



NPESC's Business Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

NOECA, 219 Howard Dr. Sandusky, OH 44870

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

9:00 AM

- I. **Welcome & Introductions** - *Andrea Smith welcomed all BAC members and guests.*
- II. **Roll Call of Members**
 - a. **Present:** Andrea Smith, Ashley Spangler, Carrie Sanchez Kramer, Jeff McClellan, James Rinaldo, Ed Kurt, Jarvis Cole, Daryl Deering, Tory Parks, Carol Kern, Laramie Spurlock, Angie Morelock, Katherine Adams, Taylor Robinson, Andy Horn, Stacy Hartley, Brian Hall
 - b. **Absent:** Dr. Paul Lockwood, Will Snyder, Miriam Batke, Rob Monack, Chris Singerling, Beth Hannam, Dr. Carter, Brian Fritz, Ben Chaffee, Marianne Cheathem, Stacy Maple, Kyleigh Lash, Sarah Ross, Eileen Buhlan, Pam Mohler
- III. **Introduction of Visitors** - we welcomed Mr. Braden Michael from Greater Business Development Management.
- IV. **Motion to approve [meeting minutes from 9-17-25](#) meeting**
 - a. **Motion by:** Ed Kurt
 - b. **Second by:** Katherine Adams
 - c. **Needed changes:** N/A
- V. **INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE:**

The following information was shared about regional BAC Exposure since the last meeting:

 - i. Will Snyder, Western Reserve, spoke on their backwards planning and exploratory classes. 6-12 are in the same building so prepping students throughout each grade is an increased focus for next year.
 - ii. Laramie Spurlock, Danbury, explained their use of the YouScience program and development of new classes drawn from recent data. Danbury's Anchoring My "E" Night has now expanded to 200+ students and parents exploring everything career based for future opportunities for their students.
- VI. **Old Business - Items for Information**
 - a. 2026 YouScience Regional exposure - Ashley Spangler and the Economic Development partners across the region "dug a little deeper" into the regional YouScience data. This information was then shared at each individual BAC meeting.
- VII. **Business Partners Update on your Industry** (Hospitality/Tourism, Adv. Manufacturing, Skilled Trades, Healthcare)

- a. Andy Horn, Motion Control Robotics, talked about the steady increase of business approaching the use of job shadowing experiences and the internship opportunities they've used. He shared the news about Motion Controls Robotics purchasing another building, one they owned thirty years ago, to allow continued growth in business.
- b. Stacy Maple, Hospitality, shared the AI trend happening across the industry and how to shift to better personalization and personal experiences for future vacationers.
- c. Rob Monak, skilled trades, was not able to be with us today.
- d. Miriam Batke, Healthcare, was not able to be with us today.

VIII. Higher Ed/School Partners Update

- a. Margaretta's Ed Kurt, talked about the increase in his students' job shadowing experiences and internships.
- b. Vanguard's Angie Morelock, shared her experience at the Nashville Conference where they held the national AI series. Angie shared the series consisted of: air mobility, cyber security, and a culinary session that used a barista that was a robot.
- c. Terra State Community College's, Brain Hall, shared Terra's shift in their educational offerings. Terra now provides more certifications rather than degrees: examples, Accounting and Welding. Brian announced that their PTA program will be coming back in the fall of 2026. Terra will also be holding their first Skilled Trades hands-on encounter on February 13th.

IX. Education Partners Update - school funding

- a. A discussion was held about what school funding may look like in the school years to come.

X. New Business:

- a. NEW NEO STEM Hub
 - i. Carrie Sanchez Kramer shared there are 7 designated STEM hubs in the state and North Point is now one of them. Christine Danhoff will be leading the region to bring STEM designated schools more collaboration into our region.
- b. PortfoliOH Playbook Grant:
 - i. Carrie Sanchez Kramer talked about the possibility of increasing PortfoliOH collaboration between businesses and schools.
- c. Bi-Monthly Economic Development/NPESC Meetings:
 - i. Carrie Sanchez Kramer shared the collaborative meetings between the economic development team and NPESC sharing ongoing events to increase collaboration and bring new ideas to the table.
- d. Lead & Innovate Day:
 - i. Ashley Spangler shared the dates for this event.
 - 1. February 27th at Terra State Community College with all Ottawa and Sandusky County Schools.
 - 2. March 13th at BGSU Firelands with all Erie and Huron County Schools.
- e. Regional PITCH Challenge:
 - i. Ottawa County's, Katherine Adams, shared information about the new Regional Pitch Challenge. Ottawa and Sandusky county will compete and Erie and Huron Counties will compete in the first round. There will then be a final competition at BGSU Firelands.

- XI. **Committee Updates** (provided by Economic Directors, Business & Education Partners):
- a. **Sandusky County update** - Carol Kern shared their expansion of student career camps to (8) this school year. April 17th is Sandusky County's Career Fair.
 - b. **Erie County update** - Jarvis Cole shared the STEM day taking place at Magnet. Jarvis also shared information on their Youth Leadership program, their next student career camp, and the plans for the Erie/Huron county career showcase.
 - c. **Huron County update** - Troy Parks shared their success with their most recent manufacturing student career camp. Troy explained their increased use of YouScience
 - d. **Ottawa County update** - Katherine Adams shared the successes of two student career camps, Human Services and Education. She also explained the Drone and Air Mobility classes that will be added for next school year encompassing all Ottawa and Erie County Seniors.
 - e. **NPESC BAC related PD update** - Ashley Spangler shares the continued efforts of growing the student career camps and connecting students to local businesses. She shared the conversations had over the YouScience data business engagement piece during each local BAC meeting.
- XII. **Open Forum:** Andrea Smith shared that Ashland University applied for State funding to support the Teacher Business Boot Camps and was successful in receiving that grant. North Point is now awaiting to see how many seats will be available for this summer's camps.
- XIII. **Motion to adjourn the meeting**
- a. Motion by: Daryl Deering
 - b. Second by: Brian Hall
- XIV. **Upcoming Meetings:**
- a. **Thursday, March 18, 2026 at 9:00 AM at NOECA (219 Howard Drive, Sandusky)**
 - b. **Thursday, June 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM at NOECA (219 Howard Drive, Sandusky)**