



Nebraska Workforce Development Board
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2022, 9a – 12p
Administrative Services Building
1526 K Street, Lower Level
Lincoln, NE 68508

Agenda item 1. Call to Order

Chair Mark Moravec called to order the meeting of the Nebraska Workforce Development Board (the Board) on September 16, 2022 at approximately 9a at the Administrative Services Building, 1526 K Street, Lower Level, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Before taking up the business of the Board, Chair Moravec welcomed members of the public and encouraged the public to sign in at the registration table; indicating, however, that members of the public are not required to sign in. In addition, Chair Moravec stated that members of the public would have an opportunity to comment on agenda items requiring formal action by the Board. Chair Moravec also stated that members of the public would also have an opportunity to comment at the end of this meeting. In both cases, individuals are permitted five minutes to speak during the public comment period to allow all who wish to comment time to do so. Chair Moravec also indicated that members of the public may submit written comments, which would be made part of the permanent record for this meeting.

Agenda item 2. Roll Call

Chair Moravec asked Nicole Schaefer to call the roll for purposes of establishing quorum (minimum of 13 out of 24 Governor-appointed Board Members). Nicole called roll and advised Chair Moravec that quorum was established.

Members in Attendance

1. Brain Deakin
2. Gary Dixon
3. Lindy Foley
4. Michael Geary
5. James Hansen
6. Susan Martin
7. Kyle Nixon
8. Don Nordell
9. Terri Ridder
10. Bradley Schroeder
11. Jennifer Sedlacek
12. Paul Turman
13. Lisa Wilson

Members Absent

1. Governor Pete Ricketts
2. Senator Ben Hansen
3. John Albin
4. Kyle Arganbright
5. Elizabeth Babcock
6. Anthony Goins
7. James Hanson, Jr.
8. Tate Lauer
9. Mark Moravec
14. Danette Smith
15. Jim Smith
16. Becky Stitt

Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) Administrative Staff in attendance

1. Derek Ahrens, State Monitoring Unit Supervisor, Division of Reemployment Services
2. Deb Andersen, State Policy Unit Coordinator, Division of Reemployment Services
3. Erick Carrillo, Program Analyst, Division of Reemployment Services
4. Jana Dye, Administrator, Division of Reemployment Services
5. Bobbi Jo Howard, Administrator, Division of Reemployment Services
6. Lisa Laws, Administrator, Division of Reemployment Services
7. Ashley Pick, Administrator, Division of Reemployment Services
8. Nicole Schaefer, Administrative Programs Officer, Division of Reemployment Services
9. Katie Thurber, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

Agenda item 3. Notice of Publication

Nicole Schaefer announced that the Notice of Public Meeting was duly published, in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, in the Beatrice Daily Sun, Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent, Hastings Tribune, Kearney Hub, Lincoln Journal Star, Norfolk Daily News, North Platte Telegraph, Omaha World-Herald, and Scottsbluff Star-Herald. Nicole also announced that notice of the meeting was posted on the State of Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar.

Agenda item 4. Approval of Minutes

Chair Moravec called the next order of business, which was the approval of the draft meeting minutes from the June 10, 2022 meeting of the Board. The draft minutes from the June meeting were emailed to Board Members on September 14, 2022. The meeting minutes were also included in Board Member meeting packets as Handout 1.

Chair Moravec opened the floor to Board Members for discussion on the draft minutes. Board Members had no comments on the draft minutes. Chair Moravec opened the floor for public comment on the draft minutes. No public comments were made.

Michael Geary motioned to approve the June minutes as provided, and Bradley Schroeder seconded the motion. Members of the Board in attendance voted on the motion by roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda item 5. Old Business

a. MOU with Nebraska's Homeless Continuums of Care

Chair Moravec addressed the Board on the proposed memorandum of understanding with Nebraska's Homeless Continuums of Care, reminding Board Members that Nebraska's Homeless Continuums of Care requested in 2019 the establishment of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Board, to codify the Board's support of the Continuums' relationship with Nebraska's one-stop delivery system. During its March 2020 meeting, the Board approved the request for the MOU, after which the NDOL Legal Department began work to put an MOU in place. Negotiations on the MOU eventually stalled. The Legal Department made multiple attempts to restart negotiations but did not receive a response from the Continuums. During the Board's June 2022 meeting, Michael Geary, Chair of the Strategy and Innovation Subcommittee, advised the Board that the Subcommittee discussed, during its March 18, 2022 meeting, the efforts that had been made by the Legal Department to establish the MOU and whether those efforts should be discontinued due to the lack of responses from the Continuums. The Subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board discontinue efforts to establish the MOU with the Continuums.

