## MIDLAND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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	<b>Appointment Date</b>	<b>Re-Appointment Date</b>
Sheena Thompson (Private Sector)	July 1, 2021	June 30, 2026
Michael Ray (Private Sector)	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2026
Eileen Kershaw (Private Sector)	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2026
David Prigge	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2026
Kevin McNerney (Career & Technical Education)	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2028
Tim Miller (Apprenticeship)	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2028
Harry Plexico, Jr. (Private Sector)	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2028
Danielle Diaz (Private Sector)	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2028

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Debra Stripling (Labor)	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2028
Lauren Holland (Education) (unexpired term)	September 17, 2024	June 30, 2028
Bobby Cunningham (Adult Education)	July 1, 2023	Term of Employment
Fabian Zalewa	July 1, 2023	Term of Employment
Jeff Ruble (Economic Development)		

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