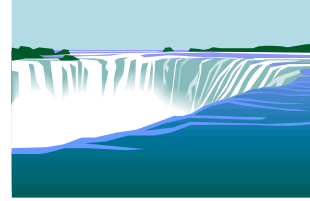


## Niagara County Workforce Development Group TEAMS Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 @ 9 a.m. VIRTUAL  
Notes/Minutes



Item	Result
Welcome/ Introductions	Dennis M., Joe B., Cathy S., Bonnie R., Kimberly C., Brian M.,
REPORTS Alphabet soup	<i>Please let me know if I have misquoted you or left anything out of your report.</i>
Bonnie R.- Workforce Development Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cascades in Niagara Falls will be closing 10/6, with 123 workers affected.</li> <li>• Met in person with Solomon Joseph of Native American Community Services; he will be joining the WDG meetings in the future.</li> <li>• Attended two Rapid Response meetings with Nuttall Gear workers.</li> <li>• Attended meetings with ADEN, WNY Regional Business Services Team, CEDS at NCDED, WDB Youth Committee, RETI CPT grant, and ESD.</li> <li>• Local Plan for Niagara County is with DOL for review and approval. Regional Plan is in process.</li> </ul>
Joe B., NYSDOL	Rapid Response team will be going out to Cascades soon to meet with displaced employees. Job fair 8/1 Tonawanda Athletic Center. Virtual Career Fairs are held monthly.
Brian M.- SUNY Niagara	<p><i>Congratulations to Brian on his promotion!</i> He is transitioning from his old position in workforce development to his new title in government relations. The college is purchasing new equipment for advanced manufacturing including an orbital pipe welder for \$100K.</p> <p>Soft launch of the new CDL A program is planned soon. News media will cover this new vendor and new program that already has students signed up. In future it will also offer CDL B training relating to public transportation operation. CDL A classes begin on July 14. Grand opening will come this Fall.</p> <p>Gathering data for strategic plan. Will send link to group about planned community discussion groups (World Café) in which the public is invited for refreshments and discussion about the future of the college.</p> <p>Moving forward on National Science Foundation Grant close to \$1M. Only one of the community colleges in the round two of the application process.</p>

	<p>Working with school districts toward college and workforce for students.</p> <p>Mid states full accreditation. Invitation will be sent to group.</p>
Kimberly C.-DSS	DSS is unusually busy this summer. Anticipating changes to programs with changes in federal funding. Everything moving normally for now.
Cathy S.-NCCED	Recent business community workshop on NYS CFA grants process. Grant deadline July 31. Focus is on workforce development and advanced manufacturing. Hopeful for funding for the new Niagara Business Park project in Cambria. Five-year economic strategy report is finalized. More virtual workshops are coming. Last one was held on June 18 that focused on tariffs and there were 56 attendees. Will share virtual workshop flyer with the group
ACCES-VR Dennis M	<p><b>Student Career Exploration Fair</b> - It's On again at the ON BOCES conference center for HS students with disabilities in grades 9-12 in Niagara and Orleans Counties on October 15. We hope to have a variety of displays, talks and demos related to various occupations, including the trades, manufacturing and health care indoors and outdoors. If you know of a business that can do a demo or provide some other kind of hands on experience about an occupation, please make Dennis aware.</p> <p><b>NDEAM- National Disability Employment Awareness Month</b> Our Awards luncheon will be October 9 at the Tewksbury Lodge in Buffalo, \$35. A dozen companies have been nominated. Our Guest speaker is Katie Geise, Executive Director Chautauqua Workforce Investment Board, Inc., Maryalice Demler of WGRZ-TV news is our Emcee.</p> <p><b>Disability Pride Festival- Buffalo RiverWorks</b> 359 Ganson Street Buffalo, NY 14203, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., July 26. Celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the ADA. A day filled with celebration, empowerment, and fun! This event is all about embracing and honoring the diverse abilities within our community.</p>
,NEXT MEETING	NEXT MEETING –TEAMS on <b>August 20, 2025, via TEAMS</b>