Agenda Item I: Call to Order

Anthony Scibelli called the meeting to order.

Motion: To approve the Franklin Hampshire Workforce Board Minutes of the June 2nd meeting by Cindy Peeters, seconded by Tara Brewster.

Vote: Unanimous.

Agenda Item II: Integrated Budget FY23

Maura Geary reviewed the Integrated Budget with FHCC Finance Director Davis Hawkowl. There was a 20% increase in the funding for WIOA Youth, Dislocated Worker, and Disadvantaged Adult and a significant increase in the One-Stop Career Center line item.

Laurie Millman stated the needs to continue to include Hampshire county, and to develop use of library beyond current use of 10 hours/week. When asked for elaboration of proposals to use funding, Maura agreed to report full details. John Waite mentioned that the Board used to have a finance committee in order to review past years budgets in comparison to current one, and proposed the formation of a new finance committee. Members agreed with John’s proposal to reinstitute the structure which helps everyone understand the budget process better.

Motion: To approve the Integrated Budget FY23 by John Waite, seconded by Laurie Millman.

Vote: Unanimous.

Agenda Item III: Local Annual Operating Plan FY23

Rebecca reviewed the Local Annual Operating Plan FY23, noting changes from previous year. Maura elaborated on efforts in our region to fulfil the statewide goals.
Agenda Item IV: Director Updates

Rebecca and Maura shared the latest news on staffing and the site move. Staffing needs of the CC and WB are now met, and productivity is growing. Move date is now March 2023.

Agenda Item V: 4th Quarter Dashboard FY22 & Discussion

Franklin Hampshire Workforce Board Dashboard of FY22Q4 was reviewed. Rebecca noted recent accomplishments. Rebecca also explained how one reason for having a Market Maker is grant writing to invest money from the State into local regions.

Agenda Item VI: Other Business

Tony gave an update on Rebecca’s evaluation. Data and comments were shared.

Alan Wolf and Mayor Gina-Louise shared news of building for sale by large employer in Northampton.

Tony reported on a Board Member’s request for leave of absence. The Executive Committee granted the request.

Proposal for meeting time change was reviewed with no action taken.

Idea proposed of spotlighting one person per meeting is intended to raise situational awareness for all Board Members. Spotlight reports will focus on what you do, the community you serve, give voice to challenges, and elaborate on how your role fits in with the work of the Board. Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra volunteered for next time. No further discussion followed.

There was no other business discussed.

Agenda Item VII: Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn by Susan Surner, seconded by John Waite.

Vote: Unanimous.