



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Open Meeting Minutes
8:30 a.m. - Friday, February 2, 2024
IWE Boardroom - 119 Chatham Street W

Present:	Mayor Drew Dilkens, Chair	Chris Savard, Past Chair	Dr. Robert Gordon, Vice	Warden Hilda
	Alex Anobile	Federica Nazzani	Kyrsten Solcz	Jimi Tjong
Regrets:	Kevin Laforet, Treasurer	Waseem Habash	Jim Lyons	
Staff:	Stephen MacKenzie, CEO	Holly Connelly		

1. CALL TO ORDER & DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by Mayor Drew Dilkens, Chair and quorum was met. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. AGENDA

The agenda for the open meeting of Invest WindsorEssex Board of Directors was approved as presented.

Motion Moved by Chris Savard

Seconded by Jimi Tjong

That the agenda for the February 2, 2024, meeting of Invest WindsorEssex Board of Directors be approved. Carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes of the open Board Meeting

3.2 Monthly Performance Measures and Metrics

3.3 Top Business Priorities

Motion Moved by Warden MacDonald

Seconded by Dr. Gordon

THAT the consent agenda and the recommendations therein be approved. Carried.

4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

4.1 Chair's Report

Report in camera.

4.2 CEO's Report

- Ed Dawson has been named Interim Executive Director, Automobility and Innovation
- AIC is the top performing OVIN site with 44 companies enrolled and 63 total projects and total value provided to the client is \$7 million
- CES – 15 leads
- EV Careers has 1000 people registered and 12-25 jobs posted daily
 - Skill-based and skill-driven site
 - Links to post-secondary institutions and grants available
- SWODF applications are currently active for seven local company expansions
- Federal funding for EV-related training and information sessions for businesses locally and in other regions
- Summer Company and Starter Company programs renewed
- Additional \$3 million announced for WDBA program that provides special assistance to businesses and entrepreneurs in the Sandwich region



- IWE website migration to new platform planned in March
- It was recommended IWE bring a detailed report containing the data submitted to the Board to County Council every quarter and quantify

The group discussed potential opportunities to enhance bridging the gap in entrepreneurship and succession planning.

Motion Moved by Chris Savard
Seconded by Federica Nazzani

THAT the updates provided in the CEO's Report be received. Carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation

Mayor Dilkens presented the President & CEO with a plaque and thanked him for his leadership and contribution to IWE over the years.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Invest WindsorEssex Board of Directors will be held on Friday, April 5, 2024.

7. ADJOURNMENT & MOVE IN CAMERA

Motion Moved by Alex Anobile
Seconded by Jimi Tjong

That the open meeting of the Invest WindsorEssex Board of Directors be adjourned at 9:04 a.m. Carried.