

Nebraska

Workforce Development Board

A proud partner of the  network

Nebraska Workforce Development Board Meeting Minutes June 17, 2016

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Chair Mark Moravec called the Nebraska Workforce Development Board (NWDB) meeting to order on June 17, 2016, at 9:30a at the Governor's Residence, 1425 H Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call

Ambyr Moore-Beebe, Recorder, called roll and a quorum was established.

Members Present (15):

Brian Deakin	Susan Martin	Terri Ridder
Jason Feldhaus	Senator Heath Mello	Bradley Schroeder
Michael Geary	Mark Moravec	Jennifer Sedlacek
Allan Hale	Don Nordell	Becky Stitt
James Hanson Jr.	Courtney Phillips	Carol Swigart

Members Absent (9)

John Albin	Matthew Blomstedt	Vern Powers
Tammie Beck	Courtney Dentlinger	Governor Pete Ricketts
Bradley Bird	Michelle Olson	Lisa Wilson

Nebraska Department of Labor Staff in Attendance:

Joan Modrell, Director, Office of Employment and Training
Angela Hansen-Kruse, Administrator of Workforce Services, Office of Employment and Training
Ambyr Moore-Beebe, Administrative Assistant/Recorder, Office of Employment and Training
Deb Andersen, Policy Coordinator, Office of Employment and Training
Katie Thurber, Agency Legal Counsel – General Counsel, Office of Employment and Training
Thomas Ukinski, Agency Legal Counsel – General Counsel, Office of Employment and Training
Shannon Grotrian, Administrator of Workforce Services, Office of Employment and Training
Dylan Wren, Program Coordinator, Office of Employment and Training
Rachel Hellerich, Intern, Office of Employment and Training
Phil Baker, Research Administrator, Office of Labor Market Information

Guests in Attendance:

Alejandra Sinecio, Heartland Workforce Solutions, Greater Omaha Workforce Development Area
Tori Conly, Heartland Workforce Solutions, Greater Omaha Workforce Development Area
Karen Stockwell, Department of Health and Human Services
Samantha Pfister, Department of Health and Human Services
Madhavi Bhadbhade, Department of Health and Human Services
Keith Station, Heartland Workforce Solutions, Greater Omaha Workforce Development Area
Erin Porterfield, Heartland Workforce Solutions, Greater Omaha Workforce Development Area
Jan Norlander-Jensen, City of Lincoln, Greater Lincoln Workforce Development Area

Agenda Item 3: Notice of Publication

Ambyr Moore-Beebe 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

James Hanson Jr. motioned to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2016 meeting. Brian Deakin seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Chair Moravec introduced Angela Hansen-Kruse, detailing her experience with NDOL. Chair Moravec also congratulated members of the NWDB who were recently appointed to the NWDB Executive Committee by Governor Pete Ricketts.

Agenda Item 5: Old Business

A. Combined State Plan Update

Chair Moravec gave a brief timeline, including the conference call scheduled for later in the day, when the NDOL will receive feedback on the submitted Combined State Plan for Nebraska's Workforce System (State Plan). Chair Moravec asked Joan Modrell to speak to the NWDB about the State Plan.

B. LB 1110 Update

Chair Moravec invited Senator Heath Mello to speak about Legislative Bill 1110 (LB1110). Senator Mello gave a brief explanation of LB1110 including legislative intent to structure Nebraska statute, collaboration among state partners, and incorporating a definition for Career Pathways into law. Senator Mello also thanked members of the NDOL for their hard work on the State Plan. James Hanson Jr. asked if LB1110 also

redefines the boundaries for the local workforce development areas. Joan Modrell answered, saying that LB1110 does not redefine those boundaries.

Agenda Item 6: New Business

A. Local Area Plan Modifications

Chair Moravec asked the NWDB members to review the handouts regarding local area plan modifications for the Greater Lincoln, Greater Omaha, and Greater Nebraska Workforce Development areas. Don Nordell asked for a brief overview of why the modifications are necessary. Joan Modrell provided the overview. James Hanson Jr. commented on an error in the Greater Omaha Workforce Development Area local area plan modification.

This agenda item was placed on hold while Deb Andersen obtained a corrected local area plan modification for Greater Omaha. This agenda item was revisited after the Strategic Direction Committee Report was provided.

Becky Stitt motioned to approve the Greater Lincoln Workforce Development Area local area plan modification. Michael Geary seconded the motion. Jennifer Sedlacek asked for a clarification on the percentage amounts, which was provided by Joan Modrell. No further discussion was heard.

