

**WASHINGTON STATE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 147
May 10, 2010**

Mr. Marty Brown called the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. at the Tyee Event Center 5757 Littlerock Road SW, Tumwater. The following Board members and officers were present:

Marty Brown, Interim Chair

Creigh Agnew, Business Representative

Rick Bender, Labor Representative

Charlie Earl, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)

Mike Hudson, Business Representative

Andres Aquirre for Susan Dreyfus, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Kathleen Lopp for Randy Dorn, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Karen Lee, Employment Security Department (ESD)

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Tony Lee, Targeted Populations

Mark Mattke, Local Government Representative

Daniel Malarkey for Rogers Weed, Department of Commerce

Beth Thew, Labor Representative

Lutz Ziob, Business Representative

Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director

Chair's Report

Mr. Marty Brown welcomed the Workforce Board and guests to the Tyee Event Center. Mr. Brown announced to the Board the Workforce Investment Act 10 Percent agenda item would be rescheduled and would result in a special meeting via conference call. Ms. Beth Thew, Ms. Creigh Agnew and Mr. Mark Mattke agreed to serve on a Board committee to develop draft recommendations for the Board's consideration. Mr. Brown informed the Workforce Board that Mr. Charlie Earl would act as the conduit for involvement of the Workforce Board in the work of the WorkFirst Subcabinet. Mr. Brown also announced the appointment of Ms. Cindy Zehnder by the Governor as the new Board Chair.

Motion 10-147-01

Ms. Beth Thew moved to adopt the March 15, 2010 minutes. Mr. Mike Hudson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Eleni Papadakis shared the Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) status. She explained the funding regarding the current recipients and the one winner from each Legislative District. She asked members to let staff know which WAVE ceremonies they would like to attend. Ms. Papadakis thanked Mr. Mike Hudson and the Association of Washington Business for their collaboration on getting the employers' survey out. She mentioned that Mr. Wes Pruitt was going to Rwanda. Mr. Pruitt will

report back on workforce development in Rwanda. She also mentioned that when the Rwandan delegation comes to Washington they will want to meet with the Board. Ms. Papadakis announced the opening for a project manager to administer the ARRA grants was forthcoming. Mr. Rick Bender announced that the replacement for Ms. Janet Lewis was in process.

Ms. Papadakis presented Mr. Marty Brown with an appreciation plaque for being the interim chair.

K-12 Dropout Presentation, Intervention and Reengagement

Mr. Pruitt and a panel presented the material for Tab 2. He explained there remains a persistent problem of students dropping out of K-12 education. The latest estimate by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is that only 73 percent of ninth graders graduate on time with their class. According to an analysis by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, \$10,500 is saved for taxpayers for each high school student who does not drop out. The Legislature enacted and the Governor signed ESSB 6403 in 2010. The bill directs OSPI to develop recommendations by September 15, 2010 for “development of a comprehensive K-12 dropout reduction initiative designed to integrate multiple tiers of dropout prevention, intervention, and technical assistance through federal and state programs.”

Staff from the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board), OSPI, and practitioners and students from New Horizons High School in Pasco, schools in Mason County and the Educational Service Districts in Olympia (ESD 113) and Renton (Puget Sound ESD) presented recommendations from national experts, related actions Washington is taking, and upcoming issues. Mr. Bender asked about tracking the 18 thousand dropouts to see where they are. Also, to see what the best use of funding would be whether early intervention or re-engagement. Ms. Beth Thew asked what grades were represented among the 18 thousand. Mr. Malarkey asked about the data system and at what grades information was available. Mr. Bender asked about the price tag to serve dropout students and was interested in the recommendations going to the Quality Education Council.

Workforce Development Council Certification (Action)

Mr. Martin McCallum presented the material for Tab 3. The Workforce Investment Act requires governors to certify Workforce Development Councils (WDCs) every two years. The role of the Workforce Board is to recommend certification to the Governor. In March 2010, Chief Local Elected Officials (CLEOs) submitted their applications for 2010-2012 council re-certification. Each application identifies leaders appointed by CLEOs to serve on their local area council for a period beginning July 1, 2010. Mr. Mattke shared how timing issues impact full council membership at any given time. Mr. Hudson suggested having business members who possessed hiring authority and to avoid members who wore multiple hats that negated having additional business representatives. Association of Washington Business is prepared to assist and will develop a database of possible business members around the state. Mr. Ziob suggested using social networking to solicit potential members. Ms. Lee referred to the Direct Employers Network as a possible source for Workforce Development Council business membership. She also suggested having them attend a future Board meeting. Ms. Lee also expressed the need for greater diversity representation and the Governor’s interest in this.

Motion 10-147-02

Ms. Beth Thew moved that the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board recommend that Governor Gregoire certify the 12 WDCs once their appointments are complete for the period beginning July 1, 2010. Ms. Creigh Agnew seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A motion was made to establish a standing committee to help develop plan instructions and reporting requirements for WDCs regarding membership, but no vote occurred. Rather, the existing Certification Review Committee will meet and develop draft plan instructions for the Board's review at the next meeting.

Motion 10-147-03

Mr. Rick Bender moved that the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board travel to Colville for the June meeting. Mr. Charlie Earl seconded the motion. The motion passed.

State Budget Wrap Up

Ms. Madeleine Thompson, Mr. Wes Pruitt and Mr. Walt Wong presented the material for Tab 4. During the first Special Session of the 2010 Legislature, the 2010-2011 supplemental operating budgets were approved. Mr. Brown confirmed that the 2011-2013 Biennium may have as much as a \$2.6 billion revenue shortfall.

I-BEST

Ms. Tina Bloomer and Ms. Dixie Simmons from State Board for Community and Technical College and faculty from South Puget Sound Community College presented material from Tab 5. Ms. Lopp shared that I-BEST at the secondary level was occurring in Yakima and Federal Way. Mr. Hudson suggested keeping Representative Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney apprised to showcase the success. Mr. Ziob suggested that I-BEST at the secondary level could assist with the dropout issues.

Workforce Investment Act Waiver for On the Job Training

Ms. Jennifer Thornton from the Employment Security Department presented the material for Tab 6. On April 12, 2010, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) released Training and Employment Notice (TEN) 38-09 announcing the availability of up to \$90 million in funding for competitive On-the-Job Training (OJT) National Emergency Grants (NEGs) funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The current recession has increased the number of layoffs across the nation, impacting the workforce system's ability to assist laid-off workers. DOL regards the impact of the recession on the nation's workforce as a significant dislocation event and is offering ARRA-related NEG assistance. Ms. Thornton updated the Board on the NEG's availability and the potential for \$9.1 million in funds for OJT. She stated that no formal waiver is required. No formal action is required of the Board.

Adjourn 2:15 p.m.