



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2024**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dennis Atencio, Apex Transportation
Peter Brissette, DMD Consulting
Amy Clement, United Power
Lisa Hough, AC-REP
Janet Renden, Future Forward at Bollman

STAFF MEMBERS

Monica Sailas, WBC Grant Administrator
Jodie Kammerzell, Local Area Director/WBC Administrator
Greg McBoat, Management Analyst

QUORUM

A quorum of members was present, and the meeting was called to order at 3:01 P.M. by WDB Chair, Amy Clement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members reviewed the minutes from December 14, 2023, meeting.

MOTION was made to approve the December 14, 2023, meeting minutes and was seconded.

MOTION CARRIED. The minutes of the December 14, 2023, meeting was approved.

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Amy reported that she will be stepping down as Chair of the board at the end of June. Peter announced that he is interested in pursuing the Chair position and Lisa announced that she is interested in pursuing the Vice Chair position. Yvonne has not received any notifications from other board members interested in serving in either of these positions. The elections will take place at the May board meeting.

LOCAL PLAN

Amy thanked board members for reviewing the plan and reported that revisions from board members have been incorporated. The plan will be posted on the CWDC website on Monday, April 15th for a 30-day public comment period. There will be a virtual Town Hall

meeting on Thursday, April 18th from 3pm to 4pm, to review and have an opportunity to comment on the 10 local area plans and 3 regional plans. Board members were encouraged to participate.

NAWB CONFERENCE

Peter and Lisa reported on the NAWB Conference they attended in March. They reported on the many connections and conversations with workforce board members and staff from other regions, CDLE staff as well as the valuable information from the sessions they attended. Main topics of the conference included Learning and Employment Records and New Americans.

ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY GRANTS

Amy announced that the Adult Education Initiatives team is currently running the 2024-2028 grant cycle competition for WIOA - Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act funds. One of the roles of local workforce development board members is to review, evaluate and make recommendations on the grant applications. The review period will be May 6th through May 10th. and she asked for a volunteer from the Executive Committee to serve as the reviewer. Peter agreed to represent the board as a reviewer for the AEFLA grant applications.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jodie reported on the WIOA Reauthorization bill "A Stronger Workforce for America Act." Just two days prior the bill was voted on and passed by the House by 378 to 26. There are several concerns with this legislation and several board members sent letters expressing these concerns. If passed, it would mandate 50% spending for training and increase the set aside dollars for the governor from 10% to 25%, Senators Hickenlooper and Bennett are holding a meeting to develop a strategy against this legislation. Jodie also encouraged board members to lobby for amendments.

DASHBOARD

Greg reported on the WBC WIG and stated that we are performing about the same as we were last year. Yvonne provided an update on program enrollments. Staff are working diligently to identify customers who meet Priority of Service criteria to enroll in the Adult program. For the Dislocated Worker (DW) program we are increasing the RESEA appointments which are all unemployment claimants who qualify for DW. TANF Case Managers are reviewing their caseloads to identify potential Youth enrollments. We have met our enrollments for Tec-P 2.0 so will return the remaining funding to potentially be used by other areas. The state is likely going to extend the QUEST grant for another year and there is now a QUEST 2 grant that has less restrictive eligibility and runs through 2026. We exceeded the enrollment goals for the IDEA grant and will be returning unused funds as

other regions are asking for more funding. Also, an additional Case Manager has been hired to work on the discretionary grants.

Greg provided the economic overview for Adams County and the return on investment of the WBC for PY21. He also reported there is a group working on data as a state to develop the value of workforce services.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 P.M.