

**WASHINGTON STATE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 144
December 7, 2009**

Mr. Marty Brown called the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. via conference call. The following Board members and officers were present:

Creigh Agnew, Business Representative
Rick Bender, Labor Representative
Dan McConnon for Rogers Weed, Department of Commerce
Karen Lee, Employment Security Department (ESD)
Mike Hudson, Business Representative
Tony Lee, Targeted Populations
Janet Lewis, Labor Representative
Kathleen Lopp for Randy Dorn, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
Mark Mattke, Local Government Representative
Lynnae Ruttledge for Susan Dreyfus, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)
Charlie Earl, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)
Beth Thew, Labor Representative
Lutz Ziob, Business Representative

Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director

WORKFORCE SYSTEM REVIEW

Mr. Bryan Wilson presented the materials for the special board meeting. In August, Governor Gregoire asked the Employment Security Department's Commissioner Karen Lee and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges' Director Charlie Earl, with the participation of the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board's Executive Director Eleni Papadakis, to conduct a review of the workforce development system.

The draft review offers recommendations to improve the efficiency of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) system. Many of the recommendations are based on feedback during focus groups of stakeholders. Focus group participants frequently commented that the system's current roles and responsibilities are unclear to those who work in the system, and that the system would operate better for customers if there were some minimum standards that were established system-wide. Mr. Wilson walked the Board through an analysis of the arguments for and against some of the draft recommendations.

Mr. Rick Bender expressed that U.S. Senator Patty Murray is using Washington as a model for the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act. Ms. Creigh Agnew asked that the Board take more time to thoroughly review the recommendations. Ms. Karen Lee explained that there are a record number of customers at WorkSource centers. Mr. Tony Wright of the Employment Security Department expressed his concerns about the extension. Ms. Lee also expressed opposition to an extension. Ms. Agnew asked for additional information for the Workforce Board January 28, 2010 meeting. Ms. Janet Lewis suggested that a three to four month period would be useful to WorkSource Centers to do some clean up and make improvements where they are needed.

Motion 09-144-01

Ms. Creigh Agnew moved that the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board recommend to the Governor that the Workforce System Review be extended to March 31, 2010. Mr. Mike Hudson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Charlie Earl abstained and Ms. Karen Lee voted against.

Adjourn 10:22 a.m.