

**WASHINGTON STATE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING NO.159
DECEMBER 21, 2011**

Ms. Beth Thew called the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) special meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. at the main conference room at the Workforce Board. The following Board members and officers were present:

Via Phone:

Beth Thew, Representing Labor, Vice Chair
Jeff Johnson, Representing Labor
Amy Johnson for Mike Hudson, Representing Business
Mark Mattke, Representing Local Government
Dixie Simmons for Charlie Earl, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)
Paul Trause, Employment Security Department (ESD)
Daniel Malarky for Rogers Weed, Department of Commerce

Present:

Kathleen Lopp for Randy Dorn, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
Lee Newgent, Representing Labor

Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director
Bryan Wilson, Deputy Director

New State Plan for the Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act

Mr. Martin McCallum and Mr. Gary Kamimura presented the materials for this meeting. The current *State Plan for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)* and *Wagner-Peyser Act* expires on June 30, 2012. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) will issue final instructions in early February 2012 on the required elements for a new five-year state plan. The plan will need to be written, shared for public comment, approved by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board), then approved by the Governor, and submitted to the Secretary of the DOL in the spring of 2012. States must have approved State Plans in place to receive formula allotments under WIA and funding allocations under the Wagner-Peyser Act. DOL has issued "draft" plan development guidelines that offer a picture of DOL's expectations. The draft guidelines give states a choice of two plan development options. States may choose to write an Integrated Workforce Plan or a Unified Plan. At the request of the Board, representatives from 13 federally funded programs met on December 7, 2011, to communicate their plan option preferences. On December 21, 2011, Workforce Board members reviewed a summary describing how all of the state agencies represented at the December 7 meeting favored the Integrated Workforce Plan option. Mr. Mark Mattke and Ms. Cheryl Fambles of the Washington Workforce Association also favored the Integrated Workforce Plan option due to time constraints.

Ms. Beth Thew congratulated the work group on a job well done.

Motion 11-159-01

Mr. Lee Newgent moved that the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board directs workforce development partners to develop a new five-year state Integrated Workforce Plan. Mr. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Adjourned 10:35 a.m.