



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Supporting the Development and Retention of a World Class Workforce

Jeffrey S. Swartz, Executive Director

Carl A. Donato Jr., Chair

**ABILITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025 VIA ZOOM**

ATTENDANCE

Name	Organization	Trustee Member	9-Jan-25	13-Feb-25	13-Mar-25	10-Apr-25	8-May-25	12-Jun-25	10-Jul-25	14-Aug-25	11-Sep-25	9-Oct-25	13-Nov-25
Donato, Carl, Chair	An Affair To Remember	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Askie-Rosario, Andrea	CC Commission for the Blind		X		X	X	X	X		X			
Banner, Salema	Center for Independent Living, So Jersey									X	X	X	X
Cirii, Frank	Camden County One-Stop	✓	X	X		X	X				X		X
Cole, Samuel													X
Floyd, Kwame	Teacher Apprenticeship Network		X										
Forman, Lois	Jewish Family & Children's Service		X	X		X	X	X	X		X		
Fugee, Antoinette	Cooper University Healthcare				X		X					X	
Lynn, Meghan	ARC of Camden County		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	
McClintock, Monica	Rowan University		X		X	X	X		X		X	X	
McKelvey, Chris	NJDOL												X
Perez, Irene	NJDVRS		X	X	X	X		X	X	X			
Quigley, Kimberly	St. John of God Community Services		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
Rohlfing, Theresa	Center for Independent Living, So Jersey										X		
Rosado, Joeliza	Truist Bank								X				
Santana, Theresa	Popcorn for the People										X		X
Storm, Jeanne, Vice Chair	American Water	✓							X				
Weinberg, Oriol	Jewish Family & Children's Service			X	X	X	X						
Marlyn Kalitan	Pathways to Literacy Chair	✓	X						X	X			
McClelland, Stacy	Enterprise							X					
Waxman, Nicole	Enterprise							X					
Hardison, Richelle	WDB Staff									X	X	X	X
Rohan, Michelle	WDB Staff		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Swartz, Jeffrey S.	WDB Staff		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Vaughn, Debra	WDB Staff		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	

WELCOME

Carl Donato, Abilities Chair, greeted the attendees and called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Carl asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2025 meeting. The motion was made by Jeffrey Swartz and seconded by Frank Cirii. With a majority vote to the affirmative, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- Local plan draft submitted to state and posted online for public comment

ONE STOP UPDATES

Frank Cirii, Local Area Director

Frank shared several important updates about the Camden County Workforce Board:

- Jeff was presented with the Harry L. Wheeler Professional of the Year Award at the GSETA Conference in October
- Three resolutions are pending for the Commissioners Meeting
- TANF participation rate has increased to 5.8%
- Office space is available at the One Stop for potential partners
- New cybersecurity school added to ITA options for customers

CHALLENGES DISCUSSED

- Government Shutdown Impact: Staff working without pay since September
- Medicare Cost Increases: Some recipients facing jumps from \$24 to \$1,200 per month
- Ongoing Issues: Housing and transportation challenges for clients with disabilities



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EMPOWERMENT EXPO OUTCOMES

The recent Empowerment Expo in Clementon was highlighted as a success:

- 30-35 attendees participated
- Approximately 40 vendors offered services
- Success stories included potential hiring opportunities with Enterprise
- Virtua Hospital representatives provided valuable assistance
- Clementon’s Public Works Department and Chris McKelvey supported setup and breakdown

COMMUNITY SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

Samuel Cole, High Focus Centers

Sam is a liaison at a mental/behavioral facility located in Cherry Hill. High Focus is one of few facilities in NJ that offer services to individuals of all ages and families, providing primary therapy, psychiatry and small group work under one roof.

Salema Banner, Center for Independent Living of South Jersey

- Manages pantry for people with disabilities
- Serves Camden and Gloucester counties
- Planning turkey dinner giveaway for 25 families
- Operates senior nutrition program

Theresa Santana, Popcorn for the People

- Planning expansion through replication and franchising
- Offers holiday gift options
- Provides online ordering
- Theresa to share holiday package information

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/25/25	Turkey Giveaway for 25 families with disabilities	Location not specified
12/3/25	Networking and Coat/Toy Drive Event	Death of the Fox Brewing Co., Clarksboro
12/12/25	Christmas Event with Santa	Location not specified
12/17/25	Quarterly Board Meeting	Camden County College/Blackwood
3/2026	Spring Job Fair - Date provided when finalized	Cherry Hill Mall/Nordstrom atrium

ACTION ITEMS:

- Carl: Send email to Abilities Committee requesting suggestions for future events and initiatives
- Salema/Sam: Send flyers for upcoming events to Deb
- Theresa: Send information about Popcorn for the People holiday packages to the group

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Frank Ciri and seconded by Jeffrey Swartz. The motion was carried with a majority vote to the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next Abilities Committee meeting will be held on Zoom on Thursday, December 11th via Zoom at 8:30 a.m.

The quarterly Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at Camden County College/Blackwood Campus at Roosevelt Hall/Room 102 at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be provided. Board members were asked to RVSP to ensure quorum.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Vaughn, Executive Assistant