



**MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 196
January 6, 2016**

Board Members Present:

Perry England, Chair
Creigh H. Agnew, Representing Business
Beth Thew, Representing Labor
Amy Anderson, Gary Chandler, Representing Business
Jeff Johnson, Representing Labor
Mark Mattke, Representing Local Government
Chris Alejano, Representing Underserved Populations
Marty Brown, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)
George Aszklar for Randy Dorn, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
Dale Peinecke, Employment Security Department (ESD)
Carolyn McKinnon for Brian Bonlender, Department of Commerce (Commerce)
David Stillman for Kevin Quigley, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Board Staff Present

Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Perry England called the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) meeting to order at 9 a.m. at the American Lake Conference Center in Lakewood, WA.

Chair's Report

Motion 16-196-01: Ms. Beth Thew moved to adopt the November 19, 2015, Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Ms. Amy Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Eleni Papadakis reported that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) National Convening will be taking place at the end of the month. At the convening representatives from each state will come together to discuss what WIOA implementation is going to look like. She noted that Washington's representatives will be providing presentations on our plan process, and also on sector strategies, performance accountability, and the alignment of workforce development with Career and Technical Education (CTE).

The Board discussed the process for distributing WIOA discretionary funds. Mr. Marty Brown requested a report be provided to the Board on how the funds are distributed.

Business Engagement Metrics

Mr. Dave Pavelchek and Mr. Dave Wallace, Workforce Board staff, provided the Board with background information on how business engagement is currently measured. They specifically referenced the 8 percent figure from a 2014 report, “U.S. States: For Richer, For Poorer?” published by the global management consulting firm Accenture and noted 8 percent is a national figure, not Washington specific. They provided the Board with an overview of existing administrative data approaches including surveys currently conducted by the Workforce Board.

The Board had an in-depth discussion on the type of data they would find useful and what kind of data is currently being collected by their respective organizations. The Board discussed how to work together to reach out to employers without overwhelming them.

Mr. Perry England concluded the discussion by asking board staff to return to the Board with some recommendations as well as some information on how we’re measuring ourselves, both on the quantitative and qualitative side.

State Workforce Plan Panel Presentations

Ms. Terri Colbert gave an overview of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) implementation process-to-date and Mr. Eric Wolf provided the Board with an overview of the operational plan. Representatives from each of the core partner programs; the Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs, the Wagner-Peyser Employment Services program, Basic Education for Adults, and Vocational Rehabilitation (including both Department of Services for the Blind and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Vocational Rehabilitation) provided the Board with presentations on their individual portion of the state workforce plan. The Board discussed how the partners’ plans aligned and overlap, and also addressed performance measurements. After an in-depth conversation and the opportunity to have their program-specific questions answered the Board took action to approve the state workforce plan to be released for formal public comment.

Motion 16-196-02: Mr. Marty Brown moved to approve the draft state workforce plan, “Talent and Prosperity for All: The Strategic Plan for Unlocking Washington’s Workforce Potential”; forwarding the plan to the public comment and input period. Ms. Creigh Agnew seconded the motion. The motion passed.

State Workforce Audit Presentation

Ms. Carolyn Cato, Mr. Don Krug and Mr. Will Clark of the State Auditor’s Office (SAO) provided the Board with a presentation on the recent workforce system audit. They reported that the workforce system in Washington was fairly efficient and that in areas where there was some overlap, this was largely unavoidable due to federal regulations. They identified areas of risk: differences in local service delivery with varying engagement, inconsistent counseling to help

students transfer to education/employment, and federal restrictions on services, particularly in Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF). The Board was understanding of the noted areas of risk and engaged in a conversation on improving those areas. Mr. Krug reported the SAO's next step is to delve deeper into Career and Technical Education (CTE). He noted the decision to take a closer look at CTE was based primarily on the amount of money spent on the program.

Veterans Industry Education (VIE-25)

Marie Bruin, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Sean Murphy, Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council; Christina Duwars, Washington Career Pathways; Jo Ann Baria, Pierce College; and Steve Vincent, TAIG; provided the Board with an overview of the VIE-25 program, which connects service members with career credentials during their last six months of military service. The aim of VIE-25 is to shorten the time between separating from military service and obtaining gainful civilian employment in high-demand fields. The program is a unique collaboration among the community and technical college system, state agencies, and the armed forces. It's thought to be the first of its kind in the nation.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.