



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Moses Alvarez, Colorado Contractors Association

Emily Atencio, Centura Health

Angela Atkinson, North Metro Denver Small Business Development Center

Peter Brissette, DMD Consulting

Larry Caschette, Metal Craft Industries

Amy Clement, United Power

Patrick Giron, Brighton Economic Development Corporation

Tricia Johnson, Front Range Community College

Mark Miller, Pipefitters Local 208

James Newby, CDLE

Janet Renden, FutureForward at Bollman

Erika Rodriguez, Colorado Laborers and Contractors Education & Training Fund

Maureen Rudy, MSU Adult Education

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Rachel Hoard, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

GUESTS

Britta Blodgett, CWDC

Jonathan Tillman, CDLE

Lee Wheeler Berliner, CWDC

STAFF MEMBERS

Yvonne Castillo, WBC Coordinator/OSO

Jodie Kammerzell, Local Area Director/WBC Administrator

Greg McBoat, Administrative Analyst

Rita McGirr, WBC Manager

Joel Parriott, Supervisor

Meg Pickens, Contract Administrator

Sonia Rodriguez, WBC Manager

INTRODUCTIONS AND QUORUM

A quorum of members was present, and the meeting was called to order at 8:05 A.M. by WDB Chair, Amy Clement.

WAGNER-PEYSER PRESENTATION

Lee Wheeler Berliner from CWDC provided an overview of the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM). A large portion of the rule is related to the Migrant Seasonal Farmworker program. Other major components are the use of state merit staff to administer Wagner-Peyser services which removes local control. This change is being proposed to utilize state merit staff to make determinations on unemployment insurance (UI) claims during emergency situations when claims increase. The state is not in agreement with the NPRM model. Jodie Kammerzell reported that the ACWBC is working with Congressman Crow's office to develop a response to the NPRM. Lee stated the importance of being pro-active and highlight the success of Colorado under the current local control model. There is also data that shows other states who utilize state merit staff did not perform any better with the processing of UI claims during the COVID 19 pandemic. There are three states that the NPRM would affect: Colorado, Massachusetts, and Michigan. If the NPRM is approved, 90 staff members across the state could be laid off.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members reviewed the minutes from March 10, 2022, meeting.

MOTION made to approve the March 10, 2022, meeting minutes and was seconded.

MOTION CARRIED. The minutes of the March 10, 2022 meeting were approved with no corrections.

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

Amy called for nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair seats on the Adams County Workforce Development Board (ACWDB). Peter Brissette nominated Amy Clement to serve as Chair of the ACWDB. No other nominations were brought forth. Board members voted and unanimously approved Amy to serve as Chair of the ACWDB.

Amy Clement nominated Peter Brissette to serve as Vice Chair of the ACWDB. With no other nominations board members voted and unanimously approved Peter to serve as Vice Chair of the ACWDB.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Amy reported that Angela Atkinson expressed interest in serving on the Executive Committee.

MOTION made to approve Angela Atkinson to serve on the Executive Committee was seconded.

MOTION CARRIED. Angela Atkinson was appointed to the Executive Committee.

IT CAPITAL REQUEST UPDATE

Amy reported that CDLE was awarded funding to replace Connecting Colorado. The state has issued an RFP to select a vendor.

INNOVATIONS GRANT

Jodie reported that the panel to review the Request for Proposals (RFPs) met and approved two more organizations: Bayaud Enterprises and Servicios De La Raza to receive Innovations Grant funding. There is still enough funding for one more organization and another RFP will be sent out soon. The first two organizations that were previously selected are being reviewed by the state to finalize the funding.

INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLES UPDATE

Joel Parriott reported that roundtable sessions in construction, transportation, and healthcare were completed. Joel shared the questions about problems and solutions that were asked of employers during the roundtables. He also reported that staff are working on gathering feedback from job seekers about what is important to them, such as wages, benefits, childcare, etc. This data will be shared with the ACWDB.

DASHBOARD

Greg reported there was a slight increase in UI claims in January and February but did begin to decline in March and continues to decline. There was a discussion on the data that was presented on the fastest growing occupations and wages. Many of these occupations are entry level and don't always lead to a career pathway. Jodie reviewed the financial data and reported that we are expected to spend all the required funds and meet the required minimal threshold for the grants.

SUMMATION AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M.