



Full Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2016
12:30 pm (CST)

Fairfield Inn & Suites
805 Allen Drive, Grand Island, NE

Call to Order

Lisa Wilson, Chair, called the meeting of the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board to order at approximately 12:30 pm on January 28, 2016.

Roll Call

Roll Call was called by Yvette Montes, Administrative Assistant, and a quorum was established.

Members Present (13):

Elaine Anderson	Roy Lamb II
Wayne Brozek	
Christ Callihan	Kelsey Miller
Michelle Engel	Denise Pfeifer
Ann Chambers	Stacey Weaver
Gary Kelly	Cristina Thaut
Charlene Lant	Lisa Wilson (Chair)

Members Absent (6):

Dan Mauk	Peggy Sandall-Bertrand
Greta Kickland	Karen Severson
Cory Goehring	Jill Smith (Vice-Chair)

Staff and Guests Present (11):

Nebraska Department of Labor - Joan Modrell, Yvette Montes, Stan Odenthal, Patricia Comfort, Randy Kissinger, Karen Stohs, Bernie Hansen.

Notice of Publication

Yvette Montes, recorder for the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board, announced adequate legal notice of this meeting was posted in the Beatrice Daily Sun, Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent, Hastings Tribune, Kearney Hub, Norfolk Daily News, North Platte Telegraph, Scottsbluff Star-Herald, and the Sidney Sun-Telegraph. Let the record reflect that the notice was published in accordance with the open meeting law requirements and published in the Greater Nebraska area. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act was available at this meeting and could be obtained from legal counsel or administrative staff.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Wilson confirmed all members received a copy of the October 22, 2015 Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board Meeting Minutes. She called for any corrections. There were none. Stacey Weaver moved to approve the October 22, 2015 Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board Meeting Minutes. Roy Lamb III seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. No further discussion ensued.

Old Business

No Old Business to discuss.

New Business

Item 5A: Financial and Enrollment Updates

Stan Odenthal, Greater Nebraska Administrative Entity – Nebraska Department of Labor, presented a financial and enrollment update. Funded participants for this quarter include approximately 150 Adult, 104 Dislocated Workers, 48 out of school youth and 22 in school youth. The financial update also include funding balances and carry-in expectations for each program.

The Performance updated indicated that 9 current WIA Common Measures were achieved. Cumulative last four quarter results indicated the minimum performance standards were exceeded. Adult and Dislocated Worker measures were Employment Rate, Employed Retention Rate, and Average Earnings. Youth measures were Placement in Employment/Education, Attainment of Degree/Certificate, and Literacy & Numeracy. Aggregate program scores were 108.3% for Adult; 101.3% for Dislocated Worker; and 111.8% for Youth.

Item 5B: Local Area Plan Modification- Transfer Recission/Reduction

Stan Odenthal presented a Motion to Approve a rescission of the Local Area Plan Modification passed at the October 22, 2015 GNWDB meeting. Under that proposed a funds transfer of \$300,000 from the Dislocated Worker program to the Adult program. Due to a change in where funds were needed, including contracting for services in Columbus for a larger number of dislocated workers, Mr. Odenthal recommended to the board to make a rescission of the previously approved motion. Since the state board has not yet approved the transfer, this is allowed.

Chair Wilson entertained a motion for a rescission to the previously approved transfer of funds. Charlene Lant provided the motion, Chris Callihan seconded.

For: (12)

Elaine Anderson
Wayne Brozek
Christ Callihan
Michelle Engel
Ann Chambers
Gary Kelly
Charlene Lant

Roy Lamb II

Denise Pfeifer
Stacey Weaver
Cristina Thaut
Lisa Wilson (Chair)

Against: (0)

Abstain (1)

Kelsey Miller

Absent: (6)

Dan Mauk
Greta Kickland
Cory Goehring

Peggy Sandall-Bertrand
Karen Severson
Jill Smith (Vice-Chair)

The motion carried.

