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Executive Board Meeting September 5, 2025 at 12:00 PM

Hilton Garden Inn, Watertown

In Attendance: Cheryl Mayforth, Matt Cooper, Rod Castillo, Jody Petit and Rob Aiken.

Absent: Anne Garno

The agenda for the September 18, 2025, full board meeting was presented. All new resolutions from the June meeting required full board approval. Due to the lack of a quorum in June, the Executive Board has approved those resolutions. The usual resolutions for September were also noted.

There was discussion on enhancing and introducing students to additional programs to expose students to various occupations. Director Mayforth presented the first Careers in Government Day with summer youth and shared plans to expand it to pre-tech classes at BOCES; a date has not yet been established. Manufacturing Day is scheduled for October 16, and Workforce Connections is scheduled for November 18.

Those in attendance reported an increase in applications for open positions. Unemployment remains low but encouraged by this development.

Rod Castillo presented research on using Artificial Intelligence to address labor shortages, outlining ways AI could take the place of the humans in a shrinking workforce for the future.

The full board meeting will be held at Watertown Municipal Arena on September 18, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

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