



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**  
REP. NANCY JENKINS-ARNO  
CHAIR

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

10:30 AM

Room 307, House Office  
Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity was called to order by Chair Jenkins-Arno.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. Jenkins-Arno, Robinson, VanWoerkom, Cavitt and Martus.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Martus moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 14, 2025. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Keith Ledbetter, President and CEO, Southeast Michigan Construction Academy (SEMCA); Deanna Morley, Vice President, SEMCA; and Jen Schottke, President, West Michigan Construction Institute, provided testimony on their respective trade school programs. Questions and discussion followed.

Jessica AcMoody, Policy Director, Community Economic Development Association of Michigan; Matt Hetherwick, Chief Program Officer, Accounting Aid Society; and Tami Farnum, Program Operations Manager, Community Action Agency, provided testimony on the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Grants program and its impact. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Chair Jenkins-Arno adjourned the meeting at 11:20 AM.

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Representative Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Chair

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