

AGENDA
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION 8 WORKFORCE BOARD, INC.
Wednesday, April 22, 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 01/21/2026 Meeting Minutes*

Guest Presentation – ROI MOMENTUM Microelectronics Workforce Development Program

- a. Regional Opportunity Initiatives
 - Stefan Welsh, Program Director
 - Kim Waldrige, Sector Specialist

Financial Reports

- a. Grant Breakdown and Current Standing of Remaining Funds Carla Crowe
- b. Revenue & Expense to Total Budget
- c. WRG Update/Power-Up Update/PH6 Grant Update* Susan Neal
- d. Approval of Financial Reports*
- e. Board Audit Report (Comer & Nowling)*

Staff to the Board / One-Stop Operator Report

- a. New Region 8 Website (Bio's & Pic's) Rob King
- b. DWD/Midwest Urban Strategies (RESTART) Susan Neal
- c. Rapid Response Update
- d. JAG Update Sam Perkins
- e. EGR Realignment Update/Regional 4-Year Plan Update Rob King

WorkOne Report

Don Kent

Other Business – Group Discussion- Good of the Order

All

Adjourn

Next Meeting: June 24, 2026 (In-Person with Zoom Option)

AGENDA BRIEFS
04/22/2026 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 third meeting of the Program Year 2025 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026). 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 01/21/2026 Meeting Minutes* - The Board last met in January. The minutes of that meeting have been provided. Please read the minutes and let us know of any corrections that should be made.

Guest Presentation – Michi McClaine, VP of Talent Development, and Kim Waldrige, Sector Specialist for Regional Opportunity Initiatives (ROI). ***MOMENTUM: Indiana Uplands Microelectronics Workforce Development*** is the name for ROI's portfolio of regional ME programs, including the ME Training Hub, ME Academy, soldering training, and curriculum development. Aligned with local career opportunities, MOMENTUM opens doors to microelectronics education and training, sparks interest in high-tech careers, and accelerates talent pipelines—building the skilled workforce needed to power the defense industry and keep the U.S. at the forefront of the semiconductor lifecycle, from design to engineering, testing, production, packaging, fabrication, and logistics

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, 2025 to March 31, 2026. Susan Neal will provide an operational update for WRG, Power-Up, and Pathway Home 6.0 Grants. *Board members will vote on adjustments made to the budget to include Workforce Ready Grant (WRG) and Pathway Home 6.0.* Carla Crowe will review the results of the most recent Region 8 Board Audit and the Board will vote to approve.**

Staff to the Board/One-Stop Operator Report - Rob King will discuss the launch of Bio's & Pic's on the Region 8 Website. Susan Neal will discuss a Grant opportunity with DWD and MUS (RESTART). Susan Neal will provide DWD PY24 Region 8 Monitoring results to Board. Susan Neal will provide an operational update on Rapid Response activities. Sam Perkins, JAG Program Manager, will provide an update on JAG Program that is scheduled to end by 12/31/2026. Rob King will provide an update on realignment of Economic Growth Regional maps.

WorkOne Report – Don Kent, Executive Director of WDS-Region 8, will highlight recent WorkOne activities.

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

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Adjourn – 1:30