



**NorthEast Ohio Business Advisory Council
Thursday, May 6, 2021 – Virtual Meeting
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio**

Agenda - Notes

9:00-9:10 Welcome and Introductions
Bobbie Lindenbaum, ESC BAC Coordinator

9:10-10:00 **Panel Discussion: The Cleveland Innovation District**

Panelists:

Julie Jacono, Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer,
MetroHealth System

Jonathan D. Wehner, Vice President and Dean of Admissions, Cleveland State
University

James Young, M.D., Executive Dean of Academic Affairs,
Cleveland Clinic Professor of Medicine, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of
Medicine

The ESC of Northeast Ohio Business Advisory Council learned from founding members of the Cleveland Innovation District on May 6 about the extraordinary education and healthcare partnership that will bring 20,000 jobs to our region over the next 10 years. The “district” will not have one central area where it will function, however much of the research will take place at the Cleveland Clinic’s new building on its east side campus which will house its Global Center for Pathogen Research & Human Health. Julie Jacono of the MetroHealth System, Jonathan Wehner at Cleveland State University, and Dr. James Young of the Cleveland Clinic discussed how the project, supported by state funding, capitalizes on the renowned medical research organizations in our region, including University Hospitals, and brings together university partners, both CSU and CWRU, to provide advanced training in healthcare, engineering, information technology, and data analytics. The Cleveland Innovation District is modeled on the original Cincinnati Hub and the newly-formed Columbus district. The statewide innovation centers will provide entry level jobs, and

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certificate-based upskilling, as well as jobs for employees with advanced degrees. The groups are promoting STEM-focused education for K-12 and college students. They are considering innovative models for in-person or virtual curriculum delivery, including partnering with IBM for certificate-based education for Qubit, a new domain supporting high speed data analytics for quantum computing.

10:00-10:15

Q & A

Participants were asked to comment on how K-12 districts could collaborate and support the work of the Cleveland Innovation District. Comments included that policymakers need to know that districts have restrictions and requirements that need to be lifted to provide the flexibility required to best prepare students for the education and work-based opportunities required for such an innovative model being considered by the founders for stackable credentials, IBM certificates for quantum computing, data analytics, etc.

Innovation District should consider how to best integrate students who are mid-level, rather than advanced, scholars. Current certificates offered at CSU require College Credit Plus advanced standing for students.

Participants suggested working with Career Centers and career-technical compacts.

The Innovation District should consider the ESC as a convener of districts to help educators prepare through professional development, and to aid districts to then best prepare their students through focused college-career development programs.

10:15-10:25

Business Advisory Council Update

Paula Kucinic, ESC NEO Director of Professional Development
and Instructional Technology

The ESC of Northeast Ohio BAC programs are planned for AY 2021-22 on Oct. 6 and Dec. 3, 2021 and Feb. 4 and May 4, 2022.

May 14, 9:00-10:30 a.m. – IT Sector Forum (virtual)

Greater Cleveland Partnership RITE and IT Sector Partnership, UC Early IT

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10:25-10:30

Thanks and Adjournment: Bobbie Lindenbaum