**Westerville Area Chamber Office 99 Commerce Park Dr. 43082**

**Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 7, 2025 3:30-4:45 PM**

**Attendees:** Laura Hartman, Brandon Lawson, Amy Balster, Rita Bassiet, Janis Mitchell, Graham Guthrie, Brian Reed, Angie Hamberg, Dennis Blair, Gene Hollis, Michael McGreevy

**Staff member:** Janet Tressler-Davis

**Welcome- Introductions** – Laura Hartman

**Member of Teams**

* Business Regulations – Janis
  + **Marijuana Zoning Code Update:** On the same day as this meeting, Westerville City Council held the first of three scheduled readings for an updated zoning code to regulate medical and recreational marijuana sales. The proposed code allows for a maximum of two dispensaries within the city, subject to strict location restrictions and Special Use Permits, while aligning with state regulations and addressing federal illegality and limited licensing. A final decision will be made following the completion of the third reading.
* Taxation – Brandon - Currently, there is no specific deadline for entities to register their Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) while the preliminary injunction remains in effect. Everyone should monitor updates from FinCEN and be prepared to comply once the injunction is lifted and enforcement resumes. Stay current here: [https://www.fincen.gov/boi](https://www.fincen.gov/boi%20)
* Workforce - WorkWISE – Janet – next meeting is 1/15 – Looking for more businesses to participate
* Ohio Chamber Small Business Council Meeting- Laura/Janet/Janis
  + Has not met since last BAC meeting

**Westerville City Economic Development Presentation from Rachel Ray**

* Rachel gave a presentation on all the exciting things happening. Most everything can be found by

[clicking here](https://business.westerville.org/).

**The rescheduled Quarterly Luncheon from December will be Thursday, Feb. 20, 11:30AM The Renaissance Polaris-Westerville.**

[**https://business.westervillechamber.com/events/details/rescheduled-quarterly-membership-luncheon-december-2024-10580?calendarMonth=2025-02-01**](https://business.westervillechamber.com/events/details/rescheduled-quarterly-membership-luncheon-december-2024-10580?calendarMonth=2025-02-01)

**Legislative Roundtable** is attempting to be scheduled based off the various legislator schedules that need to

be accounted for. Please watch for an email update for the date and time. The plan is to have the roundtable in late and we will not have our Feb. council meeting.

**Membership Luncheons first ½ of the year:**

1. Smart City initiatives (**June**).
2. Update from the **Director of Columbus Airport** (**March**).

**Future Topics for Discussion:**

Possibility of hosting a job fair.

**Future Meetings:**

* Next Meeting: No Feb. meeting Legislative Roundtable being scheduled/Tues. March 4.
* *BAC usually meets* the first Tuesday of every month

**Adjourned at 4:40PM**