

Nebraska Workforce Development Board

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Nebraska Workforce Development Board Meeting Minutes February 12, 2016

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Chairman Mark Moravec called the Nebraska Workforce Development Board (NWDB) meeting to order on February 12, 2016, at 9:32 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown/Haymarket, Husker Rooms 1 & 2, 801 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Chairman Moravec introduced new board members, Jason Feldhaus and Courtney Dentlinger.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call

Yvette Montes, Recorder, called roll and a quorum was established.

Members Present (19): John Albin

Tammie Beck	James Hanson Jr.	Governor Ricketts (10:36)
Bradley Bird	Susan Martin	Terri Ridder
Brian Deakin	Senator Heath Mello (9:55)	Bradley Schroeder
John Fagot	Mark Moravec	Jennifer Sedlacek
Jason Feldhaus	Don Nordell	Becky Stitt
Michael Geary	Courtney Phillips (10:07)	Carol Swigart
Allan Hale	Vern Powers	

Members Absent (3):

Courtney Dentlinger	Michelle Olson	Lisa Wilson
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Nebraska Department of Labor Staff in Attendance:

Joan Modrell, Director - Employment & Training
Stan Odenthal, Workforce Services Administrator - Employment & Training
Yvette Montes, Administrative Assistant/Recorder - Employment & Training
Deb Andersen, Policy Coordinator – Employment & Training
Peng Li, Legal Aide – Employment & Training

Guests in Attendance:

Linda Black, Nebraska Department of Economic Development
Julie Katt, Nebraska Department of Education - Adult Education program
Vicki Bower, Nebraska Department of Education - Adult Education program
Pat Bracken, Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation
Bob Deaton, Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Agenda Item 3: Notice of Publication

Ms. Montes announced the Notice of Public Meeting was duly published in the Beatrice Daily Sun, Grand Island Independent, Lincoln Journal Star, North Platte Telegraph, Omaha World Herald, and Scottsbluff Star-Herald in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Copies of the Act were available from Legal Counsel or administrative staff.

Agenda Item 4: Approval of Minutes

Michael Geary moved, and Brian Deakin seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2015 meeting. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Moravec announced that meeting agendas, minutes, and handouts for the full board and any standing committees, can be found on the website at www.dol.nebraska.gov under the heading "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)".

Agenda Item 5: Old Business

A. *Board Bylaws*

Chairman Moravec reminded the board that bylaws were discussed at the October meeting and that those ideas were incorporated into this final version.

Two new committees, the System Alignment and the Strategic Direction, will be created. These committees can make recommendations to the board after conducting research and developing solutions. Another significant change is that members will no longer volunteer; the board chairs will make the assignments.

1. *Motion to approve the bylaws as written.*

Bradley Bird moved, seconded by Bradley Schroeder, to approve the bylaws as written. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

FOR: (19)

- John Albin
- Tammie Beck
- Bradley Bird
- Brian Deakin
- John Fagot
- Jason Feldhaus
- Michael Geary
- Allan Hale
- James Hanson Jr.
- Susan Martin
- Mark Moravec
- Don Nordell
- Vern Powers

- Terri Ridder
- Bradley Schroeder
- Jennifer Sedlacek
- Becky Stitt
- Carol Swigart

AGAINST: (0)

ABSENT: (3)

- Michelle Olson
- Courtney Dentlinger
- Lisa Wilson
- Sen. Heath Mello
- Courtney Phillips

B. *Board Committee Structure & Membership*

Chairman Moravec asked if there were any concerns about the changes, structure, and membership of the committees. Brief discussion included comments from Director Joan Modrell.

Agenda Item 6: New Business

A. *Governor's Remarks*

Governor Ricketts thanked the board members for being part of this group. The Governor welcomed suggestions on workforce development from the board in vocational and early childhood training, and any area where there is a gap and no specific person is responsible. Governor Ricketts then held a discussion with board members regarding ConAgra's move from Omaha, coordination between the Departments of Labor and Education, and how to entice workers to full the opportunities Nebraska has to offer.

B. *Combined State Plan Review*

Mr. Stan Odenthal provided a review of the WIOA Combined State Plan. Partners involved in Nebraska's plan include:

- Mandatory core partners- Nebraska Title I programs: Adult, Dislocated workers and Youth with oversight provided by the NDOL and administered by the three local areas; Greater Omaha, Greater Lincoln, and Greater Nebraska.
- Title II programs – Adult Education and Literacy Act operated by NDOE- Adult Education program
- Title III programs– Wagner Peyser, employment services operated by NDOL
- Vocational Rehabilitation program divided between Nebraska Vocation Rehabilitation, NDOE and the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- Additional partners: NDOL – Unemployment Insurance, Job for Veterans state grants, and the Trade Adjustment Assistance program; DHHS - Senior Community Service Employment program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; NDOE - Career and Technical Education.

There are four goals to think about and possibly expand or eliminate at the upcoming table discussion: 1) enhanced communication among plan partners, 2) strengthen alignment between education/training and industry priority/needs, 3) increase workforce participation and 4) promote self-sufficiency among low income and other disadvantaged populations.

A roundtable discussion was then held regarding the state plan, common issues with Nebraska's workforce and how to address those issues within the state's plan. Discussions included a sector strategy project in Denver assisted by Lindsey Woolsey, Senator Mello's legislative proposals, current strengths and weaknesses, and any changes needed to be made to the plan before submittal.

2. *Motion to make a recommendation to the Governor for approval of the state plan by this board.*

Jim Hanson moved, seconded by Michael Geary, to make a recommendation to the Governor for approval of the State Plan by this board. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

FOR: (20)

John Albin
Tammie Beck
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Sen. Heath Mello
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Jennifer Sedlacek
Becky Stitt
Carol Swigart

AGAINST: (0)

ABSENT: (3)

Michelle Olson

Courtney Dentlinger

Lisa Wilson

C. *Next Board Meeting*

Chairman Moravec confirmed the date of April 8, 2016.

Agenda Item 7: Public Comment

Chairman Moravec asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Agenda Item 8: Adjournment

Chairman Moravec reminded the board members of the working lunch at which graduates from Jobs for America will make a presentation by teleconference.

Michael Geary moved and Becky Stitt seconded to adjourn the Nebraska Workforce Development Board meeting. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Moravec declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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