesley Savage	DHS	Public (replacing Aaron Hacker)

### Reappointments

Denise Smith	Coles	Private
Kevin Buenker	Effingham	Public
Courtney Yockey	Effingham	Public
Carolynne Jorgens	Richland	Public

### Exiting

Gareld Bilyew	Crawford	Term limit
Deborah Reed	Marion	Opt out of reappoint.
Michael Conrad	Effingham	resigned early
Aaron Hacker	Coles/DHS	Requested replacement
Kim Taylor	Fayette	Retiring in Spring