Roll Call vote follows:

For: (15)

Brian Deakin	Susan Martin	Terri Ridder
Jason Feldhaus	Senator Heath Mello	Bradley Schroeder
Michael Geary	Mark Moravec	Jennifer Sedlacek
Allan Hale	Don Nordell	Becky Stitt
James Hanson Jr.	Courtney Phillips	Carol Swigart

Abstain: (0)

None

Against: (0)

None

Absent (9)

John Albin	Courtney Dentlinger	Governor Pete
Tammie Beck	Michelle Olson	Ricketts
Bradley Bird	Vern Powers	Lisa Wilson
Matthew Blomstedt		

Jason Feldhaus, motioned to approve the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Area local area plan modification. Bradley Schroeder seconded the motion. No further discussion was heard.

Roll Call vote follows:

For: (15)

Brian Deakin
Jason Feldhaus
Michael Geary
Allan Hale
James Hanson Jr.

Susan Martin
Senator Heath Mello
Mark Moravec
Don Nordell
Courtney Phillips

Terri Ridder
Bradley Schroeder
Jennifer Sedlacek
Becky Stitt
Carol Swigart

Abstain: (0)

None

Against: (0)

None

Absent (9)

John Albin
Tammie Beck
Bradley Bird
Matthew Blomstedt

Courtney Dentlinger
Michelle Olson
Vern Powers

Governor Pete
Ricketts
Lisa Wilson

James Hanson Jr., motioned to approve the Greater Omaha Workforce Development Area local area plan modification. Michael Geary seconded the motion. No further discussion was heard.

Roll Call vote follows:

For: (15)

Brian Deakin
Jason Feldhaus
Michael Geary
Allan Hale
James Hanson Jr.

Susan Martin
Senator Heath Mello
Mark Moravec
Don Nordell
Courtney Phillips

Terri Ridder
Bradley Schroeder
Jennifer Sedlacek
Becky Stitt
Carol Swigart

Abstain: (0)

None

Against: (0)

None

Absent (9)

John Albin
Tammie Beck
Bradley Bird
Matthew Blomstedt

Courtney Dentlinger
Michelle Olson
Vern Powers

Governor Pete
Ricketts
Lisa Wilson

B. Workforce System Partner Planning Process

Jason Feldhaus presented an update on the workforce system partner planning process. Highlights included an overview of the action plan and timeline, vision and guiding principles for the workforce system, the workforce system partner planning matrix, and the workforce system communication plan. James Hanson Jr. asked a question about the use of performance metrics scorecards. Joan Modrell confirmed that there will be performance metrics scorecards based on the approved guiding principles.

C. Strategic Direction Committee Report

Brian Deakin presented an update on regional plans and potential upcoming grants. Highlights included an overview of regional plans, planning region assignments, regional plan coordination, proposed questions for regional plan instructions, regional plan timeline and awarded and upcoming potential grants. James Hanson Jr. asked a question about the timeline and performance metrics. Joan Modrell provided a clarification of the specifications. Mr. Hanson asked that all three local workforce development areas be included in the regional planning meetings to ensure collaboration. Carol Swigart asked if there is any guarantee that the regional plan will be legally required to cover funding and performance. Ms. Modrell responded by saying that would be the best outcome but there are no guarantees. More discussion was heard on this topic.

D. System Alignment Committee Report

Becky Stitt presented an update on infrastructure funding, providing an overview of the System Alignment Committee meeting with required one-stop partners. Committee members and required one-stop partners discussed the development of the allocation formula to be used in the state one-stop infrastructure funding mechanism.

E. Labor Availability Study – Scottsbluff

Phil Baker presented an overview of the labor availability pilot surveys completed in Scottsbluff, Nebraska area. Discussion was heard regarding the information provided by Mr. Baker. Mr. Baker also informed the NWDB that three more areas will be surveyed this coming year. The locations are yet to be determined.

F. Next Board Meeting

Chair Moravec indicated that the next NWDB meeting will be held on October 21, 2016 at Technology Park, 2021 Transformation Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Agenda Item 7: Public Comment

Chair Moravec asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Joan Modrell mentioned that Lindsey Woolsey, a nationally-known speaker and subject matter expert on industry sector partnerships, will speak to the NWDB at the October meeting.

Agenda Item 8: Adjournment

Terri Ridder motioned to adjourn the meeting. Michael Geary seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously. Chair Moravec declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35a.