

DRAFT Executive Board Meeting DRAFT
December 6, 2024 at 12pm
Hilton Garden Inn

In attendance: Cheryl Mayforth – Director, Anne Garno – Assistant Director, Rob Aiken, Rod Castillo, Matt Cooper

Excused: Jody Petit

The agenda for the December 19, 2024 Board meeting was presented.

There will be one resolution (24-05, Approval of Membership Renewal to the Greater Watertown North Country Chamber of Commerce) and it has been uploaded to the WDB website.

Update on Next Move NY: At this stage The WorkPlace has not been funded. This led to further discussion on engaging soldiers who are transitioning to civilian life to stay in the area. One suggestion is to make sure they leave the Army with credentials that are recognized in the civilian world and to start career counseling sooner.

A suggestion was made to invite Craig McNamara from the Transitioning Soldier Program to speak at the December WDB meeting.

Building Update: Moving forward with the elevator replacement. The County has contracted with Otis for repairs. Waiting on parts to be delivered.

Conversation then turned to general workforce challenges:

- One area of concern is recruiting in the agricultural sector.
- The impact of rising minimum wage on small businesses.
- The impact of AI on the workforce and learning.
- Increased enrollment at BOCES.

Upcoming Events:

- WorkPlace Forum – January 29, 2025

The meeting was adjourned.