

AGENDA
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION 8 WORKFORCE BOARD, INC.
Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Noon to 1:30 PM Public Meeting

LOCATION: The StoneGate Arts & Education Center is located at 931 15th Street in Bedford. It is located at the corner of 15th and J streets on the Lawrence County Courthouse square. The Building is on the NW corner of the square. Parking lot is located in the rear of the building with additional parking on the square if needed.

Welcome, Call to Order

Brenda Reetz, Chair

- a. Introductions – Welcome New Members
- b. Approval of 06/24/2026 Meeting Minutes*

Financial Reports

- a. Grant Breakdown and Current Standing of Remaining Funds
- b. Revenue & Expense to Total Budget
- c. Approval of Financial Reports*
- d. Business Services, Power-UP, RESTART, RESKILL & WRG Contracts*
- e. Fiscal Agent One-Year Option Renewal*

Carla Crowe

Carla/Susan Neal
Rob King

Guest Presentation

- a. AI Owl
 - Jason Feig, PhD, Senior Vice President
 - Jacqueline Layreau, Vice President

Staff to the Board / One-Stop Operator Report

- a. Slate of Officers – Election of Officers*
- b. Executive Council Meeting (08/26/2026)
- c. Regional Plan Modifications – Region 8*
- d. Staff of the Quarter Presentation
- e. Regional Update/WorkOne Report

Rob King

Brenda Reetz/Rob King
Susan Neal

Other Business – Group Discussion- Good of the Order

All

Workforce Board Meeting Dates (2026-2027)

Adjourn

Next Meeting: January 27, 2027 (Via Zoom Invite)

AGENDA BRIEFS
09/30/2026 South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc. Meeting

The meeting will be called to order at 12:00 Noon and adjourn by 1:30 PM. This meeting is the first meeting of the Program Year 2026 (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027). These briefs are intended to provide some background on the agenda items. Items marked with an asterisk* and italics require board action.

Welcome and Call to Order – Brenda Reetz, Board Chair will call the meeting to order.

Approval of 06/24/2026 Meeting Minutes* - The Board last met in June. The minutes of that meeting have been provided. Please read the minutes and let us know of any corrections that should be made.

Financial Report and Budget/VU Contracts* - Our fiscal agent, Carla Crowe, will present the financial report for the current period. The Revenue/Expense and Grant Breakdown/Current Standing of Remaining Funds reports will be provided to Board members. We will discuss changes to the budget for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Fiscal Agent will also discuss contracts to be awarded to Vincennes University and include Business Services Consultant, Employer Training Grant (ETG) Power-Up Grant, RESTART, RESKILL and Workforce Ready Grant (WRG).* Rob King will discuss the Fiscal Agent Contract with Crowe, LLC and the Board will vote on providing a One-Year Option Renewal for PY'26.*

Guest Presentation – Jason Feig, PhD, Senior Vice President and **Jacqueline Layreau**, Vice President, will be present to provide Board members with a presentation about their Youth AI Platform. AI Owl operates a dual-pronged artificial intelligence training platform focused on [K-12/Higher Education \(Youth\)](#) and [Workforce Upskilling](#). Officially recognized by the White House as an AI Education and Workforce Champion, the organization is a state-certified career college in Ohio designed to move learners from passive consumers of technology to active creators.

Staff to the Board/One-Stop Operator Report - Rob King will discuss the Slate of Candidates for Officers of the Workforce Board. The Board will vote on the Slate of Officers for Program Year 2026 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027).* Rob will provide an update on Executive Council Meeting that was conducted on July 30, 2026, items discussed included: 1) Overview of WorkOne Services; 2) WIOA Funding Allocations (PY26); 3) Elected Officials Agreement; and 4) Region 8 Organizational Structure review. Rob will also discuss the Regional Plan Modifications for Plan Years 2024-2027. Executive Council approved the plan to be published for public review and comments on 8/26/2026. The Updated/Edited plan is due to the state by close of business on 9/30/2026. *

Staff of the Quarter Presentation for July 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

WorkOne Report – Susan Neal, OSO, will highlight recent WorkOne activities.

Other Business – Group Discussion – Board members should discuss other current workforce Issues, challenges and questions.

Next Meeting: January 27, 2027 via Zoom Option

Adjourn – 1:30