Item 5C: Standing Committee Designation

Chair Wilson addressed board oversight responsibilities, committee needs, new responsibilities under WIOA, Local Area Committee structure and the establishment of new committees to meet WIOA requirements. Chair Wilson handed the time over to Stan Odenthal to present information regarding the new committees.

Mr. Odenthal discussed the efforts working with Chair Wilson to create the two new standing committees based on board responsibilities and areas of interest. Mr. Odenthal introduced the two new committees and addressed their responsibilities and duties.

The first standing committee is the System Coordination Committee, which would have responsibility for oversight of Performance, the one-stop, the Youth Program, Accessibility, Policy Alignment, Local Plan development, as well as potentially other duties.

The second committee is the Strategic Planning Committee. This committee would be charged with oversight of Employer Engagement, Sector Strategies, Career Pathways, Grant Development, Financial Monitoring, Board Bylaws, and Regional Planning

Chair Wilson stated that she has appointed Chris Callihan to chair the Strategic Planning Committee and Stacey Weaver to chair the System Coordination Committee.

Item 5D: TechHire

Dan Hoffman from Invest Nebraska and Jeff Lucas from Xpanxion presented information about the TechHire Nebraska initiative. This IT-focused initiative could lead to creation of several hundred new jobs in Central Nebraska over the next few years. Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Lucas provided an overview of the project and solicited support of the board to be a grant partner in the TechHire grant initiative funded by USDOL.

Chair Wilson entertained a motion to support this initiative. Ann Chambers provided the motion, Gary Kelly seconded.

For: (12)

Elaine Anderson
Wayne Brozek
Christ Callihan
Michelle Engel
Ann Chambers
Gary Kelly
Charlene Lant

Roy Lamb II
Kelsey Miller
Denise Pfeifer
Stacey Weaver
Cristina Thaut
Lisa Wilson (Chair)

Against: (0)

Abstain (0)

Absent: (6)

Dan Mauk
Greta Kickland
Cory Goehring

Peggy Sandall-Bertrand
Karen Severson
Jill Smith (Vice-Chair)

The motion carried without abstentions.

Item 5E: Local Area and Regional Designation Update

Stan Odenthal reviewed the local area and regional designation requirements under WIOA. Mr. Odenthal reviewed the recommendations for local area boundaries made by the GNWDB and CEOB at their October 22, 2105 meetings. Mr. Odenthal indicated that Greater Nebraska submitted the request to maintain its existing local area boundaries. This request was reviewed and was recommended for approval by the State to the Governor.

Mr. Odenthal also reviewed the proposed regional boundaries outlined in the Nebraska State Combined Plan, which was still in draft form.

Item 5F: Request for Proposal (RFP update)

Stan Odenthal reviewed Section 121(d)(2)(A) of WIOA, which requires the local board to select the One-Stop operator through a competitive process, at least once every 4 years. At the last board meeting, the GNWDB and CEOB approved usage of the State procurement process for this initiative.

Mr. Odenthal reviewed ongoing efforts related to releasing the RFP, provided an updated timeline, and asked for volunteers from the board to provide guidance on the RFP development, attend required meetings associated with the competitive process, and participate in the evaluation and selection process.

Item 5G: State Plan Vision and Goals

Mr. Odenthal presented information about the State Combined Plan which was posted in draft format at the time. Mr. Odenthal mentioned the process for commenting on the plan and provided information about the February 5, 2016 public hearing.

Mr. Odenthal reviewed the programs participating in the State Plan and provided some details regarding the vision and goals addressed in the plan.

Item 5F: 2016 Board Meeting Schedule

Chair Wilson announced the proposed full board meeting dates of May 26, 2016 and September 29, 2016, she also announced the committee meeting date of March 31, 2016 for both new subcommittees. No further discussion ensued.

Board Member Updates

Due to time constraints board member updates were not given at this meeting.

Public Comment

Chair Wilson asked for public comment. No public comment given.

Adjournment

Chair Wilson entertained a motion to adjourn. Gary Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Roy Lamb II seconded. No further discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 2:14 pm.

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Approved
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