



**Common Sense
Initiative**

Mike DeWine, Governor
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor

Sean McCullough, Director

Small Business Advisory Council Meeting – Minutes
Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Emily Groseclose, Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Senior Policy and Business Advocate. Mrs. Groseclose welcomed new members, Bob Sielschott and Scott Schutt, to the Council and thanked former members Crystal Faulkner and Tom Demaline for their service.

Members Present:

- Bill Bishop
- Mike Kahoe
- Doug Barry
- Tyeis Baker-Baumann
- Bob Sielschott

Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted started the meeting by introducing CSI's new Director, Sean McCullough, to the Council and thanked former Director Carrie Kuruc for her service.

Lieutenant Governor Husted discussed Ohio's efforts to improve the unemployment compensation system and gave an update on the TechCred program and its successes. The Lieutenant Governor spoke about recent action taken to expand broadband access throughout Ohio and increase funding for career centers. Lieutenant Governor Husted then answered questions from the Council members.

Next, Mrs. Groseclose introduced Tonia Saunders, Assistant Director at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, to walk through the improved OhioMeansJobs.com website. Ms. Saunders' overview included a history of the website and the goal of the redesign to enhance the user experience for both the public and employers. Ms. Saunders responded to questions.

Mrs. Groseclose introduced Joe Baker, CSI Regulatory Policy Advocate, who gave an overview of several interstate licensure compacts that Governor DeWine signed into law for various state boards and commissions to join in an effort to ease occupational license mobility throughout compact member states. The compacts Ohio has recently joined cover psychologists, physical therapists, and occupational therapists.

Jacob Ritzenthaler, CSI Regulatory Policy Advocate, discussed several rules recently reviewed by the office from the Ohio Department of Health related to food safety standards.

Mrs. Groseclose shared an update on the artificial intelligence tool project. This included examples of rule changes proposed by several agencies as a result of research conducted using the tool.

CSI Director Sean McCullough introduced himself and expressed his enthusiasm for the future of CSI and the Small Business Advisory Council.

Following this introduction, Mrs. Groseclose asked the Council if there were any changes to the meeting minutes from February 4, 2021 and reminded the members that the next meeting is on August 5th. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am.