Chair Moravec asked for questions or comments from Members of the Board on the Subcommittee's recommendation. Board Members had no concerns about the recommendation. Chair Moravec opened the floor for public comment on the recommendation. No public comments were made.

Chair Moravec requested a motion from a Member of the Board to regarding the Subcommittee's recommendation to discontinue efforts to establish the MOU with the Continuums. Brian Deakin motioned to discontinue efforts to establish the MOU. Michael Geary seconded the motion. Members of the Board in attendance voted on the motion by roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda item 6. New Business

a. American Rescue Plan Act Workforce-related Activities in Nebraska

Chair Moravec advised the Board that three presentations would be heard by the Board regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) workforce-related activities occurring in Nebraska.

1. Nebraska Worker Training Board Activities

Bradley Pierce, Director of the NDOL Reemployment Services Division, presented (by recording) on ARPA activities administered by the Nebraska Worker Training Board. Bradley's presentation was provided to the Board as Handout 2.

2. Greater Lincoln Area Activities

Dylan Wren, Administrator, Greater Lincoln Workforce Development Area presented on ARPA activities in Greater Lincoln. Dylan's presentation was provided to the Board as Handout 3.

3. Greater Omaha Area Activities

Erin Porterfield, Executive Director of the Greater Omaha Workforce Development Area, and Stan Odenthal, Business Relations Director with Greater Omaha, presented on ARPA activities in Greater Omaha. Erin and Stan's presentation was provided to the Board as Handout 4.

b. Subcommittee Reports

Chair Moravec provided brief subcommittee reports on behalf of the Subcommittees.

- Policy and Oversight Subcommittee
 - The Subcommittee's alignment workgroup rolled out the statewide cross-training initiative for one-stop delivery system partner programs.
 - In July 2022, the workgroup hosted the first cross-training session, having Nebraska's three one-stop operators present on the structure of Nebraska's one-stop delivery system. Approximately 90 people attended the virtual event and a recording was posted on the NDOL YouTube channel to share with the public and for training of future partner program staff.
 - In August 2022, Nebraska's three local areas presented to partners on the WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. This training session was also posted to the YouTube channel.
 - Future cross-training sessions have been scheduled, during which the remaining one-stop delivery system partners will present on their respective programs.

- In October, the alignment workgroup will resume regular meetings and will refocus its efforts to reestablish a common intake system.
- Strategy and Innovation Subcommittee
 - Michael Geary, Chair of the Strategy and Innovation Subcommittee, has had preliminary discussions with Jody Easter, lead for the Policy and Oversight alignment workgroup on the possibility of the alignment workgroup's support of and assistance with the Subcommittee's planned development of the workforce-initiative database.
 - The Subcommittee will be meeting in the near future and invite Jody to further discussions, along with Josh Hanson, Greater Nebraska One-stop Operator.

c. Proposed 2022 – 2023 Meeting Calendar

Chair Moravec addressed the Board regarding the 2022 – 2023 meeting calendar. The Board was provided with a list of proposed meeting dates, times, and locations (Handout 5). Discussion was heard on the proposed meeting dates, times, and locations.

Chair Moravec advised the Board that the December 2022 meeting had been tentatively scheduled for this location (Administrative Services Building, 1526 K Street, Lincoln, NE), subject to Board approval. Chair Moravec asked NDOL staff if information existed on the availability of the NET meeting space on North 33rd Street. Deb Andersen informed Chair Moravec that the availability of the NET meeting space was uncertain but that NDOL would attempt to reserve the NET meeting space for the March, June, and September 2023 meetings. No additional remarks were made by the Board regarding meeting locations.

Chair Moravec opened the floor for public comment. Public comments were not made.

Chair Moravec requested a motion from a Board Member on the proposed dates, times, and locations listed in Handout 5. Paul Turman motioned to approve the proposed meeting dates, times, and locations as listed. Kyle Nixon seconded the motion. Members of the Board in attendance voted on the motion by roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Moravec stated that invitations for the meetings will be sent to Members of the Board following the meeting.

Agenda item 7. Member Updates

Chair Moravec asked Members of the Board for updates on their respective industries or organizations and local workforce development area activities for the Members who also serve on local workforce development boards. Members of the Board provided updates as requested.

Agenda item 8. Next Meeting – Date and Time

Chair Moravec reminded the Board that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 9, 2022 from 9a to 12p, at the Administrative Services Building, 1526 K Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. If the date, time or location of the meeting changes, Chair Moravec advised the Board that Members would be notified by email.

Agenda item 9. Public Comment

Chair Moravec opened the floor for public comment. Public comments were not made.

Agenda item 10. Adjournment

Chair Moravec asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board. Brian Deakin motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Michael Geary seconded the motion. Members of the Board in attendance voted on the motion by roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11a.