



JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2015-08K

**Continuation of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and
Reauthorization of the Governor's Executive Workforce Board**

WHEREAS, creating jobs and economic opportunity is an overriding reform priority of my administration; and

WHEREAS, the availability of an educated and trained workforce is essential for Ohio companies to continue to compete and prosper in a rapidly-changing global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 was enacted into law in July 2014 and prescribes new requirements for State workforce boards; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's current workforce system, which includes K-12 education, career technical education, adult basic education programs, two-year and four-year colleges and universities, local workforce development boards, OhioMeansJobs centers, employer training programs, economic development organizations, and community-based organizations, should be aligned to the needs of business, streamlined so individuals can easily move through the various systems and connected to regional and State economic development strategies; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has led the country by developing common performance measures across multiple workforce-related programs to help gauge their efficiency and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, State government continues to need strong leadership and effective short-term and long-term policies to create a workforce system that is business-driven, adaptive to rapid change, innovative in design and delivery, entrepreneurial in spirit, and responsive to the needs of employers, workers, and job seekers.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby order and direct that:

1. The Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation ("OWT"), which was created by Executive Order 2012-02K, will continue with this Executive Order. OWT will continue to:
 - a. Coordinate and align workforce policies, programs, and resources across State government to improve effectiveness, efficiency and accountability;

- b. Maintain an effective State and local workforce data collection system as well as cross-agency workforce system performance measures that are meaningful to employers, individuals, and policymakers;
 - c. Review federal laws and rules that limit State discretion over the use of federal workforce funds, and recommend changes to pursue with federal officials;
 - d. Lead an interagency team of representatives made up of staff from Cabinet Agencies, Boards and Commissions, as detailed below, which will provide information and input to support the work of OWT and will implement the administrative, program, policy, reporting and budget directives or requests of OWT; and
 - e. Provide staff to the Governor's Executive Workforce Board.
2. The Executive Director ("Director"), who is appointed by and will report directly to the Governor, will lead OWT. The OWT Director shall oversee and implement the activities described above. The OWT Director shall have the authority and discretion to establish the organizational structure of OWT and to request and receive advice, information, and recommendations from the Governor's Executive Workforce Board which is reauthorized in this Executive Order and referenced in Ohio Revised Code Section 6301.04, to develop and improve Ohio's entire workforce system.
3. All Cabinet Agencies, Boards and Commissions shall comply with any requests or directives issued by the OWT Executive Director or the OWT's Executive Director's designee, subject to the supervision of their respective agency directors. This requirement extends to, but is not limited to, the cabinet directors and employees of the following agencies and departments: Adjutant General's Office, Development Services Agency, Department of Job and Family Services, Department of Higher Education, Department of Aging, Department of Commerce, Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Department of Transportation, Department of Veterans Services, Department of Youth Services, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services , and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities.
4. Executive Order 2012-02K, "Creating the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and the Governor's Executive Workforce Board," is hereby rescinded and superseded by this order, effective when this Executive Order (2015-08K) takes effect. With the rescission of Executive Order 2012-02K, the Governor's Executive Workforce Board re-established in this order (2015-08K) shall replace the "Governor's Executive Workforce Board" that was continued under Executive Order 2012-02K.

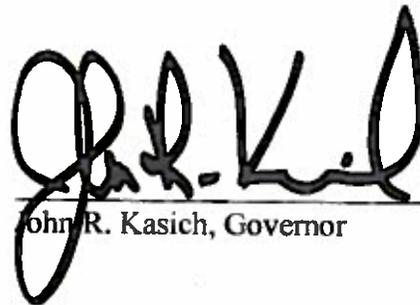
5. The Governor's Executive Workforce Board ("Board") is hereby re-established as provided in this Executive Order to advise the Governor and OWT on the development, implementation, and continuous improvement of Ohio's entire workforce system. The Governor's Executive Workforce Board ("Board") reauthorized by this Executive Order 2015-08K also shall carry out the functions provided in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) and related provisions of Ohio law, and any remaining responsibilities pursuant to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), as applicable. The majority of the Board shall be representatives of business interests and shall be driven by the needs of business and industry. The composition of the Board shall be consistent with the requirements for a State workforce board pursuant to WIOA and related provisions of Ohio law.
 - a. The Board shall assist the Governor and OWT in:
 - i. The development, implementation, and modification of the State plan;
 - ii. Review of statewide workforce policies and programs and of recommendations on actions to be taken by the State to align workforce development programs to support a comprehensive and streamlined workforce development system ;
 - iii. Recommending measures for the development and continuous improvement of the workforce development system in the State, including updating comprehensive State performance accountability measures, more commonly referred to as Workforce Success Measures;
 - iv. Continuing to identify and disseminate information on best practices in the area of workforce development; and
 - v. Performing such other related work as may be required under WIOA and/or requested by the Governor or OWT.
 - b. The Board will be chaired by a business person selected by the Governor. The Board will have a maximum of 39 (thirty-nine) members, including the Governor, and two members of each chamber of the Ohio General Assembly named by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, respectively. All of the remaining members of the Board will be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members shall represent the diverse geographic and business sectors of Ohio as well as program and policy experts.
 - c. The Board may adopt a governance policy setting forth rules for the governance of the Board and conduct of its meetings. The governance policy may provide for committees of the Board, the members of which may include

individuals who are not members of the Board but whose experience and expertise is relevant and useful to the work of the committee.

- d. Members of the Board and non-Board members of any committee shall serve without compensation for their Board work, but may receive payment for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the conduct of the Board or committee business. Such expenses shall be paid by the Ohio Development Services Agency ("DSA"). DSA will provide staff, office space, equipment, materials, and other resources to support the work of the Board and OWT.
- e. As the OWT Executive Director deems necessary, OWT may contract with State and/or private agencies for services in order to facilitate the implementation and operation of OWT or the Board's responsibilities.

I signed this Executive Order on June 30, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio, and it shall not expire unless rescinded.





John R. Kasich, Governor

ATTEST:

Jon Husted, Secretary of State