

**THE SUMMIT AND MEDINA WORKFORCE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
FOR OHIO LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA 2  
RESOLUTION 2025-02**

**A Resolution of the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments appointing Ms. Katie A. Kelley, Director of External Affairs for the Akron Rubber Development Laboratory, Inc. as a representative of business in the polymers research sector and Mr. Matthew J. Gdovin, Executive Director of NEOnet, as a representative of business in the information technology sector to the Summit Medina Workforce Development Board in Ohio Workforce Area 2.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 107 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (“WIOA”) requires the membership of local Workforce Development Boards (“WDB”) to be representative of the workforce area’s businesses, governmental, economic and community development entities, education and training institutions, and labor organizations;

**WHEREAS**, in Ohio Local Workforce Area 2 (“Area 2”), the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments (“SAMWA COG”) is responsible for appointing and/or reappointing WDB members who represent the sectors required under WIOA Section 107, as recommended by the Area 2 WDB and/or its Executive Committee;

**WHEREAS**, in a letter addressed to Ms. Ilene Shapiro, Summit County Executive, hereto attached as “*EXHIBIT A*,” Ms. Jean Barbato, Senior Manager, ConxusNEO/Greater Akron Chamber, nominated Ms. Katie A. Kelley, Director of External Affairs for the Akron Rubber Development Laboratory, Inc., for appointment to the WDB representing a business in the polymers research sector located in Area 2;

**WHEREAS**, upon reception of the nomination by Ms. Jean Barbato, Senior Manager, ConxusNEO/Greater Akron Chamber, Executive Shapiro determined Ms. Katie A. Kelley to be an appropriate representative of business in the polymers research sector located in Area 2 and recommends her appointment to the WDB;

**WHEREAS**, in a letter addressed to Ms. Ilene Shapiro, Summit County Executive, hereto attached as “*EXHIBIT B*,” Mr. John Knapp, President of the Akron Area Superintendents Association, nominated Mr. Matthew J. Gdovin, Executive Director of NEOnet, for appointment to the WDB representing a business in the information technology sector located in Area 2, and;

**WHEREAS**, upon reception of the nomination by Mr. John Knapp, President, Akron Area Superintendents Association, Executive Shapiro determined Mr. Matthew J. Gdovin to be an appropriate representative of business in the information technology sector located in Area 2 and recommends his appointment to the WDB.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the SAMWA COG that:

**SECTION 1**

The appointment of Ms. Katie A. Kelley, Director of External Affairs for the Akron Rubber Development Laboratory, Inc., and Mr. Matthew J. Gdovin, Executive Director of NEOnet, to the Summit Medina Workforce Development Board as Summit County appointees who represent business in the polymers research sector and the information technology sector, respectively, located in Ohio Local Workforce Area 2, to a term beginning 7/1/2025 and ending 6/30/2027, in alignment with the Area 2 WDB's Bylaws for Summit County appointments, is hereby confirmed.

**SECTION 2**

This Directive shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.


Ayes: 11

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

ADOPTED, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

  
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Summit County Executive

  
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Medina County Commissioner



April 2, 2025

The Honorable Ilene Shapiro  
Executive, Summit County  
175 South Main Street  
Akron, Ohio 44308

**Re: Workforce Development Board (WDB) Nomination – Katie Kelley**

It is with great pleasure that I submit Katie Kelley, Communications Specialist at Akron Rubber Development Laboratory (ARDL), for consideration for an appointment to the Summit-Medina Workforce Development Board.

ARDL is a vital part of Northeast Ohio's polymer and materials industry, and Katie has played a key role in advancing the company's workforce and community engagement strategies. In addition to her professional responsibilities, Katie is an active member of the Workforce Committee for the Polymer Industry Cluster (PIC), where she has collaborated with ConxusNEO and other partners on numerous regional grant initiatives. Her insight, creativity, and dedication have helped strengthen employer engagement and expand opportunities for talent development across Summit County.

Katie is especially passionate about building awareness of polymer careers among K-12 students and has worked to secure resources, align messaging, and participate in hands-on events that connect education with industry. Her contributions to these efforts, paired with her deep commitment to equitable access to good jobs, make her an ideal candidate for the Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. With her experience in manufacturing, strong ties to the local workforce ecosystem, and a clear passion for the region's economic growth, Katie would bring valuable perspective and energy to the Summit-Medina Workforce Development Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean M. Barbato".

**Jean Barbato**  
Senior Manager, Manufacturing Sector Partnership  
ConxusNEO/The Greater Akron Chamber



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April 7, 2025

The Honorable Ileen Shapiro,  
Executive,  
Summit County, Ohio  
175 South Main Street  
Akron, Ohio 44308

Dear County Executive Shapiro,

Thank you for your service to Summit County and for your time to consider Mr. Matthew Gdovin for the Workforce Development Board for Summit and Medina Counties. Mr. Gdovin serves as the Executive Director for NEOnet, one of seventeen information Technology Centers in Ohio which provides technology related services, State fiscal software support, and student information and data management to name just a few. Under Mr. Gdovin's direction with his team NEOnet ensures all technology and internet related activities are performed with focus on safe, secure, and initiative-taking approaches to mitigate data breaches by bad actors gaining access to sensitive student, staff, and financial activities in our schools and districts.

Mr. Gdovin, a licensed school treasurer, approaches leadership in a thoughtful, systematic manner and builds from the guiding works of organizational scholars. In being a forward scout and leader for technology related matters I believe makes Mr. Gdovin a great candidate to serve on the Workforce Development Board. With the increasing workforce opportunities as supported through technology such as artificial intelligence, having Mr. Gdovin's knowledge and approach on the board will be an asset.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration of Mr. Matthew Gdovin for the Workforce and Development Board for Summit and Medina Counties. If you have any questions or would like to discuss my recommendation of Mr. Gdovin, please call me at: (440) 242-7774 or my district office number (330) 628-9946 x2.

Respectfully submitted,



John Knapp, President Akron Area Superintendents' Association  
Superintendent Mogadore Local Schools

